

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 26, 2011

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren 6:12 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Dahlgren

“As provided by the Brown Act, persons in the audience may address the neighborhood council on any issue they may have during the public comment period or when public comments are solicited during the discussions of an agenda item. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise allowed by the chair person. Speakers may address the council as a group. Any personal derogatory remarks to a specific council member or persons in the audience will not be tolerated. Anyone desiring to speak please fill out a speakers card found on the back table and hand it a council member or the Council’s Secretary.”

The Council regularly attempts to provide a Spanish speaking translator. Chair Dahlgren indicated there were no translation services available at present. Someone did arrive shortly after the announcement.

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (13) confirming a quorum.

Present: Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson Williams
Absent: Jacqueline Garcia, Gary Kern, Bobby McNeel, Hank Osterhoudt
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Annabell Romero, Patrick Wilson

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

Motion (Moreno/Williams) the Minutes of December 12, 2010 be approved as presented
Passed (13-0-0)

3. Future Procedures

Executive Committee – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian
Chair Dahlgren would like Committee Chairs to attend
Too many attend, would cause violation of Brown Act
Therefore, this will not be a requirement
Requests minutes of Committee Meetings be sent to Chair Friday before monthly Executive Committee meeting

4. LAPD Report

Officer Garcinela/LAPD
Beginning of 2011 disturbing
Vehicle break-in, cars stolen, homes broken into
Please ask friends and neighbors to lock and secure homes/vehicles
Increase in gang activity/graffiti
Emergency Telephone Numbers
911 – Are you in fear?
877-ASK-LAPD – Non Emergency
311 – City Services

5. Balance of meeting dedicated to Open Forum for Council members to determine future priorities

Chair Dahlgren – provided slide show of various Wilmington statistics
This caused the following comments

Education – Prichard

Community needs to see Library expanded

Schools need volunteers

Religious – Williams

Represent New Hope Baptist Church/monthly community meeting in facility

Business

Better Mom/Pop type stores

Bring in Bigger named stores

Restaurants/specifically franchise

Enterprise Zones – do we have

24 hr, Fitness facility

24-hr. medical facility

Recreation

Park at the corner of Sanford/”I” Streets

Set aside a wall for graffiti

Code Enforcement

Specifically signage

Resource Center

One-stop – where children can go for motivation, inspiration

Traffic

Traffic Lights – “M” and “L” Streets for new school

6. Public Comment

Laura Espinoza - 310-834-3242 (through Spanish translator)

Create volunteer program for community

More garbage containers

Helen LaFarga - 1372 Lakme Avenue, 310-834-3984

Problem with Graffiti on Lamp Posts

ITEMS WE WANT TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS:

Taken by President Dahlgren

1. Need to expand the City’s library at the corner of Avalon/M
2. Need volunteers at schools
3. Need to communicate with Churches and Community Organizations
Email for each pastor and organization – monthly bulletins, etc.
4. Need to press for new and more businesses
 - a. larger stores
 - b. more upscale restaurants
5. ID enterprise zones
6. Need a Fitness Center to locate in Wilmington
7. Need to develop a new park facility on the property located at Sanford/I Streets
8. Provide a few locations for legal graffiti to be drawn?
9. Push for more code enforcement of store signage
10. Need resource centers at each school
11. Need improvements to sidewalks, streets, and fencing along business streets
12. Need more trash pickup and trash cans
13. Need to post “No Dumping” signs at certain locations

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Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next meeting will be February 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary
Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair