

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – February 24, 2010

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:06 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Ms. Moreno indicated there was a translator present. If anyone present needs translation services, she will help. We would not have any electronic display of information because no one brought a computer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Patrick Wilson

The following statement was read: “As provided by the Brown Act, person in the audience may address the committee in connection with any agenda item or during the public comments period. Anyone desiring to speak please complete a speaker card and submit it to the secretary.”

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming a quorum.

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

2. Approval of January minutes. (M/S –Dahlgren/Ethington) **Passed: 13-0-1 with corrections**

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Leadership Wilmington

Applications due March 15. Letter of Recommendation *required for those under age 16.*

3. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department

Officer Garcenila, LAPD – Harbor Division

Violent Crime down in Harbor area except Wilmington

Four (4) residential burglaries – South of PCH, East of Avalon

Used crowbar to enter, therefore used force, not a crime of opportunity

Arrest made – will wait to see if this ends this trend

Pedestrian sting operation on PCH - 31 drivers cited

Impound Task Force within next two weeks

Grand Theft Auto a problem on the West side

Board Questions

Dahlgren –

Can you use force to defend yourself in your own home

Yes, if weapon is legally owned

Visited new facility – wonderful

Yes, can house 300 officers, lost 60 5 years ago, not up to full strength yet!

Do we have a Police Explorer program at Harbor Division

Yes – actually two, meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the station

DAPS for 8-12 year olds

Cadets for 13-20 year olds

Medina –

Graffiti has become problem in neighborhood – Frigate/Young

Eastside vs. Westside – will it ever end?

Community needs to keep eradicating as soon as put up – this will discourage

Prichard –

Do you work with CalTrans relative to Freeway graffiti?

Yes, more specifically work with California Highway Patrol  
Homeless encampment behind A-1 Auto Body, Anaheim/Figueroa

Officer Morris, Los Angeles Port Police

Shut down two (2) chop shops recently due to LoJack device

Recovered – 15 stolen cars, 13 engines and made 3 arrests

Made six (6) burglary reports

Motor officers wrote 100 citations the first two weeks of February

Distributed cards for the Joint Regional Intelligence Center – [www.jric.info](http://www.jric.info)

This center covers all of Los Angeles County

If something does not feel or look right, call it in. Better safe than sorry.

562-345-1100 or [leads@lajrc.org](mailto:leads@lajrc.org)

Moreno will upload this information to the WNC's website

#### 4. Public Comment

Mary Gant, Sharefest ([m\\_gant@hotmail.com](mailto:m_gant@hotmail.com))

Thank you for supporting leadership academy at Avalon High School

Sharefest has already begun the first class

KC Preparation – full house at first class – student tutoring

Job Preparation Workshops – Resume creation, interview skills

Looking to community involvement to provide mock interviews

Community Work Day – May 1

Partnering with Disney

Projects – LaundryLove, Banning High, Hawaiian Avenue, St.Peter/Paul

Los Angeles Marathon –

60 Banning High students participating with WNC's support – funds for bus

Shanowa Villalobos, Wilmington resident ([shonowa.celine@gmail.com](mailto:shonowa.celine@gmail.com))

WeCan – Wilmington Enrichment Community Artist Network

Life long resident – support artists in our community

Bachelors in Sociology from UCLA - 2009

Moreno to create WNC link for their Facebook group

Ken Melendez ([kenmele@earthlink.net](mailto:kenmele@earthlink.net))

Thanked WNC for its support of Sharefest

Thanked Wilmington Chamber for successfully taking over BID – Holiday lights

Joanne Ruddell, Port of Los Angeles ([jruddell@portla.org](mailto:jruddell@portla.org)), 310-732-7739)

Wilmington Marina Area and Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site (ARSSS)

The Port is about to commence a community driven planning process for ARSSS

This is in response to the PCAC Motions: 66, 73, 90 & 96.

The main elements of the Study are land uses for the ARSSS and potential infrastructure improvements of the Wilmington marinas.

The Port will work in conjunction with a Steering Committee comprised of community stakeholders. Representatives of the Port, Mayor's Office, Council District 15 and other relevant City Departments will assist the SC.

The Steering Committee will provide oversight of the planning process. It will be responsible for representing the interests of their larger groups, attending regular meetings and workshops, and providing input to the process.

Steering Committee members will include members of different organizations such as:  
Wilmington Neighborhood Council, Wilmington Waterfront Development  
Committee, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Boat Owners Association,  
Marina Operators

Letters of invitation will be sent out to these organizations this week.

Expect to have the first SC meeting mid-March. We request that you identify your  
representatives as quickly as possible to set-up a meeting in the next couple of weeks.  
The project should be done by the end of the year.

Don Compton, Resident

You can find this information in the Wilmington Public Library, ask for Ms. Larson  
First Wilmington master plan created in 1920

“D” Street was the first paved street in Wilmington

WNC’s Planning Committee will meet this coming Monday at Noon at the Sr. Center

#### 5. Government Representatives

Celina Luna, CD-15, Councilwoman Hahn

Harbor Division Jail will be closing this evening

This part of report given with help of Officer Garcenila

23 jail personnel (not sworn) only 17 arrests/day on average

Officers will now have to take all prisoners down to 77<sup>th</sup> Street Station (110/Florence)

This can take officers off their beat from 1-6 hours.

Questions from Board

How many jails – 3 major – Van Nuys, Downtown & 77<sup>th</sup>

2 others – Southwest and Harbor

Budget

1000 City employees already notified – Susan Ogle, Drum Barracks Director included

3000 more before June 30

Recreation & Parks closing 26 child care facilities, in CD-15 this affects

Wilmington Rec. Center, Peck Park and Harbor City Park

City looking to non-profits to operate in future

DONE becoming part of Community Development Dept.

Rosa Arcadia already moved to CDD’s Rapid Response group

Helping displaced City employees find other positions

Will be sweeping unencumbered funds

Funding will become centralized

Will have to apply – similar to grant process

Human Services losing employees

Wilmington Community Task Force will no longer be supported

City Attorney – losing 100 positions

Harbor area will no longer have its own Neighborhood Prosecutor

DWP will be asking for rate hike approval – 5-10%

Positive Items

Leadership Wilmington program has begun accepting applications – handed out applications

Facebook – “Life in Wilmington” created by Shanowa Villalobos

1500 comments since its inception

WNC Elections will take place on Tuesday, June 8, with City Clerk assistance

CRA Committee Announcement next week

Board Comments

Prichard – pot holes – specific problem – Opp Street, Frigate to Wilmington Blvd.

Dahlgren – Parks – is City considering corporate sponsors

CRA – expansion study costing \$600,000, stop before it starts

Perhaps Wilmington could use funds for more pressing current concerns

LAPD – can jailers transport – no, they are not sworn officers

Hernandez – concerned about how middle class is being affected by City layoffs

6. COPE Preparedness Report and LA Floodplain Management Plan

Pat Rome – not present

7. Presentations

a. Youth Sailing Center – Donna Ethington

Motion – Dahlgren/Ogle to send a letter of support to the Youth Sailing Center to WNC

Agenda as an action item. **Passed (12-0-2)**

8. Action Items

a. Census AdHoc Committee (Executive Committee/Caraballo)

**Passed (12-0-1)**

Cecilia Moreno and Susan Prichard agreed to participate

b. WNC/PCAC – Executive Committee/Wilson

Wilson explained Executive Committee's position

Ambiguous, eliminate stakeholders who provide balance

Ethington indicated PCAC knew we would be concerned – therefore, eliminate those provisions WNC cannot support.

Wilson – does not feel WNC can do this

Dahlgren – feels WNC needs to support as stated

Melendez (Public Comment)

PCAC is a successful body, 85 out of 100 of its motions approved by Harbor Cmsn.

PCAC has been very supportive of Wilmington's efforts **Stalemate (4-4-6)**

New motion – Dahlgren/Hernandez asking the PCAC to clarify recommended changes

**Passed (11-0-3)**

c. Executive Board/Dahlgren to provide Fries Avenue Elementary School \$5,000 for the creation of a Wonder of Reading Library

Vaglia Davis (vagliadvs068@gmail.com) comments

LAUSD's District #7 Representative, Dr. Vladovic and District 8 Superintendent, Del

Cueto will be providing funds to help match grant

Fries Elementary also putting in funds

WNC funds would be used to replace laptop computers stolen during 2007 burglary

Board concerned that school personnel not present at meeting to discuss WNC concerns

Friendly amendment – Dahlgren/Hernandez

“contingent upon Executive Committee's assurance of school's security measures since

2007 theft, who is responsible for future of laptops safety, and reassurance Fries

personnel actually supports library”

Motion including Friendly Amendment (**Passed 12-2-0**)

Concern by Board members that not everyone understood the vote; therefore, motion to reconsider previous motion by Wilson/Lara. **(Passed – 10-3-1)**  
Friendly motion retracted by Dahlgren, therefore a vote on the original motion **(Passed 13-1-0)**

- d. Motion that the WNC provide a letter of support to the Wilmington Sailing Center by Prichard/Hernandez – **(Passed 11-0-3)**

9. Information Items

Refreshments – from now on no dinner provided only snacks

Thanks to Hank Osterhoudt who provided meal even though he was ill and couldn't stay.

Next month snacks to be provided by Jacqueline Garcia

Buffer - names need to be submitted to WNC before the next Executive Committee Meeting so they can be include in the agenda

City Budget – The City is working to balance this year's budget as well as create a balanced budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Committee Meetings:

Planning & Land Use – Time/Location Change –

First Monday of each Month at Wilmington Senior Center at Noon

Gateway Beautification – Will become a quarterly meeting

Education – Meeting will be held at Harbor College and announced when scheduled

DONE announcements

Rosa Arcadia has already transferred to CDD, currently WNC without personnel

Mayor's Budget Day – March 13 at City Hall

10. Report of Officers

Treasurer – Wilson

Almost current with reimbursements

11. Reports by Standing Committees

By Laws Committee – Caraballo

Election for Members at Large will be held on June 8, 2010

Handed out information relative to election

Caucus Groups need to conduct their internal election by the above date

Business – Babbitt, Dahlgren, Wilson

Churches - Williams

Education – McNeel, Prichard

Labor – Fimbres

Non-Profit Community/Fraternal – Moreno

Park Advisory Board - Ogle

Port – Caraballo

Non-Profit Recreational - Garcia

Resident – Jasso, Lara, Osterhoudt, Perez

Seniors - Kern

Will need volunteers to help with election

12. Unfinished Business – None

13. New Business - None

14. Reports from Caucus Groups

Education Caucus - (McNeel/Prichard) – held meeting with area schools representatives

Will be holding another meeting within the month

Decided to work on acquiring a grant to support a vertically integrated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) robotics instruction program Elementary through High School

15. Reports from Members at Large - None

16. Announcements from Governing Board Members - None

Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair