

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – March 24, 2010

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:03 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Babbitt.

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

Excused: Marcus Perez

Absent: Nelson Williams

President Moreno recommends we add an action item to the agenda to approve expenditure of funds. This needs to be done because of the impending April 15, 2010 DONE deadline for approval of WNC funding by the Board. (M/S – Dahlgren/Hernandez) that the WNC allow the addition of Action Item 8C to cover the cost of 6 table microphones, 6 tables, projector, and 1 Holiday Street Garland. **Passed 16-0-0**

2. Approval of February Minutes. (M/S – Babbitt/Medina) **Passed: 13-0-5**

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

Officer Morris, Los Angeles Port Police speaking on behalf of Port Police and LAPD  
Stresses the need to call 911 when you encounter an incident in progress  
311 taking time to respond, let LAPD or LAPP know of community blight  
March 10 – Multi-jurisdictional Truck Task Force – 165 inspections resulted in 126 citations  
Burglaries are on the rise in the Harbor Area  
LAPD-Youth Carnival this weekend on Avalon  
Questions

Medina – Police Activity  
“M” St./ Figueroa – It was a sting operation  
Sin Market, Anaheim/Neptune – unknown  
Lara – Senior Lead Lopez – Where is he?  
Next week will announce his replacement

4. Public Comment

Ken Melendez – PCAC

WNC needs to consider giving its PCAC representatives leeway to vote on motions being presented at the meeting.

Gave all Board members a bar of chocolate to thank them for volunteering

4. Public Comment - continued

Mary Gant – Sharefest

Avalon Leadership Academy – WNC funds assisting project

Partnering with various community agencies to assist in effort, examples

Wilmington Clinic, CSUDH, Hawaiian Avenue Elementary

Graduation in June – WNC invited

Community Work Day – May 1

Laundry Love will be operational at least one site

Look at website [www.sharefestinc.org](http://www.sharefestinc.org) to see where you can help

Los Angeles Marathon – Banning High

WNC provided bus to event

34 students participated last Sunday – all completed

Jody James, COPE

Handed out flyer about program on April 30

Don Compton

Concerned WNC is purchasing items rather than keeping WNC office open more hours

Lorena Soto, “Life in Wilmington” on Facebook

March 13 Community Clean-up

15 Volunteers were recruited through “Life in Wilmington”

Next cleanup scheduled for April 10

5. Government Representatives

Celina Luna, CD-15, Councilwoman Hahn

Mid-Year Budget

Council still in negotiations

Currently each day a different General Manager is coming to Council to explain how their Department is able to reduce spending

2010-2011 Budget

Discussions will begin in April

Positive Items

Banning Park Upgrades – Mr. Sanborn will discuss during his presentation

CRA Expansion Advisory Committee

First meeting – tomorrow night, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. here at Senior Center

Wilmington Leadership Program

39 applications received, 21 selected

PCH/Broad Signalization

City in discussion with 2<sup>nd</sup> bidder after first company pulled out

Council Office – Wilmington Office open every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

City Attorney Trutanich to visit Cruces Collaborative

Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m., New Life Baptist Church

LAPD-Vice/ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) – Bar Task Force

visited Wilmington bars – nearly every bar cited

Questions:

Jasso – Paving Budget – Will not have an answer to this until 2010/11 Budget approved

Medina – McDonald’s Literacy Project – Luna read at this first of four-Monday night project. There were over 40 children in attendance.

Fimbres – Salary – Councilwoman took a 16% pay cut

6. COPE Preparedness Report and LA Floodplain Management Plan

Pat Rome – not present

7. Presentations

a. Jeffrey Childers, DWP, Government & Neighborhood Relations Liaison

213-367-8693, jeffrey.childers@ladwp.com

ECAF – Energy Cost Adjustment Factor.

Increase from .1 cent/kWh to 0.8 cents/kWh needed to:

1) support costs associated with all items in the ECAF including 20% renewable energy goal

2) meet the Financial Planning Criteria

Debt service coverage greater than 2.25 times

Minimum cash target of \$300 million

Capitalization factor less than 60%

3) maintain LADWP's "AA" bond rating

Questions/Comments

Dahlgren – Water situation?

Not optimum, but remember we are in a semi-arid area

DWP hopes for late snows (April/May) each year

Fimbres – Has DWP management taken a pay cut?

Does not know

b. Banning Residence Museum Construction Update – Michael Sanborn, Director

All this work will be accomplished by September, 2010

Funds from China Shipping, Proposition K and Private Funds raised by Friends

Ground Floor – Improbable Gateway (Museum Designer and Fabricator involved)

4 Sections – Start, Stage Coach, Railroad, Legacy

Visitors Center

Creating an ADA ramp in Courtyard area

Park Level

Front steps will be returned to their 1920 look

Restoring 4 light windows next to front steps

Redefining area near rear steps so water goes toward grass to eliminate flooding problems

Roads/Paths

All will be redone using circa 1920 garden plans

Phased work – East side, then West side, then around the Museum

Questions/Comments:

Jasso – Will project return the stream and grapes – No

Ogle – Proposition K plans are also being used to reroof the Drum Barracks

Dahlgren – since the Banning Gift Shop has been eliminated, his company is now purchasing gift baskets from the Drum's Gift Shop. A great way to invest in the community!

c. Jesus Serrano, Department of Transportation, 213-972-5047, jesus.serrano@lacity.org

ATSCA – Automated

Wilmington area is bounded by Lomita Blvd, Harry Bridges Blvd., Western Ave.,

Farrugut Ave.

7. Presentations - continued

There are 62 intersections in the area  
Installation of cameras (14), controller, will bring local system current and enable City to manage traffic more efficiently.

Communication hub needs to be centrally located

Looked at FS#38, Library – unable due to various reasons

Need a space 8' x 22' – approximately the size of a parking space

Looking at parking space next to Avalon Park, near FS#38

Hopes WNC will support formally at its April meeting

Questions/Comments

Sullivan – What does it hold, dimensions?

Equipment, backup generator, air conditioning unit

Roughly the size of a tool shed

Ethington – Vandalism/Graffiti?

Area is fenced in and landscaped

Possible mural

Wilson – Why Farragut?

Boundary issue

8. Action Items

- a. Select two (2) WNC representatives for the Wilmington Marina Study Steering Committee  
Jacqueline Garcia and Susan Prichard volunteered  
Two other WNC members on Committee  
Boat Owners – Donna Ethington and Port – Cecilia Moreno

- b. Recommend Wilmington Waterfront Buffer Names  
(M/S Dahlgren/Medina) that the WNC support the four names suggested by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce (Heart of the Harbor Park, Wilmington Waterfront Park, Wilmington Vista Park and Waterfront Vista Park).

Public Comment

Mary Gant

Feels Wilmington needs to be included in the name

Ken Melendez

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Area is broken into three parts

Questions/Comments

Jasso – feels POLA should be spelled out

Sullivan – can we highlight “Wilmington” part of the name?

Ethington – understands Melendez comments about three parts

**Passed – 19-0-0**

- c. Expenditure of Funds

(M/S – Dahlgren/Hernandez) that the WNC approve the expenditure of funds to purchase a projector, six (6) tables, six (6) table microphones and one (1) holiday banner.

**Passed 18-0-0**

9. Information Items

DONE winding down its operations anticipating its merger with Community Development

10. Report of Officers

Secretary – Read Correspondence

ConocoPhillips – Los Angeles Refinery –

Overview of activities from July-December, 2009

Gang Alternatives Program – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner & Fundraiser

Saturday, March 27 at Crowne Plaza Hotel

US Army Corps of Engineers

Draft General Conformity Determination & Additional Information Pertaining to

Department of the Army Permit Application for the Pacific LA Marine Terminal

LLC Crude Oil Terminal Project, Port of Los Angeles

Treasurer – Wilson

All reimbursements must be submitted by April 15, 2010

11. Reports by Standing Committee

- By Laws Committee – Caraballo

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

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

Business – Dahlgren

Church - Williams

Education –Prichard

Labor – Fimbres

Not for Profit – Moreno

Park Advisory Board - Ogle

Port – Caraballo

Recreation - Garcia

Resident – Jasso

Seniors - Kern

Will need volunteers to help with election

- Executive Board – Moreno

Due to reduced funding, office hours have been reduced to T/W/Th – 8 a.m. to Noon

- Land Use – Babbitt

LAPD Permit – Pool Room at Anaheim/Cristobal

Notified LAPD, LAPP

Ethington indicates has not noticed any problems in the area

- Transportation - Ethington

McFarland Line in residential area

Andy Fox working with BNSF/Harbor Line on the noise issue

- PCAC – Ethington

Voted to make changes to membership rules

Only difference to what was approved by WNC at February meeting

Item #2 eliminated -

12. Census 2010 Ad Hoc Committee Report – Moreno  
Committee has not met  
Ethington indicates no one in Marina appears to have received a census form  
Prichard will contact Mayor's representative
13. Unfinished Business – None
14. New Business - None
15. Reports from Caucus Groups  
Education Caucus – Prichard  
List of Food Banks in Wilmington area  
Possible STEM grant contact – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics  
Wilmington Library – Looking for Literacy Tutors  
Tax Seminar for Non-Profit Organizations on April 8 at Long Beach City College
16. Reports from Members at Large  
Medina – attended Ojas Tea House gathering – great event  
Sullivan – What are my responsibilities?  
To represent the interest of the Wilmington community from your experiences  
Hernandez – attended DONE Election program at Banning Park
17. Announcements from Governing Board Members - None

Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair