

**WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes – December 9, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at **6:10PM** at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Cecilia Moreno

*“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 to a council member or the Council’s Secretary.”*

**1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members**

- a. Present:** Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Diana Medel, Cecilia Moreno, Albert Ramirez, Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid, Patrick Wilson (8)
  
- b. Absent:** Matt Adair, Sylvia Arredondo, Marisela Caraballo, Dan Domonoske, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Michael Sanborn and Robert Trani (8)

**2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting**

- a.** October 2015 Minutes: no quorum – no action

**3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a.** Officer Jose Alvarez – PORT Police wanted to reintroduce himself. The Community Relations Office has not yet been selected for Wilmington, but he is available should anyone need to speak with Port Police.
- b.** German Casillas – Office of Congresswoman Hahn congratulated the WNC for the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- c.** Erika Velazquez – Office of Senator Isadore Hall presented a Certificate of Recognition to the WNC for the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to Cecilia Moreno for serving as Chair.
- d.** Gabriela Medina – Office of Councilman Buscaino announced that the progress on improvements for the Avalon corridor continue to take shape. The next thing we’ll see is the lights on Avalon and the new trashcans. She also provided a written report.
- e.** Susan Prichard – Spoke of the Mental Health Program being offered at the Tzu Chi Center in February through March, there will be a Dec. 19 Hearing Clinic offered there as well, LAHC is offering free program for people interested in getting into the health care business. She also wanted to thank Harbor Department and finally, the Red Cross is in the community working on placing smoke detectors in dwellings in Wilmington.
- f.** Anthony Quezada, Interested in serving on the WNC, would like to be appointed.
- g.** Salvador Lara – He wanted to thank everyone for the support given to Clean Wilmington, they have completed many beautification projects thanks to the community’s support. The next clean-up will take place on MLK Holiday and will be at Fries Avenue.

**4. Informational Items**

- a.** Wilmington Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade - Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 12 Noon.

**5. Announcements from Governing Board Members**

- a. C. Moreno presented and distributed the 2016 Port of Los Angeles calendars to the Board Members and the public.
- b. D. Medel announced that I HEART Wilmington is having a toy drive and if anyone would like to contribute to please see her.
- c. G. Kern – Announced the New Year’s Eve Dance taking place at the Senior Center to raise much needed funds. It begins at 6 pm. If interested in tickets, please see him.
- d. A. Ramirez – He announced the formation of the new Wilmington Democratic Club forming and the next one will be on January 11. Also, planning for Rock the Vote will begin early next year.
- e. A. Hernandez – Announced he is resigning from the WNC due to health issues. He has hope he will recover but could not continue serving on the Board at this time.

**6. Adjourn**

**7. 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**