

## WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Minutes – November 18, 2015

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at **6:09pm** at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington, CA.

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:** Matthew Adair, Sylvia Arredondo, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Alberto Ramirez, Michael Sanborn, Patrick Wilson (10)
- b. **Absent/Excused:** Marisela Caraballo, Dan Domonoske, Diana Medel, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani, Patricia Valladolid (7)

### 2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting(s)

- a. October 2015 Minutes: no quorum - unable to approve

### 3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- a. **LAPD:** no representative at meeting
- b. **LA Port PD:** no representative at meeting

### 4. Government Representatives Reports

- a. **Chris Wilson, Assy. Member Mike Gipson’s office:** not at meeting
- b. **Manny Lopez, Mayor Garcetti’s office:** LAX is slated to become the busiest airport in the country. Mayor will participate in the upcoming climate change conference in Paris. Creating an El Nino task force. Phase 2 of Save the Drop will begin, catch the drop. City will use empty city buildings to offer emergency shelter to homeless.
- c. **Gabriela Medina, Councilman Buscaino’s office:** not at meeting
- d. **German Castilla, Congresswoman Hahn’s office:** Attended meeting, no legislative updates at this time.
- e. **Chris Brown, Hugo Cisneros, LA Harbor Dept.:** not at meeting

### 5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. I’nella Douglass-Scott, The Molina Foundation, National non-profit organization. Have been providing new age appropriate books to children in the community. Will be distributing over 30,000 books this Friday 11/20 6am-4:30pm at Harbor College.
- b. Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, Thank the council for being the voice of Wilmington. Ask for support for the Banning HS Fire Academy. Banning HS is the

heart of our community. Should we offer to give rides to the homeless where there are shelters - since there are none here in Wilmington?

- c. Robert McKoy, LA Harbor Afloat Parade, Encourage everyone to go to the Harbor Afloat Parade on 12/5 starts at 6pm. Banning's Landing is a great location to view the parade.

## 6. Presentations

- a. South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness - Nancy Wilcox, currently 493 homeless people in Wilmington. Will be conducting the yearly homeless count January 26/27 2016 - volunteers are requested. We have very little affordable housing in the area or shelters. City has increased funding for cold weather shelters (night-time only) - the one for the Harbor area is located in Long Beach and has bus pickups in the area for the homeless to access the shelter.

## 7. Action Items

- a. Monthly Funding Report – no quorum, unable to approve

## 8. Informational Items

- a. Reminder of WNC Holiday meeting schedule
  - 1) December Meeting on December
- b. Wilmington Tree Lighting Ceremony - 12/4, 6-10pm at the Town Square
- c. L.A. Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade - 12/5, starting at 6pm at Banning's Landing
- d. Wilmington Winter Wonderland - 12/5, 11am-2pm at Waterfront Park
- e. Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade - 12/13 starting at 12 Noon along Avalon Boulevard
- f. 12/5-12/6 Victorian Christmas at Banning Museum and Wilmington Drumm Barracks

\*\*\*Break\*\*\*

## 9. Report of Officers

- a. **Chair:** Met with Councilman's staff with other area neighborhood councils to discuss concerns/issues for Wilmington - such as homelessness, marijuana dispensaries, the hay concerns around Sanford. Next Port of LA meeting is Monday 11/23.
- b. **Vice-Chair:** Nothing to report
- c. **Secretary:** Nothing to report
- d. **Treasurer:** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) not producing the Monthly Expense Reports (MERs) as they have done in the past - which has hampered our ability to approve the MERs.

## 10. Reports by Standing Committees

- a. **By Laws Committee:** Nothing to report
- b. **Executive Board:** Nothing to report
- c. **Finance Committee:** Nothing to report
- d. **Land Use & Planning/Gateway & Beautification Committee:** Written report provided to board and public. Contractor has been selected for Wilmington Waterfront Promenade. Catalina Freight is moving. Swift of Ipswich - sailing ship that will be

berthed near Banning's Landing - used for an educational program. Red Car update - very costly, will likely change to a rubber tire trolley.

**e. Public Works Committee:** Nothing to report

**f. Publicity & Communications Committee:** Nothing to report

**g. Transportation Committee:** Nothing to report

**h. Wilmington Historical Society Preservation Ad Hoc Committee:** Nothing to report

**11. Unfinished Business** - Community members have expressed concerns about problems related to the ACX and Anderson Hay facilities (PCH/Sanford intersection). Companies are starting to take action and will come in the future to address the community on their actions.

**12. New Business** - If Neighborhood Council members would like to participate in the Christmas Parade please let Cecilia know.

**13. Reports from Caucus Groups** – Seniors- the Senior Center will be having a grand re-opening soon - Thank you to Phillips 66 for your help.

**14. Reports from Members at Large** – None

**15. Announcements from Governing Board Members** – Citizens Oversight Committee at Harbor College just met. There have been some changes based on handicap access, but the project is on-time so far.

**16. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm**