

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – February 24, 2016

The 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, 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 a council member or the Council’s Secretary.”*

### 1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members

**a. Present:** Matthew Adair, Dan Domonoske, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Diana Medel, Cecilia Moreno, Alberto Ramirez, Robert Trani, and Patrick Wilson (11)

**b. Absent/Excused:** Sylvia Arredondo, Marisela Caraballo, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid (5)

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

**a.** no quorum - unable to approve

### 3. LAPD/LA Port PD

**a. LAPD:** Officer Perez, Property time has gone up dramatically in the Harbor area. 18 stolen cars - most unsecured. LAPD is offering free Clubs to residents (100 available). Signs are being put up to limit overnight parking for RVs and allow them to be towed. 2 gang-related shootings: one at Banning Park, Anaheim/Broad - both suspects in custody.

**b. LA Port PD:** Sgt. Alvarez, crime is down 50% in the area in the last weekly report. 4 stolen vehicles, police recovered 2. The vehicles were unsecured - please lock your vehicles at night (when the thefts are occurring). 2/20 hosted the Youth Leadership Conference for middle school students.

### 4. Government Representatives Reports

**a. Chris Wilson and Roxanna Gracia, Assy. Member Mike Gipson’s office:** Not Present

**b. Manny Lopez, Mayor Garcetti’s office:** Mayor Garcetti is seeking a ballot measure to reform the LA DWP. New flight from LAX to GDL (Guadalajara, Jalisco, MX). Mayor has a Harbor Area Youth Council. Developing a plan to address homelessness.

**c. Gabriela Medina, Councilman Buscaino’s office:** 20 locations for trash disposal on Avalon (up from 2). Lighting for the street improvement has been approved. The goal is to improve the Avalon corridor for the community. Small grants will be available through the LA Council to improve the facades on Avalon. Seeking \$750,000 to fund improvements of the Wilmington town square. ShareFest projects: Wilmington Post Office 4/30, FireStation on Terminal Island, Wilmington Park Elementary, and others.

**d. German Castilla, Congresswoman Hahn’s office:** Voted on legislation to privatize air traffic control - Congresswoman Hahn has voted against the bill. The bill would have placed billions of dollars of public facilities and equipment into the hands of private companies. \$14 million authorized by Army Corp of Engineers to repair the harbor breakwater. Free tax preparation available to people that earn less than \$54k per year.

## 5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Jesse Marquez, Coalition for a Safe Environment, filed a formal complaint against the Port of Los Angeles (and ex director) for ethics violations and conflicts of interest. Other lawsuits have been filed and are nearing hearing.
- b. Ernie Aguilar, Team AmVets post 33, have been working to help clean the city, working on the homeless problem. Please consider E street for any future beautification projects.
- c. Ata Khan, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation, Healthy Harbor Grant program up to \$550,000 in funding available (grants can be as high as \$125,000). Apps are due in March.
- d. Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, Needs assessment was recently held. Please go to LA County Needs Assessment and submit the survey. Help us get a better gym at Banning Park. Port of LA Waterfront meeting coming up, please attend.
- e. Art Gonzalez, self, attended crime forum in San Pedro. The U.S. has 5% of world population, but has 20% of the prison population. Asking the WNC to take back its support of opening the Harbor Division jail. Refineries are a never ending issue, they smell.
- f. Kristina Smith, Empower LA, provided information on the upcoming neighborhood council meeting elections. 24 seats on the WNC. Please come out to vote. Election will be on 6/11/2016. Candidate forms open up this Saturday.
- g. Magali Sanchez-Hall, UCLA NAID Center, Our kids cannot go outside and get exercise due to the pollution from the refineries. LA Times article says that our community leadership is divided, and this allows companies to do as they please in the community. We must unite to save lives. Please ask anyone working in the community to not be manipulated by corporate money.
- h. Carlos Sanchez, self, proud Wilmington resident, traffic on Sanford is excessive, runs all night. Why does Wilmington have so many marijuana dispensaries?
- i. Maria Sanchez, self, I spoke to Ceci 4-6 years ago about pollution and companies needing more regulation for air pollution. Referenced an email from Janice Hahn's office that addressed the Port of LA and air pollution. What is the board doing to help regulate the air pollution in Wilmington. The board doesn't listen or understand what is being done about air pollution in the community. Nothing has been done. I see no results.
- j. Anthony Quezada, AmVets post 33, Whose paying for the LAPD building that is not being used?

## 6. Presentation:

- a. Pipeline Tax Fund - Gabriela Medina, office of Councilman Buscaino, tax imposed on pipelines that run through LA. Typical pipeline materials: Oil, natural gas, water, and steam. 50% of the tax is provided to the 15 council districts based on how many pipelines the district has. 29% of the tax funds will go to CD 15, and the majority of those funds will be used in Wilmington because it has the most pipelines. Funds have been used for community improvement, tree trimming, ShareFest, and others.

## 7. Action Items (No Quorum no action taken)

- a. The WNC Publicity and Communications Committee recommended the following motions for consideration by the WNC Governing Board:

### **Action Item: 1**

The motion (Medel/Prichad) to recommend to the WNC Governing Board that the following mission, purpose, and objectives be approved:

**Purpose:** The purpose of the P&CC is to serve the WNC's mission by bringing awareness to its existence and engaging in exchange of information.

**Mission:** The mission of the P&CC is to increase awareness of the WNC and ensure information received and produced by the WNC membership is conveyed effectively to all Wilmington stakeholders and community members.

**Objectives of the P&CC are to:**

- Coordinate and facilitate publicity of WNC. This included advertising promotion and outreach.
- Develop and implement a publicity plan to increase visibility and support of WNC governing board, standing committees and ad-hoc committees, activities, and makeup of leadership.
- Provide advice and coordinate the planning, development, and production of promotional products, events and activities of the WNC.
- Keep WNC governing board members informed of publicity activities and goals.
- Maintain community calendar on WNC sites with events, activities, workshops and other items of importance to the Wilmington community and stakeholders.
- Monitor developments both internally and externally in publicity and communications.

**Action Item: 2**

The motion (Medel/Prichard) to recommend to the WNC Governing Board that the following roles/responsibilities of P&CC be approved:

**Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members**

**CHAIR:** Facilitate meeting to ensure collaborative and collective decision making, prepares agenda, secures location, sets the pace of the meeting and ensures meeting runs on time, redirects discussion as needed, highlights important points, clarify any misunderstandings

**P&CC MEMBERS:** Participate in discussions and assist Chair to support note-taking, time-keeping and any other roles as needed. Arrive on time, ask questions, bring forth new ideas, strategize to develop an effective publicity and communications plan, brief others as appropriate after the meeting.

**STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS:** Attend a minimum of three (3) consecutive meetings to vote on agenda action items. Ask questions, support the P&CC efforts of the WNC committee members, provide constructive feedback and suggestions.

**Action Item: 3**

The motion (Medel/Prichard) to recommend to the WNC Governing Board that the following Communications duties of P&CC be approved:

## **P&CC Communications Duties**

Website: content maintenance (Webmaster)

Calendar: to create policies and procedure for calendar items (P&CC members)

Newsletter: to create content, decide on frequency and work with graphic designer (P&CC)

Social Media: to create posting schedule and platform management (P&CC)

### **Action Item: 4**

The motion (Medel/Prichard) to recommend to the WNC Governing Board that the following Publicity duties of P&CC be approved:

## **P&CC Publicity Duties**

Promoting WNC: seek opportunities to promote WNC

### **Action Item: 5**

The motion (Medel/Prichard) to recommend to the WNC governing board for each standing and ad-hoc committee to submit mission, purpose and objectives to be approved at the February 25, 2016 Governing Board meeting and then posted on website.

- b. Monthly funding reports:
  - 1) None presented
- c. The WNC Education Caucus recommends the WNC Governing Board submit a letter of support to the Office of LAUSD Board Member Richard Vladovic for the expansion of Magnet Programs at George De La Torre, Gulf Avenue, Hawaiian Avenue Elementary schools and at Wilmington Middle School.

## **8. Informational Items**

- a. Bureau of Street services will be scheduling small asphalt repairs on 4/8/16. If you have any repairs that need to be done please submit the information (a picture if you have it) to any board member by 3/31 and we will add it to the list. Street Services will take the list, prioritize and make repairs.

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

## **9. Report of Officers**

- a. **Chair:** Port of LA Community Meeting was held on Monday
- b. **Vice-Chair:** Not present
- c. **Secretary:** Reported out on the Port of LA community outreach meeting
- d. **Treasurer:** No report

## **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:** Reported out on future and continuing projects. Next meeting 3/14 12pm.
- e. Public Works Committee:** Nothing to report
- f. Publicity & Communications Committee:** Next meeting: 3rd Weds of the month at Wilmington Public Library (3/16).
- g. Transportation Committee:** Nothing to report
- h. Wilmington Historical Society Preservation Ad Hoc Committee:** Nothing to report

11. **Unfinished Business** - Wilmington Waterfront Promenade preliminary design plans will be presented to community within the next 1-2 months.

12. **New Business** - None

13. **Reports from Caucus Groups** – None

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

15. **Announcements from Governing Board Members** – None

16. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm**