

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 27, 2016

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by President Cecilia Moreno at **6:12pm** 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, Marisela Caraballo, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Diana Medel, Cecilia Moreno, Alberto Ramirez, Robert Trani, and Patricia Valladolid (11)
- b. **Absent/Excused:** Sylvia Arredondo, Dan Domonoske, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson (6)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting(s)

- a. no quorum - unable to approve

3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- a. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Mora, Traffic has been a big issue leading to many accidents (report provided). Traffic officers have been patrolling the high accident areas to help keep the area safe from traffic accidents. Homeless count is starting tonight 8pm-11pm. LAPD will provide security for the homeless count volunteers. Stolen vehicles are one of the most common thefts in the Harbor - please lock your cars. Harbor area crimes are currently trending down.
- b. **LA Port PD:** Sgt. Alvarez, LA Port theft down 8%, trending well. Upcoming events: Lunar new year 2/6, Youth leadership conference at Banning’s Landing 2/20, Monthly pet parades, 1st ever bike rodeo 3/19.

4. Government Representatives Reports

- a. **Chris Wilson and Roxanna Gracia, Assy. Member Mike Gipson’s office:** CA legislative updates provided.
- b. **Manny Lopez, Mayor Garcetti’s office:** New fund for Art and culture in public spaces - \$200,000 in grants to support art/culture throughout LA. Projects can be eligible to up to \$15,000 per project. Artists can be approved and receive funding within 60 days. Mayor continues to attempt to bring film/tv production back to LA with “Green Light Hollywood” campaign.

- c. **Gabriela Medina, Councilman Buscaino's office:** Some community members have expressed interest in re-starting the Port Community Advisory Committee, which was dissolved a couple of years ago. The Port has monthly community outreach meetings with 2 members of each neighborhood council - and Councilman contends that this is more outreach than was provided under the old model. Medical Marijuana dispensaries are still being closed, and people are being arrested. City is changing the licensing procedure to help reduce confusion and ensure that all applicants for dispensaries must go through the entire process. Only 1 dispensary is authorized in this area - None in Wilmington. Machado Lake project is on track to complete on-time. Del Lago development will be completed this year, and a new traffic signal will be installed at the property. Seeking \$750,000 in funding from city to renovate the Wilmington town square.
- d. **German Castilla, Congresswoman Hahn's office:** Legislative updates provided. Congresswoman contacted Army Corp of Engineers to repair/improve breakwater. Upcoming events: Senior briefing 5/6, Congressional Art contest 5/14.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Evelyn Senior, Peter Zippi Memorial Fund, non-profit cat rescue in Hermosa Beach. They have received a grant to spay/neuter cats in Wilmington. Work with SNIP LA at the Harbor Shelter in San Pedro. SNIP has spayed/neutered over 150,000 cats in LA thus far. Cats can have 3-4 litters per year with 4 kittens per litter.
- b. Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, how much money is coming to Wilmington? Pedro gets 2 billion. Are the propane/butane tanks in Pedro planned to move to Wilmington?
- c. Alex Herrera, SBCC I Heart Wilmington, community garden volunteer asking that others come to the garden to learn, eat, and have fun.
- d. Kristina Smith, Empower LA, Election Administrator for region 12, works with 7 neighborhood councils in the harbor area. Responsible for the administration of the elections this year. New this year is on-line voting - Wilmington is one of the councils using on-line voting this year.
- e. Ashley Hernandez, Communities for a Better Environment, working on a statewide bill to increase the use of solar and electric vehicles. 1/30 will be having a green fair in Wilmington.
- f. Albert Ramirez, Women in Non Traditional Employment Roles (WINTER), unveiling the mural that has been completed in the LAHC 110 freeway underpass this Monday. Rock the Vote 5/20 at Banning SH. I invite everyone to visit the Wilmington Democratic Club - Maya restaurant 2/23 at 6pm (\$5 per plate donation).
- g. Captain Bruce Heyman, LA Maritime Institute, work with middle/high school students. Serve 3500 students per year, they have 2 tall ships. Swift of Ipswich will be docked in Wilmington and they will operate 40 programs out of Banning's Landing.
- h. Anahi Soltero, SBCC, new Youth Empowerment Program - help community youth to take GED, enroll in college, and improve their lives. Centered at SBCC. Open to Wilmington, San Pedro, and Harbor City youth ages 16-24.

- i. Susan Prichard, resident, Friends of the Library: 2/1-2/14 you can return library books that are late for free! Mental health program offered in Wilmington every Saturday. CERT training will be offered during spring break for high school students.
- j. Salvador Lara, Clean Wilmington, 90 tons of trash collected before it entered the ocean after our last storm. On MLK day Clean Wilmington had more than 100 volunteers and sponsorship from local politician's offices and businesses. We cleaned the area around as well as Fries Elementary, Blinn street from Q to Lomita. Clean Wilmington collected 20 tons of trash. A problem area is Q street - there is on-going dumping. Please report any dumping that you see.
- k. Magali Sanchez-Hall, Community Empowerment through advocacy, every household around the truck commissary that is proposed off of PCH by El Gallito. El Gallito offered me free life-time burritos to support their project. We will fight until we stop them from opening the commissary. Hay from ACX is blowing all over the streets and there is no street sweeping in east Wilmington. Many marijuana dispensaries remain open.
- l. Leticia Herrera, SBCC, Community organizer, had a successful Connected Families Strong Kids - over 1200 people attended. Wilmington was well represented - thank you.
- m. Carlos Sanchez, general comment, live in the community for many years. Think about the future of Wilmington. I want to be able to walk in the community, watch movies, and buy ice cream. Please make a commitment to not support businesses that are not appropriate for the community.

6. 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) No Quorum

7. Informational Items

- a. LA Forum on Crime - Thursday, February 4th at the Warner Grand in SP, 6-8pm

Break

8. Report of Officers

- a. **Chair:** Monthly community outreach meeting at Port of LA took place on Monday.
- b. **Vice-Chair:** Please go to the electric vehicle event on 1/30.
- c. **Secretary:** Reported out about the monthly community outreach meeting at the Port of LA.
- d. **Treasurer:** Not at meeting - no report

9. Reports by Standing Committees

- a. **By Laws Committee:** Nothing to report
- b. **Executive Board:** 3 people have expressed interest in appointments to the vacant board seats.
- c. **Finance Committee:** Nothing to report
- d. **Land Use & Planning/Gateway & Beautification Committee:** Nothing to report
- 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

10. **Unfinished Business** - Chair met with the Anderson Hay company to express the concerns about their operation. Anderson Hay would like to present to the community at a future meeting and address community concerns. The Developer of the Wilmington Banning's Landing projects will be conducting informational meetings in the upcoming 2 months. Need to ensure that we have quorums through by-law changes or membership changes.
11. **New Business** - None
12. **Reports from Caucus Groups** – Sharefest taking Apps for projects on 4/30. Sr Caucus question: has Wilmington received the pipeline funding, where has it been spent? Seniors that live in the Don Hotel have questions about what is happening at the park in front?
13. **Reports from Members at Large** – Monday 2/1 residents will be all over Wilmington doing random acts of kindness.
14. **Announcements from Governing Board Members** – None
15. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm**