



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 6:30 pm

Phineas Banning High School – Woodson Hall
1527 Lakme Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valarie Contreras	Present
Rick Cruz	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familatthe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Monica Garcia-Massey	Present
Margaret Hernandez	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Ignacio (Nacho) Ortiz	Present
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present arrived 6:50 pm

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Octaviano Rios, Outreach and Communications Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. A quorum of 13 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 60 stakeholders present.
2. **Seating of the New Board/Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath:** Josh LaFarga, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Commissioner LaFarga administered the oath of office.
3. **Recognize Outgoing Wilmington Neighborhood Council Board Members:**
 - a. Outgoing Board Members were recognized and thanked for all they accomplished.
4. **Government Representatives Reports:**
 - a. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's office.** German Castilla, District Staff Assistant
 - i. Mr. Castilla welcomed and congratulated the newly seated board members.
 - ii. He gave a brief legislative update which included that Ms. Hahn sent a letter to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon, General Joseph Lemgyel, urging him to halt ongoing efforts to clawback decade-old overpayments made to California National Guard members.
 - b. **State Assemblymember Mike Gipson's Office.** Kathy Williamson, Communications Director
 - i. Ms. Williamson congratulated the newly seated board members.
 - ii. Victor Ibarra is the district representative who will be attending future meetings. He is a long-time Wilmington resident.
 - iii. She offered condolences to the family of the student who passed yesterday.
 - c. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez.**
 - i. Regarding the shooting at Banning High School yesterday, the shooter is in custody thanks to information from the community. He is a Wilmington gang member and a weapon was recovered. Neither the shooter nor the victim attended Banning High School. There will likely be some form of retaliation, so parents need to be aware.
 - ii. Officer Gonzalez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

- d. **Port Police** Sergeant Jose Alvarez
 - i. Officer Alvarez commented that he is here to help board members and stakeholders.
 - ii. The Port is currently dealing with a labor strike that hopefully will be resolved by 5:00 pm tomorrow.
 - iii. You can reach Port Police dispatch directly at 310-732-3500. This way you will not have to go through 911, to CHP dispatch, to LAPD dispatch.
 - iv. Officer Alvarez's office number is 310-732-2646.
 - v. Officer Alvarez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- e. **Mayor Eric Garcetti.** Field Deputy, Manny Lopez
 - i. Mr. Lopez congratulated both new and outgoing board members.
 - ii. His direct office number is 213-440-1657 and email Emmanuelle.lopez@lacity.org
 - iii. He provided a written overview of legislative items.
 - iv. The Mayor's Welcome Home Project continues for homelessness education, for people to come together to learn about the complexities of homelessness, and make move in baskets for people transitioning into permanent housing.
- f. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.** Wilmington Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina
 - i. Ms. Medina congratulated the newly seated board members.
 - ii. She provided a written report covering legislative items, community projects and events.
 - iii. She thanked the outgoing board for all their hard work, particularly Cecilia Moreno.
 - iv. Laura Hill new Legislative/Policy Deputy
 - I. Ms. Hill commented that she is here to help you navigate legislation.
 - II. She recommended people go the Councilman's website <http://www.la15th.com>.
 - v. Nathan Holmes, Planning Deputy
 - I. Mr. Holmes commented that a planning deputy deals mostly with land use, big projects, transportation, and housing issues.
 - II. He would like to come back after they for a Planning and Land Use committee, then he can speak more in depth about what it is that he does.
 - III. He commented that a big part of his job is dealing with conditional use permits. One of the things the Councilman's office does is try to get people doing projects in Wilmington to come before the board so that the board can weigh in.
 - IV. He stressed the importance of Community Impact Statements.
- g. **Port of Los Angeles** Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate for Wilmington
 - i. Ms. Moreno congratulated and wished the new board good luck. As an outgoing board member, she is willing to help anyway she can.
 - ii. She is the Port of LA Community Affairs Advocate for Wilmington, accordingly, she will regularly attend meetings.
 - iii. She requested that the board add the Neighborhood Council Presidents, Chamber and Leadership meeting to the standing items in Liaisons and Representatives. The meeting is every fourth Monday, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
 - iv. The Port will be holding a Port 101 presentation on January 14, which will include a harbor tour, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, for Neighborhood Council Board members.
- h. **Los Angeles Public Library** Denise Nossett, Senior Librarian, Manager of Wilmington Branch Library.
 - i. She offered congratulations to the new board members.
 - ii. Her contact information is Dnossett@LAPL.org, 310-834-1082
 - iii. She gave a brief overview of upcoming events.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Steve Salas thanked outgoing and new board members for being involved. Mr. Salas commented on several issues as follows: funds available from Vopack, the Port feasibility study, Land Use and Planning Committee, Councilman's office ask for updates on Wilmington projects, Mike Gipson promised funds, Harbor Community Foundation Fund, LA County needs assessment Banning Park, Education Committee, and trucking zoning change.
- b. Christian Guzman offered congratulations and looks forward to working with all of you in the future. Mr. Guzman commented that LA Metro proudly informs riders that they have the nation's cleanest fleet. Which is true for the most part in Greater Los Angeles, but not so in the harbor area. He would like the NC's to do whatever they can to improve our air quality and suggested that they send letter to LA Metro asking for buses that are at least as clean as in other parts of LA.

- c. Steve for Keith, Steve read an email to Keith from the Wilmington Waterfront Promenade Project, and the Wilmington Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge Project Manager. These are two of the three projects the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved for Wilmington.
- d. Janet Grothe, Public Affairs Manager, Phillips 66, congratulated the new board. She announced their annual Smilin' Jack event on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
- e. Steven Contreras commented about catering trucks on weekends on Pacific Coast Highway just south of Figueroa. There are chairs on the sidewalk, that block the sidewalk and they leave trash.
- f. Moises Barajas, Outreach Specialist, Green Education, Inc. They are a nonprofit that partners with stakeholders to educate, revitalize and transform communities into green sustainable neighborhoods, creating healthy and energy efficient environments in the process.
- g. Art Gonzales commented that he hopes this board will do better and make quorum regularly. He also commented on homeless and prison population statistics.
- h. Anthony Quezada offered congratulations to the new board members as a former board member, he knows what it takes. Made general comments on past and current issues.
- i. Susan Prichard congratulations and thank you for volunteering to represent us. She commented that a place to look for funds is the pipeline funds to the City of LA. She asked to have several issues addressed in the future including the vacant ILWU hall, Acta funds, and Long Beach Airport expansion.
- j. Luis Gonzalez was gone, however, he left a lengthy hand written statement regarding ACX relating to truck and operations problems, which Chair Ortiz attempted to read aloud.
- k. An unidentified stakeholder thanked the board and commented that she knows that together we can do great things. She suggested with the renewing of the Wilmington Town Square that she would like to have an evening event with music and a farmers market.

6. Orientation: Postponed to the retreat due to time constraints

7. Discussion and Selection of Board Officers for One Year Terms – Stephen Box, Director of Outreach and Communications, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment,

- a. **Chair** – Sylvia Arredondo and Nacho Ortiz were nominated to serve as **Chair**, Nacho Ortiz appointed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familatthe, Hernandez, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), for Sylvia Arredondo 5 (Arredondo, Cruz, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, and Pech) 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- b. **Vice-Chair** – Nancy Anaya, Cathy Familatthe, and Valerie Contreras were nominated to serve as **Vice-Chair**, Valerie Contreras appointed with 6 yes (Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, and Sanchez), for Cathy Familatthe 5 (Cruz, Familatthe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, and Hernandez), for Nancy Anaya 2 (Aguilar and Anaya), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- c. **Treasurer** – Roque Pech was appointed to serve as **Treasurer**, appointed with 13 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Familatthe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, Hernandez, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- d. **Secretary** – Sylvia Arredondo was appointed to serve as **Secretary**, appointed with 13 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Familatthe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, Hernandez, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- e. **Parliamentarian** – Socorro Fimbres was appointed to serve as **Parliamentarian**, appointed with 13 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Familatthe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, Hernandez, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

8. Discussion and Appointment fo Standing Committee Chairs and Members: Postponed to the retreat due to time constraints.

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| a. Land Use Planning | e. Public Works Committee |
| b. Finance | f. Bylaws Committee |
| c. Environmental Committee | g. Publicity and Communications Committee |
| d. Transportation Committee | h. Beautification Committee |

9. Discussion and Appointment of Liaisons and Representatives:

- a. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) representative – Socorro Fimbres and Roque Pech
- b. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative – Sylvia Arredondo
- c. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance representative – Cathy Familatthe & Nacho Ortiz
- d. Two (2) Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate representatives – Valerie Contreras and Roque Pech
- e. Neighborhood Council Budget representative – Monica Garcia-Massey
- f. Public Works/Clean Streets – Valerie Contreras

- g. Animal Services – Sylvia Arredondo and Robert Jones
- h. Department of Water and Power – Carlos Sanchez
- i. Planning – Valerie Contreras, Rick Cruz, and Carlos Sanchez
- j. Filming – Rick Cruz, Monica Garcia-Massey, and Nacho Ortiz
- k. Great Streets – Valerie Contreras, Rick Cruz, Monica Garcia-Massey, Margaret Hernandez, and Robert Jones
- l. Employment – Monica Garcia-Massey, Margaret Hernandez, and Robert Jones
- m. Mission Zero – Socorro Fimbres and Carlos Sanchez
- n. Transportation – Sylvia Arredondo, Rick Cruz, and Carlos Sanchez
- o. Gender Equity – Nancy Anaya and Sylvia Arredondo
- p. Domestic Violence – Valerie Contreras
- q. Affordable Housing – Ernie Aguilar and Margaret Hernandez
- r. Homelessness – Ernie Aguilar, Nancy Anaya, Rick Cruz, and Nacho Ortiz
- s. Aging – Ernie Aguilar, Nancy Anaya, and Rick Cruz
- t. Port – Ernie Aguilar, Nancy Anaya, Valerie Contreras, Rick Cruz, Cathy Familatthe, and Nacho Ortiz
- u. Building and Safety – Carlos Sanchez

10. Discussion and Appointment of Administrative Roles and Tasks: Postponed to the retreat due to time constraints.

- a. Second Signer
- b. Legal Liaison/City Attorney's Office Liaison
- c. Up to Five (5) Community Impact Statement Filers
- d. Meeting Hospitality Coordinators (Facility, Food, Beverages, Business Cards, Place Cards, Location Signage, Meeting Set-Up/Break Down)
- e. Master Calendar Coordinator
- f. Agenda Posting Coordinators
- g. NC Office Coordinator
- h. Social Media Coordinators
- i. BONC Welcoming Coordinators
- j. 15th Anniversary Event Coordinators

11. Announcements from Governing Board Members:

- a. Valerie Contreras announced that we have active neighborhood watch groups in Wilmington. If you would like more information or want to be a block captain, they are trying to get more community members and be proactive.
- b. Sylvia Arredondo announced the Youth for Environmental Justice/Youth Edge historic oil drilling law suit victory.
- c. Rick Ortiz announced the Wilmington Art Walk on November 4, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, on Avalon Boulevard between C and E Streets. This is the one year anniversary of the Wilmington Art Walk.
- d. Cathy Familatthe wants to make everyone aware of the Los Angeles Chapter of Los Angeles Murdered Children support group for anyone who has lost a child to homicide. They meet the first Saturday of the month.
- e. Margaret Henandez commented that she received an email today from a stakeholder regarding dog waste in front of St. Peter and Paul school. He asked if the Council could provide dog waste baskets in front of the school.
- f. Robert Jones asked about moving the November meeting date. **Motion by Cathy Familatthe to approve moving the November Monthly Stakeholder Meeting to November 16, seconded by Ernie Aguilar, and passed with 13 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Familatthe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massy, Hernandez, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).**
- g. Octaviano commented that they will hold a board retreat Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- h. Chair Ortiz thanked those stakeholders that stayed to the end.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is November 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheryl Akerblom,
 for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council