



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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Regular Stakeholder Meeting – MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Banning High School, Woodson Hall
1527 Lakme Ave, Wilmington CA 90744

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Flag Salute:** The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ignacio Ortiz at 6:32pm. (A quorum of 7 Board Members)

Board Members	Position, Representative status	Roll Call/ Attendance
Ernie Aguilar	Work Representative	Present
Nancy Anaya	Live Representative	Present
Sylvia Arredondo	Secretary, Live Representative	Present
Valerie Contreras	Co-chair, Live Representative	Present
Rick Cruz	Member-at-Large	Present
Cathy Familatthe	Work Representative	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Parliamentarian, Owns Property Representative	Present
Monica Garcia-Massey	Work Representative	Present
Margaret Hernandez	Community Interest Representative	Excused Absence
Robert Jones	Member-at-Large	Present
Ignacio Ortiz	Chair, Owns Property Representative	Present
Roque Pech	Treasurer, Member-at-Large	Present

Carlos Sanchez	Representative, Owns Property	Present
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2. Board member certification

Board Chair, Ortiz, advised Ernie Aguilar on abstaining from voting as he has not met his Ethics Training Requirement.

Ernie states that he complete Ethics Training but has yet to file the paperwork. Board Chair advises Ernie to have it done by February meeting.

All other board members are have completed training.

3. Public Comment

On chairs discretion: limiting Public Comment for the first 5 comment cards received and then returning to remaining comment cards following agenda item #7, Presentations.

- Jesse Marquez: Wilmington resident, CFASE, report on 4 items : 1) Air quality study, HCBF for Wilmington and San pedro- residents to participate in air monitoring program. 2) CAAP public comment due feb 17/ 3) POLB expansion of rail, 4) study of the Berlin Owl- their was 800 mill-press release biological reserve for owls- presentation available.
- Steven Contreras- tax payer money is appropriate or we cannot bring interpreter on own cost,
- Anthony Quezada- asking for 5 mins. Spoke on Arthur Hernandez and his service to the community and to his country
- Sylvia Arredondo- new administration: implications it has on our health and wellbeing. Signed 8-10 executive orders. 5 have direct implications on environmental issues. Wilmington is a refinery town so being aware of the implications to us.
- Albert Ramirez-Rock the Vote Friday May 19 2-6pm BHS, movement to register young voters

4. Reports from Public Officials

- Councilman Joe Buscaino's Office: Joe Buscaino addressed the Board and provided written report. Thanked the board for joining the council. UPDATES: 1) On Avalon-economic development 2) Wilmington town square-Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) ½ million renovation due to the work of the members of the Steering Committee, Department of Recreation & Parks. 3) LA-MAS-storefronts/ make over- Tai KwonDo, Maya, Santa Luna, and others.. 4) POLA Community Invest Grant 5) Art Walk- Avalon Arts & Cultural Alliance – Banning's Landing Friday Feb 3, 2017 evening. 6) Wilmington Waterfront project is moving along 7) Sharefest-beautification public right away, median, any suggestions or rec. offer to Gaby. 8) Homeless Issue- social justice issue-homeless count. 9) Sidewalks program- 10) Recognize Wilmington Carson Pilots-2016 National Champs.
 - i. Q: Sylvia- What are you doing to protect community health. The Tesoro expansion project- LARIC- is underway. Mayor Garcetti is calling for a recirculated DEIR? Will you go against Mayor Garcetti. We need a Draft Environmental Impact Report DEIR, recirculated. Will you call for a DEIR?
A: Wilmington is an impacted community. We need to look at the rule making, staff recommendations and the Councilman's office is meeting with the environmental justice community on Friday.
 - ii. Q: Socorro: Thank you for noticing the community. Sidewalk repair- elderly and

handicap sidewalk repair needs. What is being done?

A: Disability community has priority. Notify Gaby of the issue, specific streets.

- Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson: Victor Ibarra addressed the council. 1) Clean Air Action Plan, Assembly member statements are in support of zero/ near-zero emission port trucks. 2) AB1691- did not pass. 2) holding a play, every 28hrs. Feb 10, 6-8pm. addresses Contemporary Issues, invitation to board members and to invite community 3) commissioners for his office- you have to be in the 64th Assembly District.
- Office of Mayor Garcetti: Manny Lopez addressed the council. 1) Read Mayor Garcetti's statement in response to President Trump's Immigration Executive Order 2) record highs for goods movement, 3) George Lucas Museum of Art- Los Angeles @ Expo Park. 4) Fair Chance Initiative-Ban the Box, 5) Events-Tech Fair LA, Youth Council-311 Community Walk-this Sat-east Wilm Green Belt, 6) Homeless Walk 7)
- Los Angeles Police Department- Harbor Division: Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzales addressed the council. 1) Homeless count. January 1 2017 2) 85.02 section- living in your car is no longer a crime. Where they can/ cannot live is identified. Different colored areas. Email for more information- where to see the increase. 3) Prop 64-marijuana is legal. Allowed to possess less than 1 ounce. Misdemeanor to possess more. Felony sale. Anaheim & Neptune-trouble of violent crimes, armed robberies, shooting, armed suspects inside building, have closed it.
 - i. Q: Roque-Immigration Issue: Statement on Sanctuary city. Know your rights workshop, any next steps for the department?
A: Community forum at Saints Peter & Paul- spoke with Diana Medel- interesting in holding another forum. Small intimate settings. Does not enforce federal statutes. State of CA does not have authority. Immigration judge- for criminals. Deportation laws are lenient.
 - ii. Q: Socorro: Local level, Banning Drum Barrack Park- 1) illegal and illicit acts 2) illegal dumping
A: Alameda & PCH- Butane Canisters, Cal Trans, State Issue. Department of Sanitation Hasmat. Donate go pros, vehicles, la city maintains equipment.
- Port Police-1) Has Hazmat team 2) Homelessness issue, call Port Police. 3) terminal truck traffic- 4) truck traffic on streets, illegal truck parking,
 - i. Q: Socorro-Truck traffic, Anaheim/ not a truck exit.

5. Recognize former board members

Valerie: Motion to move Agenda 5 to Agenda 6. Roque 2nds.

Discussion: -

Valerie: There is a packed house with the football players and we shouldn't keep the kids here late. We've already acknowledge outgoing board members previously.

Board Vote:

Yes: Nancy, Valerie, Sylvia, Ric, Robert, Ignacio, Roque, Monica, Carlos, Catherine, Socorro

No: -

Abstain: Ernie

Absent: Margaret

Motion Passes with 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent.

6. Recognize Wilmington/ Carson Pilots

- Board Chair awarded medals to the football players of the Wilmington/ Carson Pilots for their achievement: 10u & 11u National Champions.
- Board members shook hands with each player and certificates were given to Coaches and Team Mom's.
- Group photo taken after recognition

5. Recognize former board members (returned to Agenda Item #5)

- Former board members in the audience were acknowledge with certificates from Assembly member, Mike Gipson and State Senator, Isadore Hall.

7. Presentation from Stella Ursua, Grid Alternatives

- Provided handout on solar installations
- Funding is provided through Cap and Trade funds, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds for home solar programs
- Looking for more partnerships: workshops, town hall and clean energy jobs, 18+ to volunteer and learn to install.
- Brian Cervantes gave testimony on experience. Habit for Humanity for roofing. Women in Solar, Vets in Solar.
 - i. Q:Rick: installations: repairs to roofing?
A: habitat for humanity working with climate resolve
 - ii. Q: Monica: What happens to the solar panels after there is a change of owners at the property?
A: It will be up to the new owners if they want to keep the solar panels.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (returned to Agenda item #3):

- Magali Sanchez: 1) Truck drivers with containers driving near residential is an issue. I'd like to participate in Transportation committee. 2) Do everything possible for our city- protect our sanctuary city.
- Brandon Molina: student at Harbor college. Executive Order regarding Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). It will affect the Wilmington community. DAPL oil trains will come into our community. These are bomb trains. I'm concerned. Will the WNC stand with Community, Standing Rock, not with the Industry/ Oil. We our burdened by health issues, worst air quality, Tesoro largest refinery on west coast.
- Giselle: Student at Banning, community member with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). No DAPL. Stand in solidarity with indigenous communities. Our communities are under attack. Wilmington Neighborhood Council should stand in solidarity.
- Michelle: 16, high school, community member with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). I stand against Tesoro, and Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). There have been lots of incidents. Be aware. We cannot beautify our community without taking action against the oil industries/ refiners. Acknowledge the environmental justice issues.
- Steve Salas: Thanks for recognizing the pilots. Find other boards and bring money back to the community. 1) Ask Mike Gipson on \$3 Million that is on hold that was promised for East Wilmington Greenbelt, Connect with Victor 2) Worst place to live- Wilmington. 3) Daily Breeze- Donna Littleton; 2000-2010 116 ppl killed. 3) 6% of community Bachelor Degree 4) Penal Code 85.02-affecting RV's the most- industrial city on the whole west coast. 5) VOPAK \$\$\$

- Ashley Hernandez: Wilmington Organizer with Communities for a Better Environment, Resident. Referenced local history, read a quote from Malcom X. Spoke to the Executive orders by Trump. Refineries are in our backyard. Community demographics. Community workers and Tesoro employees are being threatened/ attacked by employers for speaking out against the expansion project and calling for safer refineries.

8. Action Items

- **Motion to move approval of meeting minutes for October, November, December to February meeting. Motioned by Catherine, Second by Sylvia.**

Discussion:

- Catherine: Have not seen meeting minutes. We need to have hard copies prior to meeting.
- Socorro: They need to be sent to all board members before the meeting and hard copies provided as part of our board packet to review.
- Valerie: We all had access to them prior to the meeting. Sylvia sent them to us by email.
- Sylvia: All the meeting minutes are in google drive that everyone has access to. Apologies for not having printed out the meeting minutes.

Board Vote by show of hands:

Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Ignacio, Carlos, Nancy, Robert, Rick, Sylvia. (9)

No: (0)

Abstain: Roque, Valerie (2)

Recused. Ernie (1)

Absent: Margie (1)

Motion Passes with 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain, 1 Recused, 1 Excused Absent

Motion to move Agenda item #11: Budget & Finance-Discussion and Possible Action before Agenda Item #9: Reports from Committees and Liaisons. Motioned by Roque, Second by Valerie.

Discussion: Board felt no need for discussion and proceeded with board vote.

Board Vote by show of hands:

Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Ignacio, Carlos, Nancy, Robert, Rick, Sylvia. (9)

No: (0)

Abstain: Roque, Valerie (2)

Recused. Ernie (1)

Absent: Margie (1)

Motion Passes with 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain, 1 Recused, 1 Excused Absent

11. Budget & Finance- Discussion and possible action items

Roque: noted the time- 8:30pm- as the time it took us to get to important items to have the council up and running smoothly.

Comment: Socorro-The reason why we are behind schedule. We acknowledge youth and reps took time.

a. Treasurer's Report

- Did we approve our budget during the retreat? How much money is spent on Outreach, NPG, Elections, Operations, Community Investments.
- How to spend this monthly? Can we approve this budget today so that we can start to receive our funds?
 - We need to submit this budget as it is and we can always amend at another meeting as we need to move funds around.
 - A submitted budget allows us to conduct business.
- Board Vote Form. We need to fill it out and submit for every board vote.
- **Motion to approve fiscal year 2016/2017 Budget. Motioned by Roque, Second by Ignacio.**
Discussion: no discussion held by Board.
Board vote by show of hands:
Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Valerie, Ignacio, Carlos, Nancy, Robert, Roque, Ric, Sylvia (11)
No: (0)
Recused: Ernie (1)
Absent: Margaret (1)
Motion passes with 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Absent.
- Strategic Plan. We need to set vision, outline items in budget. We need to finish filling out the template and spend more time with our vision, how many CIS to fill out. Recommendation to take to the Executive board meeting to bring back to the full board for consideration and approval.

b. Review Monthly profile report and Expenditures

Union Bank- Monica and Roque have completed their tasks to have access to the account.

- Monthly expenditure: finalize plan in February- run monthly reports for Feb. year to date- Strategic plan and monthly expenditures reports.
- Approval of Invoices:
 - a. **Motion to approve Maya Restaurant invoice of \$305.20 on December 6, 2016 for Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) & Neighborhood Council 15th Anniversary. Motioned by Roque, Second by Cathy.**
Board Vote by show of hands:
Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Valerie, Carlos, Nancy, Roque, Robert, Rick, Sylvia. (10)
No: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Recused. Ernie (1)
Absent: Margie, Ignacio (2)
Motion passes with 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recused, 2 Absent
 - b. **Motion to approve Maya Restaurant invoice of \$119.19 on December 14, 2016. Motioned by Roque, Second by Robert.**
Board Vote by show of hands:
Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Valerie, Carlos, Nancy, Roque, Robert, Rick,

Sylvia. (10)

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Recused. Ernie (1)

Absent: Margie, Ignacio (2)

Motion passes with 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recused, 2 Absent

c. Motion to approve reimbursement for Sylvia Arredondo for a total of \$71.00 for print/copy expenses for December Stakeholder Board Meeting. Motioned by Roque, Second by Cathy.

Board Vote by show of hands:

Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Valerie, Carlos, Nancy, Roque, Robert, Rick, Sylvia. (10)

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Recused. Ernie (1)

Absent: Margie, Ignacio (2)

Motion passes with 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recused, 2 Absent

c. Discuss and consider Banning High School contract for meeting room rental- possible motion and action.

- Valerie: additional \$1,000 is being requested from Banning High school. This cost wasn't included in the original amount as the staff time was not included.
- Roque: additional \$1,000 is being requested as a donation for the year. We've suggested the principal submits a Neighborhood Purpose Grant and we can amend our budget to approve the \$1,000 in NPG funding.
- Socorro: Why didn't they include the \$1,000 in the original amount? They should honor the original amount.
- Carlos: problem with the word 'Donation' and using the word 'donation.' It will be a NPG not donation.
- Socorro: Why are they asking for more money if they were originally offered the space for free.
- Sylvia: Points of clarification: Have we received a contract? Has it been sent around to all board to review? If not, have them include the \$1,000 for staff time and we wouldn't need to provide NPG and they wouldn't have to go through that process, we wouldn't need to amend a budget second time.
- Socorro: All these changes we are suggesting need to come back to the board for approval.
- Closed discussion on item 11.

d. Consider approval of expenditure report for October, November, December 2016

- Roque provided verbal update of monthly expenditures to date.

Q: Socorro: Are there hard copies we can review?

A: no hard copies

e. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of October, November, December 2016

- f. Budget Advocate and Representative's Report
- o No report provided

9. Reports from Committees and Liaisons

Reports from Committees:

- a. Executive Board: 1) Decision making around administrative procedures. Board members will be excused 3 times. Notify if you will be late. 2) Board Certification will be reviewed at the top of each meeting until all board members fulfilled their training requirements. 3) Numbering public speaking cards and at every board meeting public will be advised to turn in speaker cards to the designated board member 4) agreed on recognizing pilots 5) reviewed new agenda layout 6) Handouts from public to the committee should be placed at the informational table 7) Emails- need to get access to the old email 8) all monthly expenditures to be voted on

- b. Environmental committee: 1) Great turnout for first meeting- 20 people in attendance 2) decided on co-chair structure 3) Monica and Sylvia will co-chair 4) board members part of committee: Robert and Margaret 5) Request from Tesoro to provide presentation on Tesoro's LARIC Project

Public Comments:

- Jesse Marquez: Coalition for a Safe Environment (CFASE)- 1) 15 years to protect Wilmington Harbor community. 2) Top 5 & Top 10 recognized organizations 3) works on Ports, Petroleum, Freight, has a list serve and would like WNC to get on it 4) 12 points on Clean Air Action Plan
- Christina Guzman. Would like to be on the committee. Draft letter to consider for the Clean Air Action Plan. Will be taking it to HANC for sign on.
- Art: info coming from CFSA is vital to NC.

Reports from Liaisons:

- Roque- HANC- transcript fees to pay for June meeting. HANC is asking if WNC will contribute to the shared cost with a \$150.00 payment. This is for someone to take notes at all HANC meetings. Benefits of HANC: building a stronger committee/ strengthening our work and unite more Neighborhood Councils in the Harbor Area. Public officials only go to coalition meetings and not the individual monthly council meetings.

Motion to approve \$150.00 for HANC's June meeting minutes to share cost of transcripts. Motioned by Roque, Second by Sylvia

Board Vote by show of hands:

Yes: Monica, Socorro, Cathy, Valerie, Carlos, Nancy, Roque, Robert, Rick, Sylvia.
(10)

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Recused. Ernie (1)

Absent: Margie, Ignacio (2)

Motion passes with 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recused, 2 Absent

- Sylvia- Animal Services- Introduction to what Animal Services does in the communities, the different shelters, round of introductions from liaisons. Asked to bring back to liaisons meeting important issue in our committee. Gave advice on dog waste on city sidewalks and private/public spaces: partnership between WNC and private/public businesses, schools, churches, organization to sponsor dog waste baskets and waste bags.
- Socorro- Harbor College Citizen Oversight Committee- who is going to be on the committee and report back to the board? Vice-chair appointed Socorro to be liaison to HCCOC since he has done it previously.

10. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Rick: 1) Attended Ports 101 event, provided information on impacts to environment and community. 2) Wilmington Art Walk- looking for more involvement, next event on Feb 3 @ Banning's Landing.
- Sylvia: 1) suggestion for Monthly profile report to be included in board packets. 2) bicycle Ride with Mujeres Unidas and Multicultural Communities for Mobility- March.
- Socorro: Bylaws updated.
Cathy: will look into Committees to get active. Are we going to have an office manager? I will make a comprehensive report and itemized list of issues
- Carlos: Inquired on office maintenance. What is the status? How can we work efficiently?
- Nancy: county clinic in Wilmington- encourage immigrants to seek services.
- Socorro: Are we going to hire someone to answer the phone, print, check mail, handle copy/print and office maintenance?

12- Request for future agenda items

- Presentation from Petroleum Administrator
- LADWP Presentation
- Sharefest Beautification project
- Approve strategic plan
- Approve pending expenditures
- Community Impact Statement filers
- Legal Liaison for attorney
- Tesoro Expansion Project
- CAAP comments
- Tesoro comments

Board Comments:

- Are we going to have presentations at every meeting or town hall meetings? These presentations are already occurring at other meetings.
- Cathy: we have a lot of work to do. And take care of business.

- Rick: our main responsibility is community. Limit our presentations.
- Ernie: folks expect us to give approval or not. We need to have a listening ear and that's why we are here.
- Valerie: this has to go to committee's. we are not putting time limits on this meeting.

13. Meeting adjourned. 9:48pm

Minutes Prepared by:

Sylvia Arredondo
Secretary, WNC