



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

544 N. Avalon Boulevard, Suite 103, Wilmington, California 90744
(310) 522-2013. WilmingtonNC@empowerla.org
www.wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 6:45 pm

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

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present, arrived 6:54 pm
Sylvia Arredondo	Present, arrived 6:59 pm
Valarie Contreras	Present
Rick Cruz	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Monica Garcia-Massey	Present
Margaret Hernandez	Absent, Unexcused
Robert Jones	Present
Ignacio (Nacho) Ortiz	Absent, Excused
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present, arrived 7:30 pm

1. Welcoming Remarks:

- a. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Valerie Contreras, Co-Chair of the Wilmington NC.
- b. Roll Call: A quorum of 11 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 30 stakeholders present.
- c. All board members certified. Ernie Aguilar showed his certification to Octaviano Rios, both were present.
- d. Opening Remarks: Valerie Contreras announced that she would be chairing the meeting since Nacho could not be there. She welcomed the attendees and encouraged them to examine the resource table. She recognized that time was limited, yet expressed her excitement for presentations and guests. She encouraged everyone to show respect.

2. Community Government Reports and Announcements:

- a. U.S. Congresswoman Barragan's Office- No representative present.
- b. CA State Assemblyman Gibson's Office- Victor Ibarra present. He mentioned that in 2002 California Proposition 40 provided funds for local assistance grants, as provided for in Sections 5096.600 through 5096.683 of the Public Resources Code. This resulted in east Wilmington being allocated 3 million dollars. Wilmington park expansion. Gibson wants funds to be used in Wilmington. There could be a soccer field, a refurbished park or a new park. He is working with Councilman Buscaino's office. Gibson's office has had difficulties with finding a parcel and UNICEF.

Gibson to host an Immigration forum on April 1 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He will also host a Twitter town hall April 12.

c. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office - Uduak-Joe Ntuk: Since 1957. Full time utility specialist. Works with pipeline refineries, marine oil terminals, gas storage facilities, local policy, AQMD, and other regulatory bodies.

d. Councilman Joe Buscaino's Office - Gabby Medina. She brought a handout on Proposition 64. It mentions how Wilmington is affected. There is legalized marijuana. It can be taxed for sales. The proposition allows regulation city wide.

Measure M will be on March 7th ballot. It is an ordinance to repeal proposition D, which gives protection to medical dispensaries. Measure M will include rules on location hours and marketing. If new taxes are introduced, Los Angeles could collect \$1,000 per week for just one dispensary in Wilmington.

She encouraged the public to participate in public hearings and to file a Community Impact Statement.

Medina mentioned that Measure HHH provided a ¼ cent that will raise \$350 million for homeless services.

She mentioned, Safe Sidewalks LA which will help with Wilmington's Wheel chair access. There is a rebate program that stakeholders can participate in. They can pay for sidewalk repairs, and receive up to 50 percent back.

e. LAPD- Officer Gonzalez. He noted 4.8 percent increase in total crime. 10 divisions are ahead of Wilmington for crime reduction. He is pursuing a suspect for arson. He has photo, but hasn't made a positive identification. He is a white male, known to go to the McDonald's on PCH and Broad Avenue. He has a pink mountain bike. Please provide Officer Gonzalez or LAPD with email or phone call if you see suspect.

Valerie Contreras brought up the Wilmington Neighborhood Watch.

Gonzalez wants more people involved. Ride-alongs are available.

f. Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Jane present.

Port of Los Angeles statistically same as LAPD in terms of crime. Made progress in assisting 15 homeless 15 individuals. They were moved from industrial areas. She asked community to communicate with port police on people who need resources and relocation.

Jane can provide maps to clarify what land is under port jurisdiction and what is under LAPD jurisdiction.

g. Port of Los Angeles – Cecelia Moreno. Interstate 110 ramps on Figueroa were going to repave. But that is postponed due to heavy rains. Ramps will be open in the meantime. Community Investment Grants are available for 501c(3) nonprofit to apply. There will be two workshops to explain grant process. Apply until May.

Tuesday Feb. 28, Neighborhood Council and Chamber Presidents Meeting with the Port of Los Angeles. Valerie and Nacho are invited.

The Port will host youth leadership conference. 110 kids will attend from San Pedro and Wilmington.

3. Approval of Minutes for Past Meetings:

a. October - Cathy noticed that her last name was misspelled. She also wanted to make sure than anyone with a lost “loved one” not just children can participate in the organization, Parents of Murdered Children.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve October 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

b. November – Monica Garcia-Massey is the second signer, not Nancy Anaya.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve November 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Sylvia Arredondo and passed with 9 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Fimbres and Pech).

c. December - Cathy Familathe's name was misspelled. Motion by Sylvia Arredondo to approve December 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Familathe).

4. Action Items:

a. Approve the Strategic Plan for WNC 2016 – 2017

Roque Pech encouraged the Board to work together to translate Board Retreat notes into documents to be turned in to DONE.

Highlights included supporting art related projects, economic development, beautification, environmental remediation and sustainability.

The budget was itemized for the board to review and add to plan.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve strategic plan, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

Motion by Roque Pech to not consider items c and d, seconded Ernie Aguilar, and passed unanimously.

5. Presentations:

a. Port of Los Angeles Update on the Phase 2 of Wilmington Waterfront Project -

Louie Cisneros and Michael Galvan, POLA employees, presented. Pedestrian Bridge and promenade are moving forward on the Wilmington Waterfront.

Phase 2 EIR released in June 2009. More than 40 percent has been designed.

There will be a pier, tidal steps, and a 1300 feet long Promenade. There is space for future commercial development and a youth sailing center. Bluff, youth sailing center.

Bannings' Landing has 65 spots. The new development will have between 179 and 187 stalls. Phase 2 will have additional restrooms and possibly a sustainable green roof.

T.Y. Lin is designing the pedestrian bridge over rail road tracks. The bridge will make the promenade easily accessible to seniors and the handicapped.

There are two options for the bridge. 12 acres of open space. Option 1 might have better access for seniors. Parking needs to be conceptualized. Option 2 was shown in previous EIR. There will be opportunities for public input a few times this year. One in summer and one in early fall.

Monica Garcia-Massey asked if fiber network infrastructure was being installed to attract businesses.

Fiber network infrastructure is part of the design.

Valerie Contreras: Town Hall meeting.

b. Port of Long Beach Pier B Rail Expansion Project.

The project will allow for on dock rail trains at the port to be put together. They could be joined at the proposed facility to make a train of cargo up almost two miles long. The project will make cargo transport more efficient. A 42 track expansion is included in the project.

The project will also relieve traffic congestion and emissions since not as many cargo trucks will be traveling on the 710.

Off-Dock Rail Yards are not expected to be impacted much by the expansion project.

Organizations in Wilmington will be able to apply for Community Grants to mitigate harmful port activities. For those who have comments or questions about the grant program, email grants@polb.com.

Valerie Contreras notified attendees that there was survey at the resource table for attendees to express approval or disapproval on the project.

If the project moves forward it will only encompass commercial and industrial zones.

There is a simultaneous I-710 expansion for trucks and both project's engineers are aware of the plans.

Trains used will be Tier 3+ engines, but near zero emission technologies might be tested.

6. Budget&Finance:

a. Review and Approval of previous expenditures.

1- July 1 (7/8) Expenditure, AT&T , \$1,207.24 (Operations)

2 - September (9/14) Expenditure, AT&T , \$989.32 (Operations)

3 – (9/26) Expenditure, Kristina Smith , \$740 (Outreach) in October

4 – (10/18) Expenditure, Santa Luna Restaurant , \$1,000 (Operations)

5 – (10/20) Expenditure, Excel Interpretation , \$640 (Operations) in November

6 – (11/15) Expenditure, The Mailroom , \$660 (Operations)

7 – (11/15) Expenditure, Charlie’s Sub , \$225 (Outreach)

8 – (11/28) Expenditure, Los Tres Cochinitos , \$329.73 (Outreach)

9 – (11/28) Expenditure, Los Tres Cochinitos , \$295.98 (Outreach)

10 – (11/29) Expenditure, Excel Interpretation , \$462.50 (Operations) in December

11 – (12/13) Expenditure, LA Harbor College , \$425 (Operations) in January

12 - (1/4) Expenditure, Apple One , \$31.68 (Operations)

Expenditures 1-12 were already approved and briefly reviewed. Several board members noted the high cost of AT&T and will examine the contract in the future to determine appropriateness in the future.

13 – Motion by Roque Pech to approve expenditure, Valerie Contreras, \$141.60 for Operations, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Contreras).

14 - Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve expenditure , Kristina Smith , \$453.34 for Operations, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe,

Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

15 - Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve expenditure, Excel Interpretation for December 2016 , \$305 for Operations, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

16 - Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve expenditure , Excel Interpretation for January 2017, \$225 for Operations, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

17. Motion by Roque Pech to approve expenditure, a minute taker for February 2017, Up to \$125, seconded by Carlos Sanchez and passed with 10 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting (Ernie Aguilar).

18. The board considered an amendment of the Banning High School quote from \$1,716 to \$2,716. Roque Pech noted that the increase would not dent budget. Contact will be written up and will be approved by the city attorney.

Motion by Roque Pech to approve ammdement Banning High School quote from \$1,716 to \$2,716, seconded by Robert Jones and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting (Fimbres).

b. Approve Monthly Expenditures

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 07/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 08/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 9/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for October 10/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 11/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 12/16. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Cathy Familathe, seconded by Ernie Aguilar to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for 01/17. Passed with 11 yes (Anaya, Aguilar, Arredondo, Cruz, Garcia-Massey, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

a. Roberto Monroy told acting chair, Valerie Contreras, that she chaired the meeting in a disrespectful way. He also wanted to know Wilmington's budget.

b. Steve Salas encouraged incorporating lighting into parks. He said park projects could be an opportunity for

youth summer jobs. He looks forward to the progress of the \$3 million that Gibson's office talked about.

c. Brandon Molina introduced himself as a student at Harbor College and member of Communities for a Better Environment. CBE is getting a lot of attention for their advocacy, including LA Times and KPCC. Public officials are not addressing important issues. But CBE is addressing them.

d. Dan Hoffman, executive director of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, announced that the annual Chamber magazine is out. Six thousand copies are distributed to businesses and residents. Spring Gala on March 10 at Bannings' Landing. Gala will include awards for Gene Seroka, Man of the Year, and Shawna Cruz, Woman of the Year.

f. John Stinson announced that the San Pedro Art Society is hosting an art contest for Harbor Area students of all ages. There will be \$1,000 in prizes. A 120-piece art set will also be given away.

The closing reception for will be on.

g. F. Dan Rivera is author of the book, End Homelessness and Crime. He wanted to know who he should contact to solve the root causes of homelessness and crime. www.fdanrivera.com

h. Leeor Alperin is the Senior Public Information Specialist at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He provided a newsletter. SCAQMD Rule 1118 relates to refineries and concerns flares. Stakeholders can visit www.aqmd.gov for more information. They may also report smoke or odor complaints associated with flares (or any other air quality problems) to AQMD by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG.

I. Art Gozalez said that he raises community concerns because he feels like children don't have a voice with their government. He wants to bring important issues to the neighborhood council. He showed photographs of refinery flares that emitted black smoke. He encouraged the board to ask questions.

j. said the U.S. national government tortures him with radiation. He wants the neighborhood council to have someone monitor for radiation in his residence and accompany him to the police so he can make a report.

k. Octaviano Rios from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment encouraged boardmembers to look at the monthly Neighborhood Council profiles that get emailed. He stressed reading Grayce's introduction. Regional Budget Day is Feb. 25 and the nearest budget workshop is at the Croation Cultural Center in San Pedro. Congratulations on what the Wilmington NC has done so far.

8. Discussion and Appointment of Administrative Roles:

a. Nancy Anaya was appointed as legal liaison to the city attorney's office.

b. Appointment of Committee Chairs by acting chair, Valerie Contreras.

Beautification - Robert Jones

Bylaws - Socorro Fimbres

Environment - Sylvia Arredondo and Monica Garcia-Massey

Finance - Roque Pech

Land Use and Planning - Valerie Contreras and Monica Garcia-Massey

Public Works - Carlos Sanchez

Transportation - Carlos Sanchez

The board also discussed forming committees to address arts and education.

If an Education and Art Ad Hoc Committee is created, Rick Cruz might be chair.

If a Safety Ad Hoc Committee is created, Cathy Familathe might be chair.

No actions were taken regarding Ad Hoc committees.

9. Committee/Liason Reports:

a. Executive meeting – Valerie Contreras and Socorro Fimbres explained that the board meeting's agenda is

discussed and that certain items are referred to committees.

b. Beautification Committee – Robert Jones announced that Sharefest will have a volunteer day on May 6th. Several cleanups are also being organized by Harbor Christian Center that will include 125 volunteers. First one is March 4 at Broad Avenue Elementary. Additional cleanups on March 11, March 18 and March 25.

The committee will look at how the Pacific Coast Highway can incorporate improved landscaping.

c. Environment Committee – Sylvia Arredondo and Monica Garcia-Massey are co-chairs. Meetings will be at the Wilmington Library on the third Monday of each month.

d. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – Roque Pech is the Wilmington Neighborhood Council's representative at HANC. HANC wants Wilmington to consider supporting a letter asking for better mitigation oversight by the City of Los Angeles.

e. Office Status – Nine things in the office need to be disposed of properly. Catherine Familathe wants to organize the office with a couple of other board members over two Saturdays.

10. Board Member Announcements:

a. Carlos Sanchez can help out to move office furniture.

b. Roque Pech - Thanks to board for prioritizing financial items.

c. Robert Jones - Thanks to everyone for attending board meetings.

d. Rick Cruz - Vote in the election on March 7th.

e. Nancy Anaya - Wilmington Cemetery is LA County property. Supervisor Janice Hahn Hahn and her Field Representative, Erika Velazquez, are working on any issues that may arise.

f. Cathrine Familathe – She will put together the March board meeting packet but wants all relevant documents by 5 p.m. the Monday before.

g. Sylvia Arredondo - Mujeres Unidas in partnership with Multicultural Communities for Mobility will host a bike workshop on 3/11 10am-1pm on safety, laws and self-defense. There will also be a bike ride at Banning Park.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian L. Guzman,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council