



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

Phineas Banning High School's Craigin Theater
1527 Lakme Ave., 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) Familathe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Monica Garcia-Massey	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Ignacio (Nacho) Ortiz	Present
Roque Pech	Absence, Excused
Carlos Sanchez	Present, Arrived 7:23 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of Governing Board Members (2 minutes)

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Ignacio Ortiz, Chair of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
- A quorum of 11 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 40 stakeholders present.

2. Opening Remarks from the Chair - Welcome. Agendas at back. We will discuss items in the order that they are listed. Two minutes to speak per person. We will follow rules of decorum. One person at time speaking. We will follow Brown Act.

3. Reports from Government Officials (4 minutes)

a. Congresswoman Nanette Barragan: Gabriella Sid

Congresswoman Barragan is working on a House Bill to address social security issues. She also invited other members of congress to tour the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The congresswoman held a town hall in San Pedro in April and plans to have one in Carson.

b. Los Angeles Port Police: Jane Britain

Commercial Truck traffic is heavy in Wilmington. The port police cited and towed 15 trailer trucks that were illegally parked in Wilmington. They will continue to address illegal parking and idling.

Twenty two tons of trash were picked up in port police jurisdiction.

The Port of Los Angeles and other agencies are working to lessen the impact of traffic that affects the CA- 47 highway.

The port police also specifically plan to address the issues of trash, homelessness and trucking near the 110 freeway and Anaheim Street.

c. Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Division – Officer Gonzalez:

Wilmington continues to have marijuana dispensaries opening and closing. The community should be wary of these locations since when dispensaries are closed down, officers find weapons.

Peoples Climate March is April 29. LAPD will be doing its best to protect public safety.

4. Declare Margaret Hernandez seat vacant

Hernandez gave written resignation. There will be a selection process to fill the vacancy.

5. Presentation by LADWP on The Machado Lake Pipeline Project

Jeff Chen and Michael Van Wagner from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power came to present. A new pipeline will be installed to provide recycled water to customers (including refineries) in the harbor area. The water comes from a plant on Terminal Island, where there has been an increased water purification capacity from 6 to 12 million gallons per day.

There will be traffic impacts underneath 110 freeway near Anaheim Street and from Figueroa Street to Figueroa Place. Construction will not take place during rush hour and morning commutes.

The cost for the project is \$4.2 million. For inquiries:Geoffrey.chen@ladwp.com

6. Presentation on concept plans for the Welcome to Wilmington sign

Six thousand dollars in funds were approved at a special board member on April 12. The project will be transparent and the community will be involved. It will be located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Figueroa Street at the Park and Ride Parking lot. Working with Caltrans. There are currently three conceptual designs. Stakeholders have the opportunity to fill out a feedback form. Total costs could be \$8,000. Security lights for the sign are a possibility.

Stakeholders who want to be involved may participate in Beautification Committee meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

7. Action Items

A. Review and Approve the WNC meeting minutes for the Special Board Meeting on April 12, 2017

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve Special Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Monica Garcia-Massey and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fibras, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

B. Review and Approve the WNC meeting minutes for March 22, 2017 Board Meeting

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve March Meeting minutes, seconded by Monica Garcia Massey and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fibras, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

C. Review and Approve recommendation of Environmental Committee mission.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve Environmental Committee mission, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fibras, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

D. Review and Approve recommendation of Environmental Committee's stakeholders

participation guidelines. (statement attached)

Motion by Cathy Familathe to approve Environmental Committee's stakeholder participation guidelines, seconded by Carlos Sanchez.

The board discussed if they wanted stakeholders to be required to go through an entire ethics training session in order to be a voting member on a committee. The board also informed stakeholders that trainings are available on the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment website. (empowerla.org/self-serv).

Motion by Cathy Familathe to amend the stakeholder guidelines by deleting the word voter from item 4 and deleting Ethics Training from item 5. Seconded by Robert Jones and passed with 9 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Auilar and Ortiz).

Amended motion to approved Environmental Committee Stakeholder guidelines passed with 9 yes Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Aguilar and Ortiz).

E. Review and approve recommendation from Environmental Committee to send a letter to South Coast Air Quality Management District instructing them to recirculate the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project. (letter attached)

Motion by Cathy Familathe to send a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District instructing them to recirculate the Draft Environmental Report on the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project, seconded by Carlos Sanchez.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to amend the main motion by sending the letter to the SCAQMD once it is cleared by the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Seconded by Carlos Sanches and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 recused (Arrendondo).

Amended motion to send the letter a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District instructing them to recirculate the Draft Environmental Report on the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project once it is cleared with the District Attorney's Office passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 recused (Arrendondo).

F. Discuss and Possible action for Dog Waste Stations to be installed on Bayview between Anaheim Street and G Street, Wilmington CA 90744 in the amount not to exceed \$700 from the Neighborhood Improvement fund.

Board members discussed that since Animal Services and the Department of Public Health are not able to help keep the sidewalk around Bayview between Anaheim Street and G Street, that this is a good starting point for the Neighborhood Council to help their community. Some board members would like to expand the program eventually so that more people can benefit.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to install Dog Waste Stations on Bayview between Anaheim Street and G Street, Wilmington CA 90744 in the amount not to exceed \$700 from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ernie Aguilar.

Motion by Ernie Aguilar to amend the main motion by funding an additional location for Dog Waste Stations. Seconded by Valerie Contreras and failed with 3 yes (Aguilar, Contreras and Jones), 7 no (Anaya, Cruz, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 1 abstention (Arredondo).

Original motion passed with 10 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, 1 abstention (Aguilar).

G. Appoint a chair for the Publicity Committee.

Chairman Ortiz appointed Nancy Anaya to chair the Publicity Committee. She accepted.

H. Approve ad-hoc Arts History & Education Committee and appoint Chair.

Motion by Cathy Familathe to form an ad-hoc Arts History & Education Committee, seconded by Ernie Aguilar and passed with passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Chairman Ortiz appointed Rick Cruz to be the chair, he accepted.

I. Discuss and Possible action to adjust the Wilmington NC Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, with the following: Transfer \$5000 from account 100 (Operations) to account 400 (Neighborhood Purpose Grants)

The board and stakeholders discussed the deadline for Neighborhood Councils to use funds and the forms that need to be submitted for a neighborhood purpose grant.

Motion by Robert Jones to adjust the Wilmington Neighborhood Council Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 by transferring \$5,000 from account 100 (Operations) to account 400 (Neighborhood Purpose Grants). Seconded by Socorro Fimbres and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cruz, Contreras, Familathe, Fimbres, Garcia-Massey, Jones, and Ortiz,) 1 no (Sanchez), 0 abstentions.

The board agreed to make the deadline to submit a request for a neighborhood purpose grant be Wednesday May 12, at 5 p.m.

8. Budget and Finance

a. Review Monthly Profile Reports and Expenditures

Balance at the beginning of April: \$18068.45

Balance after funds approved during special meeting on April 12: \$9811.76

Balance after funds are transferred due to the passage of item 7I: \$4811.76

9. Reports from Committees

a. Beautification – Meets every third Tuesday at the Wilmington Library, 6:30 pm.

b. Planning & Land Use – No report

c. Transportation – Next meeting is May 9 at the Wilmington Library, 6:30 pm.

d. Environmental – Meets on the third Monday at the Wilmington Library. 6:30 pm.

e. Publicity & Communications -

f. Public Works

g. By-Laws – Next meeting May 3, 12:30 pm. The committee will discuss a condensed manual on parliamentary procedure which could be made available to board members.

h. Budget & Finance -No report.

10. Public Comments on Non Agenda

Socorro Fimbres – At the HANC Meeting there was a presentation by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on Solar roofing for affordable housing. Project street legal to organize a location for street legal racing facility to discourage illegal street racing.

Nancy Anaya – There was a fire on west side of Wilmington. Red Cross assisted the families that were displaced. It is difficult to help victims that are being served by the Red Cross since the Red Cross imposes limitations.

Catherine Familathe – Local leaders need keys to Wilmington Municipal Building. One of our board members got locked in.

Valerie Contreras – Please fill out the survey available on the Wilmington Welcome Sign. I want to see safety committee.

Carlos Sanchez – I would like the Wilmington Neighborhood Council to approve the sound system.

Tony Fernando – My organization provides thanksgiving meals for needy including banning high school students. We also donate toiletries. Fire victims are looking for housing. We need a better system in place. It was difficult to help due to the limitations due to the Red Cross.

Magali Sanchez Hall - The People's Climate March is this Saturday. Flares from Tesoro continue to make the local air quality poor.

Anthony Quezada - Native Americans in Wilmington are affected by pollution in Wilmington, including tire fires and trash in the street. He is a member of the Apache Warriors Ministry. He wants to mobilize Native Americans to speak out against the pollution around Wilmington.

Salvador Lara – Last week Clean Wilmington collected 20 tons of trash. Wilmington needs the city of Los Angeles to provide the same sanitation services to us as other neighborhoods. \

Art Gonzalez – It makes sense for ports and refineries to clean up the pollution because it affects their own workers. How can Councilman Buscaino protect and serve the community but not address air quality here?

11. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 25, 2016.

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