



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 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	Absent
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Absent, Excused
Socorro Fimbres	Absent, Excused
Monica Garcia-Massey	Absent, Excused
Robert Jones	Present, Arrived 6:55 p.m.
Ignacio (Nacho) Ortiz	Present
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

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

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm by Ignacio Ortiz, Chair of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
- b. A quorum of 8 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 20 stakeholders present.

Opening Remarks from the Chair - Welcome. Agendas at back. We will discuss items in the order that they are listed. Speaker cards are available at the back. Two minutes to speak per person. We will follow rules of decorum. One person at time speaking. We will follow Brown Act. If you have any questions, let me know.

There will be a special meeting to determine funds for neighborhood purpose grants.

2. Reports from Government Officials (4 minutes)

a. Assembly Member Mike Gipson: Victor Ibarra -

There are 11 commissions that the Assemblyman looks to for advice on improving District 64's quality of life. Anyone living in the district may apply to be a commissioner. There is a new program for youth to show them the district and show them the responsibilities of an assemblymember in Sacramento. Please see the Assemblyman's website for more information.

b. Office of Mayor Garcetti: Manny Lopez - The LA Sustainability Leadership Council will provide critical vision and support for Los Angeles' Sustainability Plan.

The fiscal budget that Mayor Garcetti proposed was passed by the city council. Additional funds were allocated by the city council to Vision Zero. Millions of dollars will address homelessness

and broken streets. Funds will come from Measure M and Measure HHH. More funds were allocated to the LAPD force with the goal of reaching 10,000 officers.

Los Angeles High School students have the opportunity to be a part of the Los Angeles Youth Council.

c. Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Division: Officer Gonzalez -
2,500 people attended the People's Climate March.

In the past two months, a man has been assaulting and attempting to abduct children. The man travels in a white van with no windows and tries to lure children with a puppy.

Churches in Wilmington have been vandalized recently.

The LAPD is trying to coordinate with SBCC to install cameras in areas at high risk for dumping.

22 tickets were issued for trucking violations just today.

There have been 25 arrests for car thieves this month.

d. Los Angeles Port Police: Jane Britain -
There has been increased graffiti at Wilmington Waterfront Park.

There were arsons in Wilmington this past month. Someone was recorded on camera and they are now behind bars.

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

e. Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino – Jacob Haik
Gabriella Medina will be moving on from the city to work in Congresswoman Barragan's office.

Haik is familiar with Wilmington and will help out with Medina's duties in the meantime.

Please use 311 for pot holes, graffiti and bulk item pickup. The more it is used, the more it will be improved.

3. Budget and Finance -

The Treasurer, Roque Pech, and the board reviewed the monthly expenditure report. Pech anticipated that line items will be reached.

On June 1, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will no longer accept funding request forms for the current fiscal year.

The city will be switching the neighborhood council's bank with the goal of having a better bank card.

An additional \$5,000 could be allocated for neighborhood purpose grants.

4. Action Items

A. Review and Approve the WNC meeting minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on April 26, 2017

Motion by Ernie Aguilar to approve Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Robert Jones and passed with **7 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 1**

abstention (Pech).

B. Discussion & possible approval for the Wilmington Neighborhood Purpose Grant application Selection.

The board invited representatives from non profit organizations to address the board and stakeholders; the organizations detailed what they were asking for in their neighborhood purpose grant application.

Laura Rensing from MySafe:LA explained that her organization goes around to schools teaching fire safety and hands only cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The organization also distributes smoke alarms to residences. MySafe:LA wants to partner with the Wilmington Neighborhood Council. Employees teach seniors how to react in emergency situations.

A representative from the Wilmington Carson Pilots is applying for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to provide helmets and pads for kids on the teams. The current helmets and pads are outdated. About 150 kids will utilize the equipment.

Salvadaor Lara from Clean Wilmington, which cleans the community's streets, spoke. He said that Clean Wilmington is a part of SBCC now and if SBCC is funded Clean Wilmington will be funded.

Motion by Sylvia Arredondo and seconded by Valerie Contreras to have a Special Meeting to deal with budget and finance adjustments and to funds neighborhood purpose grants. Passed with 5 yes (Anaya, Arrendondo, Jones, Ortiz, Pech), 0 no and 3 abstentions (Aguilar, Contreras, and Sanchez)

The board discussed agendizing the amount of funds for the special meeting to not exceed \$2000 each.

C. Discussion & possible approval to transfer remaining funds to Outreach or Operations

The Treasurer wanted to table this item the Special meeting to make book keeping easier.

Motion by Roque Pech and seconded by Syliva Arrendondo to table item C and to take it from the table at the special meeting, passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arrendondo, Contreras, Jones, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no and 0 abstentions, 1 not voting (Ortiz).

D.

E. Discussion and possible action on submitting community impact statements for Los Angeles City Council Files

Motion by Sylvia Arredondo and seconded by Roque Pech to consider Agenda item 6d. immediately and passed with with 7 yes (Anaya, Arrendondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 1 no (Aguilar) and 0 abstenstions.

The board invited Ashley Hernandez from Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling to come up and speak. She explained that neighborhood drilling is not compatible with healthy neighborhoods. Thousands of Angelinos live within half a mile of neighborhood drilling. Communities of color are impacted the most from neighborhood drilling.

Magali Sanchez Hall, member of Communities for a Better Environment also spoke. She said that some people say that community members will pay taxes to phase out existing

drilling sites, but this is not true.

Motion by Roque Pech and seconded by Ernie Aguilar to submit a community impact statement on Council File 17-0447 and in favor of a feasibility study on changing Land Use Codes to phase out neighborhood drilling. Passed with **7 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions and 1 recused (Arredondo).**

Board discussed the importance of the community impact statement.

1. Motion by Valerie Contreras moved and seconded by Roque Pech to table the discussion of Council File 15-1138-S1 (Comprehensive Homeless Strategy). Passed with **8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
2. Motion by Roque Pech and seconded by Nancy Anaya to submit a community impact statement on Council File 14-0366-S5. Passed with **8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

Board discussed the Cannabis Licensing Commission. Many members were in favor of regulating marijuana to maintain community safety.

5. Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

Steve Salas – Encouraged the board to keep up the good work. Suggested that they invite more department employees to your board meetings, or hold a special town hall meeting where stakeholders can interact with the department employees that serve them.

Magali Sanchez Hall – It is important for residents to conserve to save money on water and power bills. There is currently a joint effort between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Communities for a Better Environment and Liberty Hill Foundation to encourage residents to conserve electricity and water. Please sign the pledges they have produced.

6. Reports from Committees

a. Planning and Land Use: Valerie Contreras - Seven committee members and one board member from another neighborhood council present at last planning committee. The committee discussed sending a support letter to LADWP on selling tanks to the Port of Los Angeles. The committee also discussed Port of Long Beach pier B Rail Expansion project. Discussed sending a letter.

Steve Salas was invited by the board to speak on the committees activities. He said that in 2009 Harbor Commissioners approved the deal with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power tanks. He believes that a letter from the board will hold government officials accountable. Regarding the Long Beach project, he explained that the land purchased for the project is currently occupied and that it will be jointly maintained by the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

b. Beautification: Robert Jones – Meets every third Tuesday at the Wilmington Library, 6:30 pm. Please become a member or join us in the audience. Welcome to Wilmington Project is proceeding. On May 27 Saturday PCH and Eubank going over the team.

c. Transportation: Carlos Sanchez – Meets at the Wilmington Library, 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. He encouraged stakeholders to give the committee ideas on how to improve our transportation. The committee might collaborate with a business or LADWP to put flashing lights on Anaheim Street and Island St.

d. Environmental: Sylvia Arredondo – Meets on the third Monday at the Wilmington Library. 6:30 pm. The committee is researching a business that can help pick up dog waste. The committee is discussing how composting can be popularized in Wilmington.

e. Office Report – Roque will make purchases for the office.

f. Other – Carlos Sanchez will use the funds that were allocated at a prior meeting to purchase a sound system for council events.

7. Announcements from Board Members

Ignacio Ortiz – Let's discuss not having a meeting board in June or July. Banning High School might not be available in June.

Nancy Anaya – Four by six cards that have council information will be purchased and distributed to stakeholders. Please send committee information to the chair of the publicity committee. The committee might also explore brochures about Wilmington for tourists.

Valerie Contreras – Wilmington Neighborhood Watch information is posted on the council website. Please support and get involved with the Neighborhood Watch.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Valerie Contreras to adjourn meeting, seconded by Robert Jones and passed with **8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, Pech and Sanchez), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be decided and announced on the website.

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