



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

Wilmington Municipal Building
1527 Lakme Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Absent, Excused
Nancy Anaya	Present
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valarie Contreras	Present
Rick Cruz	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Absent, Excused
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Monica Garcia-Massey	Absent, Excused
Robert Jones	Present
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 6:33 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. Action Items:

e. Neighborhood Purpose Grants for Wilmington-Carson Pilots

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Roque Pech to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund \$3,000 worth of equipment for Wilmington Carson Pilots.

Motion by Sylvia Arredondo to amend the amount to fund to \$3500. Seconded by Nancy and failed with 2 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo), 6 no (Contreras, Cruz, Fimbres, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez) , 0 abstentions and 1 not voting (Jones).

Original motion passed with with 8 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Jones, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting (Jones)

f. Neighborhood Purpose Grants for MySafe:LA

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Sylvia Arredondo to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund \$1,000 for operations of MySafe:LA.

Motion by Anaya and seconded by Contreras to amend the amount to fund to \$1500.

Motion by Pech and Seconded by Contreras to amend the amendment to fund to \$1000.

Amendment to the Amendment passed with 7 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez), 1 no (Fimbres), 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting (Jones)

Amendment passed with 7 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez), 1 no (Fimbres), 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting (Jones)

Original motion passed with 7 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Ortiz, Pech, Sanchez), 1 no (Fimbres), 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting (Jones)

g. Neighborhood Purpose Grants for San Pedro Art Association:

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Sylvia Arredondo to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund \$1,500 for San Pedro Art Association's Harbor Area wide art competition. Passed with 4 Yes (Arredondo, Cruz, Fimbres, Pech), 2 no (Contreras, Ortiz), 2 abstentions (Anaya and Sanchez), and 1 not voting (Jones).

h. Neighborhood Purpose Grants for SBCC:

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Nancy Anaya to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund \$1,000 for SBCC. Passed with 6 Yes (Anaya, Contreras, Cruz, Fimbres Pech, Ortiz), 2 no (Arredondo and Sanchez), 0 abstentions , and 1 not voting (Jones).

i. Neighborhood Purpose Grants for YMCA:

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Nancy Anaya to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund \$3,000 for YMCA summer swimming lessons. Passed with 8 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cruz, Fimbres Pech, Ortiz and Sanchez), 0 no (Arredondo and Sanchez), 0 abstentions , and 1 not voting (Jones).

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.

Steve Salas: POLA Workshop on Wilmington Waterfront Project.
Commissioners meeting for LADWP
SCIU

Banning Park needs a new director and coordinator. Please call Jacob Jaik. council office to bring Jerry Iarte, to the Banning Park from South Central. There is precedence for this.

Sylvia Arredondo – Please remember to check your emails if you are a liason. If we have a retreat, let's

have a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment facilitator.

Contreras – Let's work on the Strategic Plan and decide if we will have a regular board meeting or a retreat.

Socorro – Bylaws and rules committee is reviewing the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Let's have roll call votes for any and all financial matters.

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
Items were moved to the back of the agenda..

2d. Motion

with 7 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Jones, Ortiz, and Sanchez), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Pech).

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.

Funds NPG Board discussed how to fund the npgs, whether by percentage of total budget, or the dollar amount that is listed on the application. Members also discussed what organizations need the

Concerns for SBCC is that the grant is funding employees and the event is not until october.

Concerns for San Pedro Art Association is that the event will be in San Pedro and not in Wilmington.

Stakeholder concerned with Funds

MySafe LA moved by Fimbres and seconded by Arredondo

Motion by Sylvia Arredondo and seconded by Socorro Fimbres to approve moving \$5000 from operation to N Passed with 5 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Jones, Ortiz, Pech), 0 no and 3 abstentions (Aguilar, Contreras, and Sanchez)

Motion by Sylvia Arredondo and seconded by Roque Pech to from operation to N Passed with 5 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Jones, Ortiz, Pech), 0 no and 3 abstentions (Aguilar, Contreras, and Sanchez)

Motion by Socorro Fimbres and seconded by Sylvia Arredondo to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund My Safe:LA in the amount of \$1,500. Passed with with 5 yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Jones, Ortiz, Pech), 0 no and 3 abstentions (Aguilar, Contreras, and Sanchez)

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