



WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
1527 Lakme Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present, Arrived 7:15 p.m.
Nancy Anaya	Present, arrived 7:07 p.m.
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valerie Contreras	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Excused Absence
Robert Jones	Present
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order/Roll Call of Governing Board Members

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Sylvia Arredondo, Chair of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.

A quorum of 8 board members were present (see list above). There were about 10 stakeholders present.

Remarks from the chair - Welcome. The council is elected by local stakeholders. Packets with agenda item information are in the lobby of the theatre. One person at a time speaking. We will follow the Brown Act and code of civility. If you have any questions, let me know. You may fill out a speaker card before you make a comment.

1. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Susan Prichard – Thanks for having public comment at beginning. There was a shakeout in Wilmington on Oct. 19. Go to shakeout.org. Practice for earthquake preparedness. My group I Prepare Wilmington practiced at Tsu Chi. There will also be a CPR training in Spanish Thursday morning November 16 and in English on Friday afternoon November 17.

Janet Grothe – Public Affair manager at Phillips 66. This Halloween will be the 65th Anniversary of Smilin' Jack at the refinery. There will be free caramel popcorn. We Wish everyone a safe and happy halloween.

Albert Ramirez – Senior Organizer with Reclaim Our Schools LA. The organization is working with teachers and United Teachers of Los Angeles to make sure public's schools are funded. Fighting for a one million dollar fund for DACA students. We want to double the amount of funding for students.

Octavio Ramirez- Service by police dispatch was not sufficient when I contacted them about a possible stolen vehicle. Police officer was very rude and hung up on me. The car was abandoned for three weeks.

2. Minutes

Approve Sept. 27, 2017 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes. The board requested that “ the board will need to find another place” be deleted from item 4b. The board only needs to select another date.

[M/S/C Aguilar/Familathe to approve the Sept. Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes. 6 Yes \(Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Familathe and Pech\); 0 No, 2 abstentions \(Jones and Sanchez\)](#)

3. Reports From Government Agency Offices

- a. Morgan Roth from 44th Congressional District, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan - A written report was presented. He also said that the Congresswoman will be taking part in some community events. If constituents have any issues with the Social Security Administration or any federal agency contact us. On Monday, Oct. 30 at 1:30 p.m. the Homeland Security Committee will be having a meeting at the Los Angeles Harbor on port security. The congresswoman is on the committee and the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles will be briefing the committee on port security. The meeting is open to the public but there will not be any public comment on the meeting.
- b. Fernando Navarrete from Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino (CD 15) - Section 8 wait list lottery will be open until Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. For details and to apply, visit [Hacla.org](#). Go to a library to apply if you do not have internet access. To see if your neighborhood qualifies for a speed hump, go to [ladot.org](#). On Oct. 12, the steering committee met for the gazebo in the Wilmington Town Square. On Nov. 3rd there will be community input on the design. Please come to the Town Square and provide us with input. SB 1, will fund local transportation infrastructure. Buscaino's office wants truck turning improvements and signal modifications in Wilmington and especially on the Pacific Coast Highway. Vision Zero brings together different departments and community groups to try to end deaths due vehicles. Some new equipment will be installed as part of the program in Wilmington. Across the John Mendez Baseball

Field, the land is being appraised for a possible park. We want to use prop K. funding for another existing park. Possibly green belt park.

President Arredondo wanted to know the possibility of prop. A funding to be applied to Wilmington.

Co-Chair Contreras asked if a project that is going to be addressed the lack of an eastbound sidewalk on Pacific Coast Highway coming from Vermont and going to Figueroa Place. Wants to know if lake machado funding can be channelled into the sidewalk.

Port Liaison is negotiating with LADWP regarding tanks in Wilmington.

As of Oct. 15, several streets in Wilmington have been serviced with sealer.

4. Appointments to the Governing Board

- a. President Arredondo discussed the process for appointments. There were four vacant representative seats: Community Interest, Employee, Owner, and Member-at-Large. Ballots will be retained by the Secretary.
- b. There were three candidates for the Member at Large Seat: Moises Cortes, Darlene Moreno and Octavio Ramirez. Cortes said he is interested to move Wilmington forward, make it into a neighborhood that residents are proud of and so people look up to it. He has been shaped by Wilmington and wants to give back. He also graduated from the University of Southern California. Darlene Moreno said she want to work with community and private businesses to strengthen Wilmington. She went to public schools, tutored and helped children to read. She served in Peace Corps for two years in Armenia. Worked to promote gender equality. Gang presence still in Wilmington. She wants to work on sustainable solutions. Octavio Ramirez is a resident of Wilmington. Recently graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He wants to work in conservation whether in the public or private sector. A lot of money is funnelled through Wilmington but more needs to stay here. I chose to run for the at large position because I don't want any restraints from my employer. I don't want to have an agenda other than my own. Anthony Quesada wants the board to average the first and second vote and to take the highest average. Magali Sanchez Hall said that the board should know the backgrounds of the candidates. What is their main interest? Fernando Naverette said he doesn't know Moreno very well, but she is spoken of highly. **Moises Cortes was appointed with 5 votes.**
- c. There were two candidates for the Community Interest seat, Alvaro Perez and Denise Martinez. Perez said he went to high school in Wilmington and became interested in the environment. He wants to help clean up wilmington. He thinks we should work toward becoming a tourist destination. He served in the community national guard and wants to promote self respect and self love. Martinez volunteers for the United Wilmington Youth Foundation. She has worked with the youth for the past six years.

Wilmington needs to maintain cultural identity while still making progress. She will be dedicated if elected. [Denise Martinez was appointed with 6 votes.](#)

- d. There were two candidates for the Employment seat, Dennis Ramos and Sylvia Campos Gordon. Ramos moved here six years ago. Went to local schools. He works to generate jobs. He is in favor of fixing streets and alleys. Wilmington needs more crossing guards for local schools. If we work as one, we can make a difference. Campos Gordon said she has served the homeless in the town square. She shop at Food 4 Less. We need to encourage businesses to hire people with disabilities. She hires homeless people to do things she cannot and she feeds them. Her first job was at 15 years old selling Fuller Brush. She was the president of the Parent Teacher Association in Merced. She said she is a team player and has leadership qualities. She is a former low rider, but not a gang member. [Campos-Gordon was appointed with five votes.](#)
- e. Kim Luke was the sole applicant for the property owner seat. She is a third generation Wilmington residents. She is a member of the ILWU. She became particularly interested in the neighborhood council after hearing about the Tesoro Refinery expansion. [Kim Luk was appointed with 8 votes.](#)

5. Action Items

- a. Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2017.

[M/S/C Familathe/Jones to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2017. 8 Yes \(Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Familathe, Sanchez, Jones and Pech\); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions](#)

- b. Approval of reimbursement for books on rules of order purchased by Socorro Fimbres.

[M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar for reimbursement for books on rules of order purchased by Socorro Fimbres in the amount of \\$225. 8 Yes \(Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Familathe, Sanchez, Jones and Pech\); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions](#)

- c. Approval of reimbursement for certificate frames purchased by Nancy Anaya.

[M/S/C Familathe/Pech for reimbursement for certificate frames purchased by Nancy Anaya in the amount of \\$13.10. 8 Yes \(Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Familathe, Sanchez, Jones and Pech\); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions](#)

- d. Approve supporting Council File 15-0499, Protecting Biodiversity, by submitting a Community Impact Statement. (See attached CIS)

The chair discussed the motion and stressed that it is important to restore the biodiversity in highly impacted areas such as Wilmington.

M/S/C Jones/Pech to approve the filing of Community Impact Statement for Council File 15-0499 8 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Sanchez, Fimbres, Jones and Pech); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve moving monthly meeting dates for November and December.

M/S/C Pech/Jones to approve monthly meeting for November 8 or 15: 11/8 (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Sanchez, Jones and Pech); 11/15 (Arredondo); 0 Abstentions

M/S/C Pech/Contreras to approve monthly meeting for December 6 or 13: 12/6 (Contreras); 12/13 (Arredondo, Aguilar, Anaya, Familathe, Sanchez, Jones and Pech); 0 Abstentions

- f. Approve sending a letter to Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to thank her for her leadership to revise a County Ordinance that would develop a pipeline inspection and safety plan for county pipelines.

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- g. Approve sending a letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Los Angeles Department of Transportation to consider accelerating the deployment of zero-emission buses for Wilmington that prioritizes lines 232, 202, 205, 246 and the Dash.

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- h. Approve sending a letter to Mayors of Los Angeles and Long Beach to advance zero-emission trucks in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach that prioritizes renewable electricity sources and is equitable for independent truck drivers.

Secretary Familathe wants to amend the letter by adding “so long as there is no fully automated equipment.” Familathe went to port's presidents meeting, everything is in testing mode. Stakeholders need to be realistic about the rate at which clean technologies can be applied at the port.

Carlos Sanchez said he wants all of Los Angeles to have clean air.

M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to recommit the letter to the Wilmington Neighborhood Council's Environmental Committee. 7 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions and 1 recusal (Arredondo).

6. Committees

- a. **Bylaws**: Next meeting will take place Thursday, November 9, 12pm-1pm at the WNC office, unless otherwise noticed.
- b. **Beautification**: Next meeting will take place Tuesday, November 14, 6:30pm at the Library. Attend and learn more. The chair's contact information is on the website. The Welcome to Wilmington sign project is continuing. It will be at the corner of Figueroa and PCH at the park and ride. An engineer is starting the measurements. The project is being handled between the state and city government.
- c. **Environmental**: The committee received new members. Next meeting will take place on Monday, November 20, 6:30pm at the Library, unless otherwise noticed.
- d. **Finance**: Treasurer Pech encouraged new board members to complete code of conduct, ethics and funding training so that they are able to vote on items.
- e. **Land Use and Planning**: Report from 10/9 meeting. Next meeting will take place on Monday, November 6, 6:30pm at Library, unless otherwise noticed. Plan Check meetings will be discussed and how information given there can be applied to this committee.
- f. **Public Works**: Report from 10/24 meeting. Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 21, 5:30pm at Library unless otherwise noticed.
- g. **Publicity and Communications**: No Report.
- h. **Transportation**: Report from 10/24 meeting. Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 6:30pm at Library, unless otherwise noticed.
- i. **Other governing board announcements and Liaison announcements**

Catherine Familathe went to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils in October. There was a motion passed so that each council will send one representative to meet together with Buscaino's office to address gang violence and the need for more opportunities for young people. There is still no internet in the Wilmington NC Office. We need to determine if AT&T or the City are the entity that fixes the connection issues in the office. Might need council money to approve any further fixes.

Sylvia Arredondo reminded stakeholders about the dangers of leaving pets alone in closed rooms or cars. They need ventilation and water.

Nancy Anaya said that the Los Angeles County Health Department is making sure that Hepatitis A vaccines are available to community members. Homeless count is coming up and we need volunteers.

7. Board Business

- a. Treasurer Pech announced that the Los Angeles Harbor College Teacher Preparation Program received the blue ribbon award. He thinks the board should recognize Harbor College for its achievement; then they can share best practices with the community. Carlos Sanchez suggested an ad hoc committee that evaluates the policies of Los Angeles Harbor College before the board shares what they are doing.
- b. Committee and Liaison Appointments - Without objection, appointments were tabled.
- c. Brief Board Announcements - Secretary Catherine Familathe said the Wilmington Neighborhood Council will have a booth at the Dia de los Muertos Wilmington Art Walk on Friday, November 3. On Oct. 27, there will be a discussion on the North American Free Trade Agreement in San Pedro. Nanette Barragan will be speaking via video from Washington D.C. President Arredondo said she also attended Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting. David Ryu was there and he talked about what he is doing to support the neighborhood council system. He also listened to ideas from the meeting participants. She also attended the President's meeting and was presented with the Clean Air Action Report. It will be shared on the website. Robert Jones said that the Wilmington Art Walk will be on November 1. It will be a day of the dead theme. Anyone can look it up on facebook if he or she is interested in an altar

8. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Amra Deep from the Los Angeles New Alliance for a New Economy spoke. She said Los Angeles needs to bring together port truck drivers and warehouse workers. In the past, some companies profited off of subsidies. LAANE wants the mayors of Long Beach and Los Angeles to act to end wage theft. Truck drivers should not bear the brunt of the costs for switching to new technologies. On November 9th warehouse workers truck drivers dinner and testimonies from everyone affected. LAANE wants Wilmington NC to go and help figure out how the council can get involved. Councilman Buscaino moved to investigate wage theft recently. The event will be at Phillips Temple CME Church, 973 E 43rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90011.

9. Adjournment

M/S/C Familathe/Pech to adjourn the meeting. 8 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No's; 0 Abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian L. Guzman,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council