



# Wilmington Neighborhood Council

## **MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING** **GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.  
Wilmington Senior Citizens Center  
1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present.
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valerie Contreras	Present
Moises Cortes	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Sylvia Gordon	Present
Robert Jones	Present, Arrived 6:45 p.m.
Kim Luke	Present
Denise Martinez	Present, Arrived 6:42 p.m.
Roque Pech	Present, Arrived 6:45 p.m.
Carlos Sanchez	Present, Arrived 6:55 p.m.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order/Roll Call of Governing Board Members**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Sylvia Arredondo, Chair of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.

A quorum of 10 board members were present at the beginning (see list above). There were about 50 stakeholders present.

Remarks from the chair - Welcome. The council is elected by local stakeholders. Packets with agenda item information are at the entrance. 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 voluntarily fill out a speaker card before you make a comment.

## **2. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Arredondo office swore in Denise Martinez.

## **3. RECOGNITIONS**

Board Members welcomed the Wilmington Junior Futbol Club Teams 2001 (16u) winners of Spartan Gold Cup & 2009 (8u) Spartan Gold Cup and Harbor Premier Futbol League.

Board members presented team members with certificates of recognition and photographs were taken.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Raphael Garcia - Free Flu Vaccines and Immunizations will be given for youth on Dec.15 at Providence Wilmington Activity Center. For more information, call 424 212 5640.

Pat Wilson – People are illegally using public roads and land for port commerce. Many companies are allowing containers to illegally be stacked around town. Councilwoman Hahn put in an ordinance that dealt with container storage. Most operators and truckers do not follow that law today. Truck parking is out of control. I will be working to lessen the problem.

Jacqueline Lopez - There was a shooting on Q Street and Bayview. Are there neighborhood watches in Wilmington? There is not enough information available to the public on shootings.

Joe Grucelli – Banning High School won best improvement for attendance rates for the Los Angeles Unified School District yesterday. Dual enrollment is being rolled out for students. The calendar for the next three school years have been approved.

Steve Salas – I'm here to speak on several projects and encourage you to step up. Hold meetings and submit comments. There is five million dollars from Vopak and nine million from the Port of Los Angeles to fix Alameda. Speak up at Harbor Commission meetings and other meetings.

## **5. PRESENTATION ON LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT**

Megan Emme from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority presented on the upcoming Homeless Count January 24, 8 to 11 p.m. She encouraged the board to volunteer for the count. Emme also asked the board to share the information on the Wilmington Neighborhood Council website and social media.

Board members asked for the count from the past year. They also asked about the timeline to get people housed.

Emme said she can forward a data sheet to President Arredondo. Someone getting housed depends on the person and what they are going through.

Steve Salas asked the council to submit a community impact statement on homelessness and the penal code about Recreational Vehicles being able to park in industrial zones.

## **6. MINUTES**

The board noted that Gordon and Cortes should be included in the swearing in portion of the minutes. Cortes voted yes on item 8e. and no on 8f. for the November Meeting.

M/S/C Fimbres/Luke to approve minutes as corrected.

10 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Fimbres, Gordon, Jones, Luke, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No's, 2 Abstentions (Familathe and Martinez) and 1 not voting (Aguilar).

## **7. FINANCE REPORT**

Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2017.

Treasurer Pech went over the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). Expenses were for the Dia De Los Muertos Wilmington Art Walk. There were also expenses for the Winter Event. The council stayed under budget for the events. All of the information is in the MER.

M/S/C Familathe/Jones to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2017. 13 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Fimbres, Gordon, Martinez, Jones, Luke, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No's, 0 Abstentions.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to purchase outreach items at an expense no more than \$2,000.00 to support efforts to provide for the homeless in the community of Wilmington by partnering with grassroots community organizations such as but not limited to; A Needy Wilmington, Heart of the Harbor, and Straight from the Heart.

M/S/ Familathe/Aguilar to purchase outreach items at an expense not to exceed \$3,000 to support efforts to provide for the homeless in the community of Wilmington by partnering with grassroots community organizations such as but not limited to; A Needy Wilmington, Heart of the Harbor, and Straight from the Heart.

Nancy Anaya and Sylvia Arredondo – Wilmington is the most dense community for homelessness. What the council can do is purchase items for the homeless. A few groups gave the council a list of items that would be useful.

Some members of the board thought it would have been better if a committee had looked at the item instead of it being brought directly to the board. Nancy Anaya is the homelessness liaison and has been active in finding solutions. It was also suggested that in the future the council could do price comparisons for different stores to get better deals. Board members appreciated the organizations that partnered with the council to create this budget.

Representatives from A Needy Wilmington commented that there is an increase in homeless youth. The organization provides foods and started an Adopt a Banning Pilot Program. The organization also helps to purchase prom tickets and buys gifts for Christmas.

A representative from Straight from the Heart said that that group doesn't need all of the items. The organization gets a lot of resources from family and friends. But the other organizations might need the items.

M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to amend the motion to not exceed \$2,000 to support efforts to provide for the homeless in the community of Wilmington.

10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Gordon, Martinez, Jones, Luke and Pech); 0 No's, 3 Abstentions (Arredondo, Fimbres and Sanchez).

The amended motion passed with 10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Gordon, Martinez, Jones, Luke and Pech); 0 No's, 3 Abstentions (Arredondo, Fimbres and Sanchez).

## **9. BOARD BUSINESS**

- a. Appointments of committee members and committee chairs.

President Arredondo went over the current committees.

Bylaws Committee - Cathy Familathe and Sylvia Gordon were appointed. Members are Arredondo, Contreras, Aguilar and Gordon.

Beautification Committee - Kim Luke and Moises Cortes were appointed.

Budget and Finance Committee – Roque Pech was appointed to chair the committee. Jan. 10 is the next meeting. Kim Luke and Sylvia Gordon were appointed to be members of the committee.

Environmental Committee – Sylvia is the current chair. Denise Martinez, Kim Luke and Moises Cortes were appointed.

Planning Committee – Chaired by Valerie Contreras, Kim Luke was appointed.

Public Works Committee - Current chair is Carlos Sanchez. Sylvia Gordon, Denise Martinez and Ernie Aguilar were appointed to the committee.

Publicity Committee – Nancy Anaya current chair.

b. Appointments of liaisons to city agencies and departments

M/S/C Contreras/Sanchez to table item 9 b.

11 Yes (Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Fimbres, Gordon, Jones, Luke, Pech and Sanchez); 1 No (Aguilar), 0 Abstentions and 1 not voting (Martinez).

## 10. REPORTS AND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Arredondo - Thanked the community for being present. Said that this year has been a learning curve. Board members are pledged to find ways to continue to serve the community and be leaders.
- b. Vice Chair Contreras - Thanks to Kim Luke and the rest of the board for participating in the Wilmington Winter Event.
- c. Secretary Familathe – Office is up and running. Cortes is helping to get is more organized. Thankful to the De la Torre family, which I am a part of, in helping our community. I am working with Nancy Anaya to organize a resource fair.
- d. Ernesto Aguilar – Thanks to those who participated in the Wilmington holiday parade. If we don't know how to help the community, we will work to find out how.
- e. Carlos Sanchez – I encourage community members to get involved in the committees and at events.

## 11. COMMITTEES

- a. Beautification – Met yesterday (Dec. 12) and discussed an adopt a street campaign. The council might partner with Councilman Buscaino on this.
- b. Bylaws Committee – Will meet on the second Thursday of Jan. 2018 at 12 p.m.
- c. Environmental Committee – plans for future presentations by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Recycle LA.

- d. Finance Committee – Feb 14, 2018 is the final day to apply for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
- e. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – Discussion on Library Security. Councilman Ryu put forth a motion to ban lewd content at the library. This council might want to file a community impact statement on that.
- f. Public Works Committee – Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- g. Transportation Committee – Will meet second Thursday every month. Chair is Carlos Sanchez.
- h. Valerie Contreras – Food was purchased from Smokey Dokey Barbeque.

## 12. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C Aguilar/Familathe to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

13 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Fimbres, Gordon, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No (Aguilar), 0 Abstentions.