



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Phineas Banning High School
1527 Lakme Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present.
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valerie Contreras	Present, arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Moises Cortes	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Present
Socorro Fimbres	Present
Sylvia Gordon	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denise Martinez	Present
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and opening remarks (5 mins)

The chair, Sylvia Arredondo, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Anthony Quezada - I am here to ask about the Neighborhood Council funding program. The Wilmington JC complex has outstanding athletes that play there. I encourage the Wilmington Neighborhood Council to use its funds for the field or help the field get other grants. It should look beautiful like other neighborhoods' fields.

Steve Salas - I am going to keep pushing for the Wilmington Waterfront. Where are the Vopak funds that are worth \$5 million. At other times, Commissioner Castellanos was trying to get \$15 or \$20 million. Mike Gipson has funding and Councilman Buscaino has

funding on hold. East Wilmington Green belt has been on hold for years. Call your elected representatives.

Lisa De La Cruz - Invitation to Relay for Life and Valentine's Day Dance. The dance is on Feb. 16 and is a fundraiser for Relay for Life on May 19.

3. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES

44th Congressional District, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan (Morgan Roth presented)

Government was shutdown recently, so the congresswoman's schedule got pushed back. The Congresswoman is interested in working with the council on the Carbon Fee and Dividend. Come to the office or we can have a conference call. Barragan voted against funding the government because there are no protections for community clinics or immigrants. Ernie Aguilar asked about the deportation of veterans. Barragan is trying to get veterans who have been deported back to the United States. The Congresswoman wrote a bill that would transfer homelessness vouchers between states if they are unused in one state. There will be a Congress on Your Corner tomorrow in North Long Beach. The district office staff goes to a public place and meets with constituents.

64th Assembly District, Assemblyman Mike Gipson (Victor Ibarra presented)

Assemblyman wishes you Happy New Year. Cap and Trade forum will be in February or March. Moderators will discuss ongoing incentives and who can apply for funds for green initiatives in February or March. Gas started going up in price due to SB 1. Assemblyman is working with the California Department of Transportation and Pacific Gateway of Long Beach to try to foster workers and hire locally. There are 6 projects in Assembly District 64 that are getting funds from SB 1. April will be annual autism awareness month. Gipson will try to educate people on resources for parents with autism. Two hundred air filters will be given out by the Assemblyman in future events.

New state legislation, AB 7 is a law that closes the loophole which allowed people to carry unloaded guns in unincorporated areas of counties. SB 3 - Minimum wage increase. 26 employers or more, \$11 per hour. SB 65 - Driving high results in a DUI citation.

Cecelia Moreno of the Los Angeles Harbor Department

Third meeting concerning the Avalon Promenade and Gateway will be on February 15. TY Lin will present their plans to the community. Plans were based on community input. Before a lease with Vopak is renewed, there will be an environmental impact report. The Port Police budget will be discussed in April at a Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner meeting. The Wilmington Waterfront Park is being refurbished. The chair asked about details for the Vopak EIR. Ms. Moreno explained that Vopak will give funds to nonprofit organizations in Wilmington once a new lease is signed. Several businesses will be phased out at Ports O'Call while it is redeveloped.

4. PRESENTATION ON GANAS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR GRADES K-8
PROJECM/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to approve minutes as corrected.

12 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Pech and Sanchez); 0 No's, 1 Abstention (Campos-Gordon). **TED TO OPEN FALL 2019. PRESENTED BY FOUNDER SAKSHI JAIN**

Charter schools are free and GANAS would customize its program to educate students. One hundred and twenty students in the first year. School will grow a grade annually. There will be emphasis on science and reading. But students will also be taught character. Parents will have the opportunity to engage in the education students receive. Extended school days of 7:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. Board Members may include Fernando Navarette and the principal of Port of Los Angeles High School.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

Treasurer Pech went through expenditures for December including recurring expenses and event expenses. There was a payment for the Welcome to Wilmington Sign.

M/S/C Familathe/Cortes to approve the December Monthly Expenditure Report.

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Reimbursement for purchase of certificate materials. The board discussed whether honoring sports teams was approved for funds in the past. Steve Salas was in favor of teams being acknowledged.

M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to reimburse Nancy Anaya for sports team certificate materials in amount not to exceed \$140.

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

- b. Planning and Land Use committee recommends to the WNC governing board to send a letter to Council District 15, Director of Economic Development, and Los Angeles Department of City Planning in regards to Permanent Supportive Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units in Wilmington.

Steve Salas referenced a municipal code that confines people residing in recreational vehicles to industrial zones. Board discussed the obstacles with enforcement of the recommendations in the letter. The board also discussed the additions to the statement to oppose housing convicted sex offenders and pedophiles.

M/S/C Aguilar/ Contreras to file a community impact statement on the Wilmington Neighborhood Council's recommendations on permanent supportive housing and accessory dwelling units to those offices listed above. Council file 17-1422

4 Yes (Contreras, Pech, Martinez, Luke), 3 No's (Aguilar, Jones and Cortes) and 6 abstentions (Anaya, Arredondo, Familathe, Fimbres, Campos-Gordon and Sanchez)

- c. Environmental Committee recommends to the WNC governing board to request businesses and industries to provide a written or verbal report on steps the facility is taking to protect and restore biodiversity in the community of Wilmington, if no such action has been taken the council requests that all landscaping business/industry property be converted to native plants, see attached letter.

M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to request businesses and industries to provide a written or verbal report on steps being taken to protect and restore biodiversity in Wilmington.

9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Pech), 0 No's, 3 Abstentions (Arredondo, Campos-Gordon, and Contreras) and 1 not voting (Fimbres)

8. COMMITTEES (15 mins)

- Bylaws: No meeting held on 1/11/18. Next meeting on 2/8/18 at 12pm.
- Beautification: Report from meeting on 1/9: Working on an adopt the street program. The next meeting is on 2/13/18 at 6:30pm.
- Environmental: Minutes from meeting on 1/15 are in the board packet, next meeting on 2/19/18 at 6:30pm.
- Budget & Finance: Report from 1/10: Encourage non-profits to apply for neighborhood purpose grants and complete applications correctly. The next meeting is on 2/14 at 6:30pm.
- Land Use & Planning: Welcome to Wilmington entryway sign update: The community can still give input. Engineering work has been completed. Landscape architect will be selected in the future. Assemblyman Gipson is in support of the project. Guest speaker from Clean Up, Green Up at the next meeting on 2/12.
- Public Works: No report.
- Publicity & Communications: No report.
- Transportation: No report.
- Liaison announcements and other committee business

- Port of Los Angeles President meeting included information of public access investment plan. Three additional projects are scheduled in Wilmington. Increased funding to about \$90 million. Let Chairwoman Arredondo know if you have concerns to be discussed by the Port of Los Angeles.
- Emergency Preparedness Alliance meeting at SBCC on Jan. 25

9. ADJOURN

M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to adjourn the meeting. 13 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Campos-Gordon, Familathe, Fimbres, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Pech); 0 No's.