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MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Phineas Banning High School| 1527 Lakme Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Sylvia Arredondo, Chair	Absent (Excused)
Valerie Contreras, Vice-Chair	Present
Cathy Familathe, Secretary	Present
Ernesto Aguilar, Parliamentarian	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present
Moises Cortes	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denise Martinez	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairwoman Valerie Contreras called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Due to lack of quorum, Cathy Familathe motioned to suspend the agenda until a quorum is possible. Ernesto Aguilar seconded the motion.

Contreras took item out of order without objection and allowed for Item 3.j.i. under REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES, Other City Departments, Government, Department of City Planning: Wilmington Harbor City Community Plan update presentation.

Ruben Caldwell, senior city planner with the Planning Department, introduced Planning Assistant Jessica Alvarado and City Planning Associate Esther Amaya. He said City

Planner Marie Cobian was not there but she also is a point of contact. He spoke about the boundaries and answered questions from board and public.

Alvarado went over Harbor Los Angeles Community Plans Update packet, which must be emailed by Nov. 20.

Amaya detailed upcoming events. There will be a live webinar on Thursday, September 20. They also will have in-person presentations Saturday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in English and Spanish. The next event will be a community plan kick-off event, where vision of the community can be shared, on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Contreras asked why Wilmington and Harbor City were combined. And, is there a way to separate them.

Caldwell responded that the boundaries were set in the late 1960s and there were quite a few criteria in developing boundaries, based on acreage and Census tracts.

Carlos Sanchez asked when will they decide on the final

Caldwell said that 2021 is the target time for the completion of the update

Aguilar said that 90 percent is Wilmington to consider listening to Wilmington more than fellow neighbors in moving forward.

Contreras asked why it doesn't incorporate Terminal Island, which is under the Wilmington jurisdiction.

Caldwell said that two of the 35 community plans will be district plans. They are undergoing their own update process. In terms of the development or goals or policy they want here input.

Contreras opened it up to community for questions.

Resident Steve Salas asked why the community can't have a decrease in industrial, which is affecting the community's pollution.

Caldwell said it is part of the conversation through the process.

Simie Seaman noted that Wilmington is mixed used with light industrial and heavy industrial right up against residential neighborhood. She said it needs to be changed now because it is a blight for the community.

Caldwell said there are three primary components in the update: the general plan land use map, the policy document and zoning. With the zoning, which will be a more comprehensive approach, they will be utilizing a new zoning effort that will calibrate zones to neighborhood issues.

Resident and business owner Adolfo Fermin noted mistakes on the property that is port property, not neighborhood property. He asked what effect the Clean Up Green Up Ordinance 184246 will have on Wilmington and Harbor City. He said his business is personally affected because of rezoning.

Caldwell said some ordinances will be replaced and Clean Up Green Up does address some buffering issues.

Regina Martinez asked if all 35 community plans are as old as Wilmington, why there are preferences, and if there is a process for community plan?

Caldwell said that there are some communities as old as Wilmington's, that is has to do with the amount of change that has occurred, and there is a process to petition for a community plan. The discussion will occur.

Amaya referred everyone to Harborlaplans.org.

Familathe motioned to return to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Aguilar. Roll call was taken. The board had full quorum with only Sylvia Arredondo excused absent.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR (5 MINUTES)

Robert Jones motioned to approve the consent calendar with items listed below that could be pulled out of the consent calendar for discussion. The items were able to be taken up right after consent calendar had been approved. Familathe seconded the motion.

- a. Approve June 23 2018 special meeting minutes
- b. Approve June 2018 MER
- c. Approve July 18 special meeting minutes
- d. Approve July 2018 MER
- e. Approve Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Administrative Summary Packet
- f. Approve paying for a minute taker for Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood
- g. Council (HANC) meetings two times per year in an amount not to exceed \$415.00 for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

3 Yes – Aguilar, Familathe, Jones; 6 No – Nancy Anaya, Contreras, Moises Cortes, Kim Luke, Denise Martinez, Carlos Sanchez. The motion died with a 3-6-0 vote.

The board decided to take each sub-item individually without objection.

a. Approval of the June 23 2018 special meeting minutes
8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 1 No – Sanchez. The motion passed with an 8-1-0 vote.

b. Approval of the June 2018 MER
6 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Familathe, Luke, Martinez; 2 No – Contreras, Sanchez; 1 Abstained - Jones. The motion did not pass with a 6-2-1 vote. Seven votes were needed.

c. Approval of the July 18 special meeting minutes
6 Yes – Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 3 No – Aguilar, Anaya, Sanchez. The motion passed with a 6-3-0 vote.

d. Approval of July 2018 MER
7 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Luke, Martinez; 1 No – Sanchez;

1 Abstained – Jones. The motion passed with a 7-1-1 vote.

e. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Administrative Summary Packet
8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 1 No – Sanchez. The motion passed with an 8-1-0 vote.

f and g. Approval of paying for a minute taker for Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood and Council (HANC) meetings two times per year in an amount not to exceed \$415.00 for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

3 Yes – Aguilar, Familathe, Jones; 6 No – Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Luke, Martinez, Sanchez. Motion did not pass with 3-6-0 vote.

3. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES Representatives and officials from government agency offices are given 3 minutes each for the August 22nd meeting, unless otherwise adjusted by the presiding officer. (up to 55 mins)

Most of the representatives listed on the agenda were not present.

g. 44th Congressional District, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan.

Gabriela Cid, the new field representative for Wilmington, introduced herself, shared a few of the things Barragán did during the August recess and provided a report handout.

j. Other City Departments, Government officials

i. **Department of City Planning: Wilmington Harbor City Community Plan update (Presentation, 25mins)**

The presentation was made at the beginning of the meeting before roll call and before the board achieved quorum.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Adolfo Fermin, resident, said he opposed the Bike Loop for Wilmington and that he opposed a homeless site on 828 Eubank Ave.

Simie Seamans, resident, said she wanted the neighborhood council to listen to the people and give candidate endorsements to Regina Martinez, Barbara Zepeda, Steve Salas and Adolfo Fermin.

Alberto Ramirez of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy spoke about UTLA members voting on a strike on Aug. 23. He said there were town halls scheduled for Aug. 29 on public education.

Agustin Cabrera spoke about the Measure W Campaign to bring safe, reliable water to Los Angeles County, protecting against pollutants, particularly in Wilmington, and to create infrastructure.

Al Sattler, chairman of the Sierra Club group in the area, and also a member of the Torrance Refinery Action Alliance, spoke about how a risk assessment from the two refineries with regards to modified hydrofluoric acid or hydrofluoric acid would be a disaster.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (35 MINS)

a. Familathe motioned to approve the executive officer's recommendation to file the Community Impact Statement on NC Reform, [Council File #18-0467](#). The motion was seconded by Aguilar.

8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 1 No – Sanchez. The motion passed with an 8-1-0 vote.

b. Familathe motioned to approve the executive officer's recommendation to file the Community Impact Statement on DWP to study 100% renewable energy, [Council File #16-0243](#). The motion was seconded by Jones.

8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 1 No – Sanchez. The motion passed with an 8-1-0 vote.

c. Familathe motioned to follow the Planning and Land Use committee's recommendation: Community Impact Statement on Bicycle Loop, [Council File #18-0297](#). Sanchez seconded the motion.

8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Martinez, Sanchez; 1 No – Luke. The motion passed with an 8-1-0 vote.

d. Familathe motioned to follow the Planning and Land Use committee's recommendation to file the Community Impact Statement on Street Vending, [Council File #13-1493](#). No one seconded the motion. The motion failed to move forward.

e. Familathe motioned to follow the Planning and Land Use committee's recommendation to file the Community Impact Statement on Information Posting for victims of Human Trafficking, [Council File #17-0116](#). Luke seconded the motion.

9 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 0 No The motion passed with an 9-0-0 vote.

f. Familathe motioned to follow the executive officers' recommendation to send a letter to Councilman Buscaino and People Street Program Manager, Carlos Hernandez in regards to the proposed Sharefest People Street Plaza at W E Street between Figueroa and Frigate Ave. Aguilar seconded the motion.

Sanchez said he had a problem with executive officers doing most of the work, because most of the work should be done by the committee.

Familathe said that the Planning and Land Use sent it to executive officers and that all executive officers do is approve. Aguilar seconded the motion.

9 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 0 No The motion passed with an 9-0-0 vote.

g. Publicity and Communications co-chairs requesting approval to move forward with the following items as listed:

i. 8 banners to be made; 2 for each meeting location, as long as we are meeting in different locations in the community every quarter.

ii. Monthly flyers to be made for our regular monthly and committee meetings, at the discretion of the co-chairs.

iii. Website update with photos, fun facts, inspirational quotes; postings to be made by committee at their discretion.

iv. Creation of an Instagram account to be managed by Chair/ Co-chairs of committee.

Martinez said the committee previously approved four banners, but then there was a vacancy for the finance person. Then, she couldn't get the banners because they didn't have a credit card. What was suggested was to create eight banners, because they plan to have a meeting every quarter. So, then they would have two banners per meeting venue to place on the east side and on the west side of Wilmington.

Contreras opened it up to stakeholders for comment. There was comment from stakeholders

Martinez said they are now asking for eight banners for the same amount.

Contreras said they needed to amend the agenda to include the amount of the eight banners, for \$1,045.40.

Familathe motioned to accept the amendment to the agenda to include the amount not to exceed \$1,045.40. Martinez seconded the motion.

Aguilar asked why they are having eight banners instead of four.

Martinez said that Arredondo and she spoke about moving the meetings around so that different parts of Wilmington could participate. This way both the east and west side will be able to know about the meetings.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative Octaviano Rios said the board could not amend the agenda for a financial item.

Familathe rescinded her motion to amend the agenda. Luke seconded the motion to rescind the amendment to the agenda.

Familathe motioned to accept eight banners for the Publicity and Communications Committee (All of g's). Jones seconded the motion.

9 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez; 0 –No. The motion passed with an 9-0-0 vote.

- h. Environmental Committee recommends: Refill dog waste station located on Bayview between Anaheim and G Street and discuss establishing two more dog waste stations not to exceed \$900.00.

Contreras opened the item up for discussion.

Sanchez asked who is responsible for keeping up the maintenance.

Familathe motioned to table the item. Sanchez seconded the motion.

Contreras opened it up to stakeholders

Resident Christian Guzman suggested involving residents in getting sign up campaign because the Department of Sanitation provides free dog bags if you register with them. He suggested that the public could establish that and have the public match it.

Resident Simie Seaman asked clarification as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the dog waste.

7 Yes – Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Martinez; 1 No – Aguilar; 1 Abstained – Luke. The motion passed with a 7-1-1 vote.

- i. Familathe motioned to earmark \$1,500.00 for Fall Public Safety Resource fair that includes expenses for logistics, outreach, program, and WNC branded promotional items. Cortes seconded the motion.

Aguilar asked if the safety committee was going to give them the money.

Anaya clarified that the committee is just partnering with them.

Contreras asked what happened with the \$2,000 already approved.

Anaya clarified that it was not given out yet.

Contreras asked when the next Safety Committee was.

Familathe said that they don't have a date. She noted that the board has been in office for more than a year and that she didn't understand the hesitancy. The Ken Malloy Park is going to bring more people than if the board did it on their own.

3 Yes – Anaya, Familathe, Jones; 3 No – Luke, Martinez, Sanchez; 3 Abstained – Aguilar, Contreras Cortes. The motion did not pass with a 3-3-3 vote.

6. CANDIDATE APPOINTMENT TO VACANT REPRESENTATIVE SEATS (25 MINS)

The board reviewed candidate filing forms received as of 8/13/2018. Each candidate had 2 minutes to address the board. The board took a roll call vote to appoint candidates to fill vacant seat. A simple majority vote was used to declare appointment. Appointed candidates will be sworn in on September 26, 2018.

Each candidate except for Daniel Garcia, who did not show up, spoke about her or his qualifications.

Contreras opened comments from board members and stakeholders for each category.

Board members asked questions and commented on the candidate.

Stakeholder Simie Seaman commented on the importance of commitment.

Candidates responded to questions from board members and stakeholders.

a. Daniel Garcia - Owner Representative

b. Regina Martinez- Owner Representative

3 Yes – Aguilar, Contreras, Jones

c. Barbara Zepeda - Owner Representative

4 Yes – Anaya, Cortes, Familathe, Sanchez

d. Christy Thomas - Owner Representative

2 Yes – Martinez, Luke

Because the vote was for a simple majority, the board had to do a run-off.

a. Regina Martinez- Owner Representative

3 Yes – Aguilar, Contreras, Jones

b. Barbara Zepeda - Owner Representative

4 Yes – Anaya, Cortes, Familathe, Luke, Martinez, Sanchez

Zepeda won through a simple majority of a 6-3 vote.

c. Christian Guzman- Member-at-Large

7 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke

d. Catheryne Padilla - Member-at-Large

1 Yes – Martinez

e. Art Gonzalez - Member-at-Large

1 Yes – Sanchez

Guzman won through a simple majority of 7-1-1.

f. Steve Salas- Employee Representative

8 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Sanchez

g. Adolfo Fermin - Employee Representative

1 Yes – Familathe

Salas won through a simple majority of an 8-1 vote.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR & LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 MINS)

Contreras reported on behalf of the Bylaws Committee that they have a chair and a co-chair that will be helping Jones.

Anaya reported on behalf of the Publicity Committee that Facebook membership has grown with much feedback. They need someone translate things in Spanish.

Familathe asked DONE representative Octaviano Rios, on behalf of the Safety Committee if it would be a violation of the Brown Act if the two-member committee to have a phone conversation or get together to present things to the board.

Rios said it would not be a violation as long as they meet as two board members and not as the Safety Committee.

Anaya reported on the Safety Committee and explained why they teamed up with Ken Malloy Park was because they already have the permits and all the neighborhood councils are already being included and all they needed to participate. Also, part of Ken Malloy Park includes Wilmington.

Rios also explained that item 5i. Could be amended and placed again on the agenda in the future.

Anaya, homeless liaison for Wilmington, a working group regarding the homeless, which was put together after the Bridge Home sites were announced, said the next working meeting was Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Conference to provide information and facts. Anaya works with the homeless groups to provide clothing and hygiene for students and children.

Aguilar, another liaison on the homeless, said he stays with the surrounding Council District 15. Aguilar said they did send Los Angeles information about the town hall that took place on the 24 that was a NIMBY situation. He said two items on their agenda were pushed over and were not able to address, though he informed them that it's not going to work for Wilmington. It was to propose permanent supportive housing sites in 928 Marine Ave. in Wilmington. He stated anything that anything surrounded by schools, apartments or parks, the committee was not going to be supporting.

Contreras announced that Sylmar is taking official action on something taking place in Wilmington. They are filing a community impact statements that includes the proposed homeless site in Wilmington and San Pedro. Even though they are able to take action on that, some board members including herself, are opposed to having another community to take action on what will take place in Wilmington. They met on Aug. 23 in the evening. It is on their agenda. The homeless liaison is proposing to confer with the mayor and Councilman Joe Buscaino and their decision to put the Bridge Housing and RV parking in Wilmington. She said she did not getting anything approved because the chairwoman is out of town. She has a letter but it's not on the agenda. She said she Googled the person who put it forth and he is an investor for a sober living homes.

Familathe said the Casual Hall, is the facility they are looking at and that won't be vacant anytime soon.

8. DONE ANNOUNCEMENT (5 MINS)

Rios provided a packet with monthly profiles, weekly newsletters, copy of legislative report, boundary map, 311 flyer, 2018 Congress of Neighborhoods flyer, comment period for neighborhood council reforms, and the neighborhood council website.

The election day for the Wilmington region is June 8, 2019.

There are two new neighborhood councils North Westwood Neighborhood Council and Historical Cultural North Neighborhood Council. They are up to 99 neighborhood council now.

He also presented the Annual 2016-2017 Report.

Sanchez said the Neighborhood Council Congress is Sept. 22 to get certified.

9. NEXT GOVERNING BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING

September 26, 6:30 p.m. at Phineas Banning High School

10. ADJOURN

Luke motioned to adjourn. Jones seconded the motion.

9 Yes – Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Familathe, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Sanchez.

The motion passed 9-0.

The board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zamná Ávila