



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 6:30 pm
Phineas Banning High School – Cragin Theater
1527 Lakme Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Absent
Sylvia Arredondo	Present
Valerie Contreras	Present
Moises Cortes	Present
Catherine (Cathy) Familatthe	Resigned
Christian Guzman	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denisse Martinez	Present left at 7:40 p.m.
Steve Salas	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present at 7:00 p.m. left at 9:15 p.m.
Barbara Zepeda	Present left at 9:45 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Opening Remarks** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chair Sylvia Arredondo. A quorum of 11/10/9/8 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 25 stakeholders present.
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. Evelia Rodriguez asked for support of proposition 8.
 - b. Russel. Mohberg asked that the board have a committee address the issue of the LADWP tanks and signage.
 - c. Lorie Geluz announced that on Saturday, October 27th, at Bannings Landing there will be a Day of the Dead event.
 - d. Leeor Alpern announced that on Tuesday, October 20th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will be holding a public meeting at the Wilmington Senior Center.
 - e. Josh Marcus from the Office of the City Clerk is the 2019 Neighborhood Council Election coordinator for Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC). WNC is having an on-line election with an in person voting day on June 20, 2019. The candidate filing period is March 7, 2019 to April 8, 2019.
 - f. Stephanie Mendez announced Best Start Wilmington meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is on Thursday, November 15th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul Church.
 - g. Crystal Day announced that the Intellectual Academy in Long Beach is accepting applications and holding information sessions on November 1st and 17th.
 - h. Janet Grothe with Phillips 66 announced the annual “Smiling Jack” event will take place on Tuesday, October 30th and 31st.
 - i. Jesse Marquez with the Coalition for a Safe Environment commented that AB 617 forces SCAQMD to meet with Wilmington residents and include them in pollution planning.
 - j. Diana Medel announced the Wilmington Art Walk on Friday, November 2nd, please attend and/or volunteer.

3. Reports from Government Agency Offices

- a. **Mayor of LA, Mayor Garcetti** – Field Representative, Johanna Rodriguez
 - i. Ms. Rodriguez Introduced herself as the new area representative and gave a brief overview of her background.
 - ii. Her contact information is 213) 973-2388 Johanna.rodriquez@lacity.org.
 - iii. Ms. Rodriguez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino** – Field Representative, Fernando Navarrete
 - i. Mr. Navarrete congratulated the new board members.
 - ii. Mr. Navarrete provided a written report which included some of the following:
 - I. LAFD was awarded \$4.6 million in new SAFER Grant. Accordingly, LAFD will be able to hire additional personnel and will restore 9 of 18 lost engines.
 - II. On September 20th, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a Revocable Permit between the Harbor Department and California Transload Services, LLC (CTS) FOR 2401 East Pacific Coast Highway.
 - iii. Mr. Navarrete answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles (POLA)** – Cecilia Moreno
 - i. Port Police – Not present
 - ii. Public Affairs Representative – Cecilia Moreno
 - I. Ms. Moreno did not bring the written response to the resolution.
 - II. Ms. Moreno provided a written report that included some of the following:
 - A. The October 5th Movie event was very well attended, thank you.
 - B. At the last Port Presidents meeting they discussed the grant the port received from the CA Air Resources Board, the China Shipping Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), and updates on the Wilmington and San Pedro Waterfront projects.
 - C. There will be a scoping meeting for the China Shipping Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) at the Port Administration building on October 25th at 6:00 p.m.
 - III. Ms. Moreno answered questions form the board and stakeholders.
- d. **44th Congressional District, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan**, Representative Gabriela Cid
 - i. Ms. Cid announced a Veterans Welcome Home Event on Friday, October 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at VF Post 5394.
 - ii. She reminded everyone that their staff can provide constituent services if needed.
 - iii. Ms. Cid answered questions form the board and stakeholders.
- e. **LAUSD, Dr. Richard Vladovic 's office** – GERALYN Buscaino – Not present
- f. **Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez** – Not present
- g. **L.A. County Board of Supervisors 4th District, Supervisor Janice Hahn** – Erika Velasquez – Not present
- h. **64th Assembly District, Assemblyman Mike Gipson**, Field Representative Victor Ibarra – Not present
- i. **35th Senate District, Senator Steven Bradford**, Brenda Baker – Not present
- j. **Other City Departments, Government officials** – None present

4. Secretary Report

- a. Approve September 26, 2018 meeting minutes
Motion **Christian Guzman** to approve the September 26, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected, second by **Valerie Contreras**, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Martinez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 4 abstentions (Contreras, Luke, Salas, and Sanchez).
- b. Other items – None

5. Treasurer Report – Moises Cortes

- a. Approve September 2018 MER
Motion **Moises Cortes** to approve the September Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 9 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Salas, and Zepeda), 1 no (Contreras), and 1 abstention (Sanchez).
- b. Update on WNC Purchase Card – account has been unfrozen and awaiting purchase card.
- c. Approve reimbursement to Chairperson, Sylvia Arredondo in the amount of \$85.18. Vendor: Food 4 Less, Date: 9/26/18. Expense from Office Expenditure Line item, Monthly recurring – meeting refreshments.

Motion **Moises Cortes** to approve reimbursement to Chairperson, Sylvia Arredondo in the amount of \$85.18. Vendor: Food 4 Less, Date: 9/26/18. Expense from Office Expenditure Line item, Monthly recurring – meeting refreshments, second by **Robert Jones**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 1 abstention (Arredondo), 1 out of room (Jones), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

d. Other items – Mr. Cortes announced that he is stepping down as treasurer for personal reasons.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Review, discuss and provide feedback on the WNC Boundary Map.

Motion by **Valerie Contreras** to revert to original map for now and continue to work in the Planning Committee to finalize the boundaries at a future date, second by **Carlos Sanchez**, and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

b. Appoint Treasurer – Kim Luke appointed to serve as Treasurer without objection with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

c. Appoint Bank Card Holder – Kim Luke appointed to serve as Bank Card Holder without objection with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

d. Appoint Alternate 2nd Signer – As Kim Luke is currently the Second Signer and can not serve as Second Signer in addition to serving as Treasurer and Bank Card Holder, a new Second Signer was appointed to fill the vacancy.

i. Valerie Contreras appointed to serve as Second Signer without objection with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

ii. Steve Salas appointed to serve as Alternate Second Signer without objection with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

e. Appoint Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers – Ernie Aguilar and Christian Guzman appointed to serve as Community Impact Statement filers without objection with 8 yes (Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Aguilar and Guzman), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

f. Discussion and possible action to approve WNC office staff for FY2018-2019 to be contracted through one of the Temp Services Providers listed in the Neighborhood Council approved Vendor list.

Motion by **Carlos Sanchez** to table the motion, second by **Valerie Contreras**, and failed with 5 yes (Contreras, Jones, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 5 noes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, and Luke), and 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee to review and report back to the board, second by **Steve Salas**, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Salas), 3 noes (Contreras, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

*Motion by **Moises Cortes** to move consideration of item 6.k. to this point in the agenda, second by **Steve Salas**, and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).*

g. Review board priorities and spokespersons for named priorities. Item not addressed due to time constraints.

h. Review, discuss and provide feedback on the WNC Holiday & Anniversary event planning. Item not addressed due to time constraints.

i. Approve earmark of \$5,600 from Office/Outreach Expenditures for WNC Anniversary and WNC Holiday Event – Winter Dream.

Motion from committee passed with 5 yes (Arredondo, Contreras, Cortes, Luke, and Zepeda), 1 no (Guzman), 3 abstentions (Aguilar, Jones, and Salas), and 2 left meeting early (Martinez and Sanchez).

Motion by Christian Guzman to move consideration of item 6.m. to this point in the agenda, second by Ernie Aguilar, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Salas), 2 noes (Contreras and Zepeda), and 1 abstention (Sanchez), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).

- j. Ad-hoc Public Safety Committee recommends to Governing Board to approve outreach items – WNC branded notepads and bookmarks – printed at Marine Printing, not to exceed already approved earmarked funds of \$1,500.00 for the for Machado Lake Harvest Festival. Item not addressed due to time constraints.
- k. Discussion and possible action to expense at an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for sponsorship of the November 2nd Wilmington Art Walk. Expense from Outreach line item.
Motion from committee passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Luke Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 1 abstention (Contreras), 1 recused (Jones), and 1 left meeting early (Martinez).
- l. Approval for City Hall paid parking passes at amount of \$120.00. Replacement fee of \$30.00 for previous pass and \$30.00 fee for each new pass. Passes to be used for official WNC business. Passes will remain at WNC office and/or with Executive Officers. Item not addressed due to time constraints.
- m. Discussion of Resolution on urging governments to purchase zero emission vehicles.

Whereas the planet earth is experiencing a mass extinction rate of organisms about one thousand times, the historic normal rate,

Whereas the current mass extinction is overwhelmingly caused by fossil fuel pollution and has degraded ecological services, including air and water filtration, temperature control, organic molecule recycling and erosion control;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles lies within the California Floristic Province, which is globally recognized as one of 35 biodiversity hotspots on the planet and the only hotspot in the Continental United States.

Whereas the city's species (including humans) are threatened by fossil fuel pollution and other human activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council:

1. Urges the U.S. national, California state, Los Angeles county and Los Angeles city governments to transition government-owned fossil fuel and compressed natural gas vehicles to zero-emission electric vehicles; and
2. Urges the transition to be complete by 2030; and
3. Urges zero-emission electric vehicles to receive fuel from clean renewable sources (solar, wind, geothermal, hydrogen cells, et cetera).

Motion by Valerie Contreras to amend the motion NEED AMENDMENT TEXT, second by Carlos Sanchez, and failed with 4 yes (Aguilar, Contreras, Salas, and Zepeda), 4 noes (Arredondo, Guzman, Jones, and Luke), and 1 abstention (Cortes), and 2 left meeting early (Martinez and Sanchez).

Motion by Christian Guzman to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee to review and report back to the board, second by Steve Salas, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Salas), 2 noes (Contreras, and Zepeda), and 0 abstention, and 2 left meeting early (Martinez and Sanchez).

- n. Planning & Land Use committee recommends to the Governing Board to review, discuss and take possible action to file a resolution and/or file a CIS with updates to the current Wilmington Community Plan in draft sections at a time until the resolution is complete. (Possible referral to the Planning & Land Use committee with power to act.) Resolution submittal to Planning Department. Item not addressed due to time constraints.
- o. Planning & Land Use committee re-submits a request for possible action to submit a CIS against CF 13-1493 Street Vending. Item not addressed due to time constraints.

- p. Discussion and possible adoption of a resolution on the proposed renewal of fuel operations for the Defense Fuel Support Point, San Pedro. (Possible referral to the Environmental Committee with power to act.)

Motion **Christian Guzman** to refer to the Environmental Committee with power to act, second by **Kim Luke**, and passed with 5 yes (Aguilar, Arredondo, Guzman, Jones, and Luke), 2 no (Contreras and Cortes), and 1 abstention (Salas), and 3 left meeting early (Martinez, Sanchez, and Zepeda).

- 7. **Board Member Announcements and Reports** – Item not addressed due to time constraints.
 - a. Executive officers – Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian
 - b. Committee Chairs and Co-chairs
 - c. Liaisons to city departments and agencies
 - d. Board member announcements and/or reports
- 8. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Announcement** – Octaviano Rios
 - a. Mr. Rios provided copies of the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan.
 - b. He also provided 2019 Neighborhood Council Election materials.
 - c. Mr. Rios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- 9. **Next Governing Board and Stakeholder Meeting** – November 28, 6:30pm at Phineas Banning High School.
- 10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council