



# Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 6:30pm**  
**LOCATION: PHINEAS BANNING HIGH SCHOOL**  
**1527 Lakme Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER** Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and opening remarks

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present.
Sylvia Arredondo	Excused Absence
Valerie Contreras	Present.
Moises Cortes	Present, left at 9 p.m.
Catherine (Cathy) Familathe	Present
Sylvia Compos-Gordon	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denise Martinez	Present, Arrived 6:51 p.m.
Roque Pech	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Excused Absence

Acting chair, Valerie Contreras, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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. CONSENT CALENDAR (3 minutes)**

- a. Approval of April 25, 2018 meeting minutes. There was a request to add Vilma Martinez's full name.
- b. Approval of April 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report

- c. Approve reimbursement for Nancy Anaya for Facebook page ads payment in the amount of \$25.00.
- d. Approve reimbursement for Kim Luke in the amount of \$25.00 for Mock-up design of WNC banner payment.
- e. Approval of \$50.00 for a WNC booth at the Fiesta Corazón del Puerto event.
- f. Approval of \$200.00 for WNC business cards
- g. Declare Owner Representative seat Vacant
  - 1) Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy shall submit a completed Candidate Filing Form by email to [wilmingtonnc@empowerla.org](mailto:wilmingtonnc@empowerla.org)
  - 2) Candidate Filing Form is available online at our website: [www.wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com](http://www.wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com)
  - 3) The seat will remain vacant until members of the Governing Board appoint a qualified candidate by a simple majority vote during a governing board and stakeholder meeting.

**M/S/C Familathe/Aguilar to approve consent calendar.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech);*

*0 No's, 1 not present and voting (Martinez).*

**3. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES**

- a. Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino - *Field Rep. Fernando Navarrete*

Navarrete discussed the A Bridge home initiative. The intent is to get people temporarily housed in emergency shelters until permanent supportive and transitional housing is finished being constructed. The city budget will include increases to library security and cool pavement funding. Millions of dollars will go toward housing the homeless and sanitation. The councilman met with neighborhood council presidents and representatives. Various issues were discussed including homelessness. The community plan update process will begin soon for Wilmington and Harbor City. I am proud to have worked with your neighborhood council's beautification committee and iHear Wilmington to start an adopt a street pilot program.

- b. LAUSD, Dr. Richard Vladovic 's office - *Joe Gacilli*

The Science, Technology, Art and Mathematics programs are doing well in Wilmington. Austin Butner is the new superintendent for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He has business experience which may help with the district's finances.

- c. POLA - *Public Affairs Rep. Cecilia Moreno*

World Trade Week was this past week. The harbor department gave free boat tours to more than three thousand people. Fiesta Corazon del Puerto is on June 2nd. The Wilmington Historical Society roadshow will be on June 10. Valerie Contreras presented the WNC resolution on the Wilmington Waterfront redevelopment. Friends of Banning Landing will be on the next harbor commission agenda.

- d. L.A. County Board of Supervisors

On June 26th, there will be a supervisors' meeting to discuss a possible fee increase on public health permits and regulation of massage parlors.

- e. Leor Alpern with the South Coast Air Quality Management District

There will be a community meeting in June on Assembly Bill 617. The bill gives the opportunity for disadvantaged communities like Wilmington to receive benefits from state Cap and Trade policy. There will also be a meeting in mid July on a possible ban on using hydroflouric acid in refineries.

#### **4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Regina Martinez* - Main thoroughfares may be reduced if a bicycle loop or similar infrastructure is installed in Wilmington. Schools, businesses, churches and residents should all be contacted for community input. I am concerned about the effects of such possible infrastructure. Maybe put bike lane west of the harbor freeway.

*Sheryl Gray* - I am the director of Harbor Regional Park. Please consider funding the park's upcoming concert to take place on June 30 in the amount of \$1000. There will also be a film screening and a car show in the summer.

*Amanda Mejia* - I am the liaison for RecycleLA and Athens Services. Athens services commercial and multifamily buildings and clients. You are welcome to

contact me and invite me to meetings and events. There is a base cost and increases based on location of bins and if gates need to be unlocked.

Albert Ramirez - I work with the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy. Do you need a permit to do outreach in the Town Square? There should be a charter school moratorium until an analysis is complete on the impact of charters on local schools. Please review funders of charter schools and GANAS website. Explore legal actions against charters that publish false information.

Cecelia Moreno - The Wilmington Rotary Club will celebrate its 90th anniversary at the Banning Museum on June 9th. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will have its board member installation dinner on June 23. The YMCA will host a picnic on June 30. Please upload minutes.

Laura Espinoza - Concerned about trash in community. The presence of port refineries and trains have me concerned. Elected officials should make efforts to clean. Businesses should do their part to clean up the community. I want to volunteer and help the neighborhood council. Homelessness is also an important issue.

Janet Grothe - The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has not taken a position the prospective bicycle loop. I do want to see outreach to the community regarding bicycle infrastructure.

## **5. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (70 mins)**

Recommendations to the Governing Board from Environmental Committee:

- a. File a CIS "AGAINST" Council File #16-0461: Tree Replacement In-Lieu Fee. Kim Luke reviewed the ordinance. The environmental committee recommends that the board oppose the fee.

**M/S/C Jones, Aguilar to oppose Tree Replacement In-Lieu Fee.**

*10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 0 No's.*

- b. File a CIS "SUPPORTING" Council File #13-1339: Protected Tree Ordinance. Kim Luke reviewed the ordinance. Toyon and Elderberry would be added as protected trees.

**M/S/C Martinez, Familathe to support protected status for Toyon and Elderberry.**

10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 0 No's.

c. Resolution on Carbon Fee and Dividends

The board reviewed the resolution and the possible legislation. The board clarified for stakeholders that taxes would be levied at the entry point of fossil fuels and dividends would be distributed to every individual in the United States of America. However, communities that have experience environmental injustice might receive more money.

**M/S/C Luke, Pech to adopt resolution of support for Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation.**

*7 Yes (Anaya, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 1 No (Aguilar); and 2 abstentions (Contreras and Familathe)*

d. Structure, and supporting 100% clean energy by 2030.

**M/S/C Martinez, Luke to adopt resolution of support for 100 percent clean energy by 2030 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.**

*8 Yes (Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 2 No's (Cortes and Aguilar).*

e. Departments and policies the council wants funding for.

**M/S/C Jones, Aguilar to file a community impact statement on the city budget.**

*10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 0 No's.*

f. Relay for Life request to sponsor event with \$600.00 to cover the cost for Manuel Veliz (DJ).

**M/S/C Jones, Aguilar to pay for DJ in amount not to exceed \$600.**

*8 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Cortes), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Compos-Gordon, Martinez).*

g. Review mock-up design and estimates for 4 WNC banners and decide on design, printing company, and banners at an expense not to exceed \$750.00. Contreras mentioned that she would like to see implementation of twitter and Instagram on the banners.

**M/S/C Jones, Contreras for the banners and any protecting screens as may be required in an amount not to exceed \$750.00.**

*10 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Martinez, Cortes) and 0 no.*

- h. Review and approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant from United Wilmington Youth Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

**M/S/C Familathe, Contreras to award a neighborhood purpose grant to the United Wilmington Youth Foundation in an amount of \$3000.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Cortes), 1 recuse (Martinez) 0 no.*

- i. Transfer \$1, 631.00 from account Neighborhood Purpose Grant to account Office/Outreach.

**M/S/C Familathe, Aguilar to transfer funds in an amount of \$1631.00 from NPG to office/outreach contingent on if the outreach account needs the fund.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Martinez, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Cortes), 1 abstention (Jones) 0 no.*

- j. Review mock-up design and estimates not to exceed \$500.00 for WNC branded board representative seat name plates and office name plate

**M/S/C Familathe, Jones to fund board member name plates and office name plates.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Martinez, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Cortes), 1 no (Jones).*

- k. Banning High School/LAUSD meeting room contract for FY 2017-2018 for an amount not to exceed \$2700.00.

**M/S/C Familathe, Aguilar to pay for meeting room contract in an amount not to exceed \$2700.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Martinez, Pech, Luke, Jones, Cortes), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Compos-Gordon)*

- I. June Retreat Date and time: Saturday, June 23, 9am-1pm Location: To be determined- Senior Center or other community space in an amount not to exceed \$350.00

**M/S/C Familathe, Martinez to have a June Retreat instead of a June Regular Board Meeting on the 23rd day of the month and to fund it in an amount not to exceed \$350.**

*(Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Martinez, Cortes.)*

- m. Cancellation of July 25 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting

**M/S/C Aguilar, Luke to not have a regular board meeting in July.**

*9 Yes (Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Martinez, Cortes.) and 1 no (Aguilar).*

- n. Discussion on filing a CIS “FOR IF AMENDED” on Council File #18-0600: Mayor's 2018-2019 Proposed Budget.

**M/S/C Familathe, Aguilar to adopt a resolution on the city budget in favor of amendments discussed, and to file a community impact statement on Council File #18-0600.**

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Compos-Gordon, Cortes, Jones, Luke, Pech, Martinez); 0 No's.*

## **6. COMMITTEES (15mins)**

- a. Bylaws: Report from 5/10. The committee discussed the area of jurisdiction for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council. We want clarification on the exact boundaries and will work with adjacent councils.
- b. Beautification: Report from 5/10. The committee is interested in encouraging businesses to beautify the community.
- c. Environmental: Report from 5/10. Committee discussed items that were on the agenda tonight.
- d. Ad-hoc Public Safety: Autumn Resource Fair. Want to attract a large number of stakeholders.



e. Ad-hoc Winter Holiday and WNC Anniversary committee

## **7. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BOARD**

*Vice-Chair* - Send in any items you might have for the retreat. Production of the Wilmington Welcome Sign has been halted due to a disagreement between Los Angeles City and California state departments; the problem is if or when streets are widened, then the sign would have to be moved back.

*Treasurer* - The finance committee met and discovered that \$4500 was available from the past fiscal year.

Governing Board - *Nancy Anaya* is working with Los Angeles Harbor College and A Needy Wilmington to raise funds for local homeless community.

Empower LA- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - *Octaviano Rios*

Please read your monthly neighborhood council profiles. Somehow, emails were not being distributed properly to board members despite their being an email that is supposed to send an email to all members. I am working to solve this and get important messages to board members. Civic Youth Academy is starting soon. Please contact me if you have concerns on illegal street racing or council office item pickup.

## **8. ADJOURN**

M/S/C Luke/Aguilar to adjourn meeting.

*9 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Familathe, Jones, Pech, Luke, Compos-Gordon, Martinez) and 0 no.*