



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 6:30 pm
Phineas Banning High School – Cragin Theater
1527 Lakme Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present at 6:40 p.m.
Valerie Contreras	Present
Moises Cortes	Absent
Adolfo Fermin	Present
Christian Guzman	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denisse Martinez	Absent
Patricia Salas	Present
Steve Salas	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present
Barbara Zepeda	Present

- Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice-Chair Valerie Contreras. A quorum of 11 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 50 stakeholders present.
- Opening Remarks** – Ms. Contreras reminded everyone that the rules of engagement will be followed.
- Swearing in of New Board Members to Take Their Oath** – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment swore in the new board members.
 - Employee Seat: Adolfo Fermin
 - Residential Seat: Patricia Salas
- Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - Esperanza Romero commented about poor air quality, and not enough resources for youth.
 - George made general comments about the area being a dump.
 - Philip commented about homeless and other problems in the area not being addressed.
 - Maribelle Cortez – spoke in Spanish, translation – commented that in the area at/near Avalon and 247th there is a very bad smell. She will share a video she took.
 - Ms. Sanchez-Hall commented that the site designated for homeless services is not acceptable.
 - Shannon Ross commented that she understands that working together as a board can be difficult when you have different opinions. However, it is important that the board works together for your community.

5. **Election of a New Wilmington NC Chair for the Remainder of the Term 2018/2019** – Ernie Aguilar appointed as chair with 7 votes (Aguilar, Anaya, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, and Sanchez), and Barbara Zepeda 4 votes (Contreras, Fermin, P. Salas, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention,
6. **Secretary Report** – Christian Guzman
 - Approve WNC Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes for January 23, 2019
Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve the January 23, 2019 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, second by **Ernie Aguilar**, and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Jones).
7. **NC Elections**
 - a. NC Elections Committee - Strategic Plan and Goals, Outreach Appointment of Election's Ad-Hoc to work with the Publicity Committee
 - i. The election will be on Saturday June 8th, 2019.
 - ii. Board members Christian Guzman, Robert Jones and Barbara Zepeda appointed as committee members. Christian Guzman will serve as Chair.
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Kim Luke, Treasurer
 - a. Review Monthly Profile report and Expenditures. Discussion and review.
 - b. Approve MERs for January 2019
Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve the January 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Barbara Zepeda**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 3 not eligible (Fermin, P. Salas, and S. Salas).
 - c. Approve funding to pay for board meeting room rental at Banning High School not to exceed \$1,700.00 2018/2019
Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve funding to pay for board meeting room rental at Banning High School not to exceed \$1,700.00 2018/2019, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 3 not eligible (Fermin, P. Salas, and S. Salas).
9. **Reports from Government Agency Offices**
 - a. **Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez**
 - i. Officer Gonzalez gave a brief overview of gang, and crime statistics for the area.
 - ii. Officer Gonzalez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. **Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino** – Field Representative, Fernando Navarrete
 - i. Gabriela Medina presented Mr. Navarrete's written report which included some of the following:
 - I. Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has approved new parking and traffic enforcement measures.
 - II. The Los Angeles Conservation Corp (LACC) has completed sidewalk repairs on the intersection of Figueroa Street and "G" Street.
 - ii. Ms. Medina answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - c. **Port of Los Angeles (POLA)** – Cecilia Moreno
 - i. Public Affairs Representative – Cecilia Moreno
 - I. Ms. Moreno provided a written report that included some of the following:
 - A. The Board of Harbor Commissioners held a special meeting on February 21st to update the community on the Wilmington Waterfront Project.
 - B. The next Port Presidents meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2019.
 - C. Applications for the ports annual Community Investment Grants will be released soon.
 - D. For more information please visit www.portoflosangeles.org.
 - d. **Other City Departments, Government officials**
 - i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate,
 - I. The City Clerk has announced that there will not be on-line voting. Accordingly, Wilmington Neighborhood Council will have in person voting on either June 8, or June 20, 2019.

- II. In partnership with Neighborhood Council's and non-profit Public Allies, Public Allies wants information on non-profits in your area for them to partner up with for the elections
- III. Mr. Rios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

10. Discussion and Possible Action for Agenda Items

- a. Planning & Land Use recommends to the full board to file a CIS Related to CF 13-0008-S58 No Cars for Sale Signs and CF 13-1351-S1 for Restricted RV Parking Street Signs.

Motion by Steve Salas to substitute recommends to the full board to submit a letter with recommendations to Councilman Joe Buscaino to Motion to Transportation Committee. Related to CF-18-0008-S58, CF-13-1351, and CF-18-0768 for Restricted RV Parking Street Signs, No Cars for Sale Signs, second by **Barbara Zepeda**, and passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

Motion from committee as substituted above passed with 10 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

Motion by Nancy Anaya to consider item 10.f. at this time, second by Steve Salas, approved without objection.

Meeting Chair Valerie Contreras called for a 10 minute recess at this point 8:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

- b. Beautification Committee recommends to the full board to submit a letter to Councilman Joe Buscaino & file a CIS on CF 15-0499-S1 to protect & restore the indigenous trees in Wilmington – City Tree and Biodiversity Effort.

Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles Councilman District 15
 Los Angeles City Hall
 200 N. Spring St. Room 410 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution on February xx urging the City of Los Angeles to protect and restore indigenous trees and our urban forest. As stated in the resolution, Wilmington would particularly benefit from more indigenous trees since they are climate appropriate, can help mitigate pollution and support local biodiversity. Indigenous trees are also beautiful and culturally important. Oaks, Willows and other trees were used by the indigenous people who once inhabited Los Angeles.

An important component in these efforts will be to educate and coordinate with private landowners on their options for protecting and restoring trees.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council looks forward to a response and future collaboration.

Sincerely,
 Chair

On Behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

CC:

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson
 200 N. Spring St. Room 430 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
 200 N. Spring St. Room 303 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Motion from committee failed with 5 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Guzman, Jones, and Luke), 6 noes (Contreras, Fermin, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 0 abstention.

- c. Planning & Land Use Committee recommends to the full board to approve the (draft) response to the Wilmington Neighborhood Council POLA Wilmington Waterfront Resolution (deadline pending).

To view motion text of 4 pages please go to

<http://wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com/agenda-and-support-documents-for-2-27-19/>

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- d. Finance Committee recommends to the full board to Approve funding for (10) headsets for

interpretation and translation equipment for 3 hours in the amount not to exceed \$377.50 through Continental interpreting. \$100 per hour overtime. Provided for WNC board meetings for the remainder of 2018/2019 fiscal year.

To view motion support document please go to

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Motion from committee passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 3 not eligible (Fermin, P. Salas, and S. Salas).

- e. Planning & Land Use Committee recommends to the full WNC board to send a letter to the LA City Planning Department in Support of the Harbor City NC request to have a separate Community Plan from Wilmington.

Los Angeles City Planning Department
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 763
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reference: Harbor City/Wilmington Community Plan Update 2019

Dear City Planners,

On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council, we thank the LA City Planning Department for the opportunity to update our Community Plan. We are also grateful for the opportunity to give input and collaborate with the City Planning Department.

We are writing to give our support to the community of Harbor City regarding their desire to have a separate community plan from the community of Wilmington. We are in agreement that there should be two separate community plan updates. We agree it will allow each community to grow and expand with the desire for different development. It is in the best interest of both communities to encourage the Los Angeles City Planning Department to allow for two separate community plans; one for the community of Harbor City and one for the community of Wilmington. Early on in the development of our communities we may have shared similar needs, services and interest because of the original size of our populations and infrastructure. Both communities have not only grown in population but in our own individual needs as a community. Although we still have some shared assets, we are in agreement that we will address our boundary maps and shared assets in a separate plan.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council approves this letter to express our strong support for the community of Harbor City to have their own Community Plan Update.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input and we ask for your official response in writing.

Respectfully,

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Valerie Contreras, Co-Chair
Kim Luke, Treasurer
Christian Guzman, Secretary
Ernesto Aguilar, Parliamentarian

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- f. Request to sign onto the Resolution regarding Port automation Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) resolution of February 6, 2019, and submit it to the Port of Harbor Commissioners.

WNC RESOLUTION ON THE PORT AUTOMATION- (~~SUBMITTED BY V. CONTRERAS~~ BARBARA ZEPEDA)

WHERE AS, the November 2017 Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Economic and Workforce for the Clean Air Action Plan Update indicates the Long Beach Port and the Los Angeles Port supports 1 million jobs in California and 2.8 million jobs nationwide which include longshore labor, freight forwarding and logistics, and other transportation-related sectors;

WHERE AS, the update briefly discussed the possibility of the direct effects of the CAAP implementation would not be expected to have significant immediate job impacts; however, meaningful cargo diversion resulting from the increased CAAP related costs would be expected to have a negative impact on those jobs. Furthermore, direct jobs such as longshoreman, truckers, and warehouse and logistics operators would likely be directly impacted by cargo loss and indirectly, companies supporting the goods movement industry (fuel suppliers, maintenance, and financial firms among others) would be impacted;

WHERE AS, the spending and consumption of employees in the Port and transportation support jobs and business activity in all sectors of the economy, which would also be at risk from lost activity at the Ports. The document further states that although it

raised economic and workforce considerations for decisionmakers and stakeholders as they evaluate the potential impacts of implementing the CAAP. It was not intended to be a comprehensive study or quantified analysis and recommends for the Ports to have a better understanding of the impacts, the Ports must conduct a more detailed analysis once there is more information about how certain measures will be implemented, how they may be financed, and what the overall costs will ultimately be.

WHERE AS, the CAAP Implementation Third Quarter 2018 Progress Report indicates it's in the early stages of Feasibility Assessment for Terminal Equipment and discussions were underway with the marine terminal operators. In September 2018, Early Deployment and Demonstrations projects, including electric and fuel cell yard hostlers, electric top handlers, and electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, as well as innovative approaches to charging infrastructure and demonstration of supporting electrical infrastructure including microgrid controls with distributed generation and battery storage.

WHERE AS, the Harbor Commission placed on their January 24th, 2018 agenda and pulled the Item for consideration and approval of a Level 1 Coastal Development Permit 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment.

Be It Resolved, that the Harbor City **WILMINGTON** Neighborhood Council supports the recommendation for the Ports to conduct a more detailed analysis on the direct negative impact of the economy and further recommend that the Mayors Budget team assist and conduct its own analysis of the negative impacts on the City's Economy. We urge that the Harbor Commission table the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit 18-25 until a resolution has been secured between the Terminal Operator and with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and until the CAAP 2019 Implementation Second Quarter Progress Report has been generated to fully evaluate the direct impact on jobs is thoroughly addressed. We understand that new technologies and equipment may require a different skill set. Therefore, we support workforce development initiatives and the partnerships with local colleges and trade unions ensuring **CURRENT AND FUTURE** workers are equipped to manage the transition to new technologies however, with no job loss, **NO LOSS OF BENEFITS** and at the same pay scales and higher. Investing in our workforce rather than in automation secures our economic sustainability. **FINALLY, AMENDING CAAP SO THAT PORT AUTOMATION CAN ONLY OCCUR AT A TIME WHEN A RESOLUTION CAN BE REACHED BETWEEN TERMINAL OPERATORS AND ILWU AND THESE RESOLUTIONS MUST BE REVIEWED AND REVISED AS NEEDED AT INTERVAL NOT TO EXCEED 5 YEARS.**

2. Conduct thorough outreach efforts to educate the people on the economic effects of port automation;

3. Accelerate and expand workforce development to prepare and transition workers to adapt to new technologies and employment opportunities in the Los Angeles Harbor area;

4. Coordinate workforce development efforts with harbor area colleges and unions;

5. Implement legislation and policies to provide for employment in the event of job loss or unemployment due to automation.

6. Report back to the Harbor Commission and Mayor on the feasibility of amending the Clean Air Action Plan to make it clear that port automation is not required to create a zero emission port.

Respectfully,
Chair,

On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Motion by **Barbara Zepeda** to amend the motion **AS NOTED ABOVE**, second by **Steve Salas**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Fermin, Jones, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 2 recused (Contreras and Luke).

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to amend the motion to add items 2 through 6 as noted above, second by **Steve Salas**, and passed with 5 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Guzman, Jones, and S. Salas), 4 noes (Fermin, P. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 abstention, and 2 recused (Contreras and Luke).

Motion from committee as substituted above passed with 9 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 recused (Contreras and Luke).

- g. Planning & Land Use Committee recommends to send a Resolution to the LA Parks & Recreation response on the Lighting grant. Item pulled by committee chair.
- h. Beautification & Planning Committees recommend to the full board to submit a community impact statement on CF 15-1067s3 Illegal dumping in the community of Wilmington and send a letter to Councilman Joe Buscaino.

Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles Councilman District 15
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St. Room 410 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution on February xx urging the City of Los Angeles to explore methods on how to eliminate illegal dumping at and near apartment buildings.

There are many apartment complexes in Wilmington where significant dumping occurs. Apartment residents are not provided with adequate information on how to dispose of certain items like tires, electronics and bulky items. Apartment managers and property owners are also not coordinating enough with residents to minimize dumping. More information and coordination will help solve this problem.

In addition dumping does also occur near apartments. Several apartments in Wilmington are next to alleys or main streets; this proximity results in transients and travellers illegally dumping items like tires, electronics and bulky items. Better enforcement and collaboration will help solve this problem. Especially beneficial would be targeted efforts on chronic dumping sites, better 311 response times, and signs near apartment buildings on how to report illegal dumping.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council looks forward to a response and future collaboration.

Sincerely,

Chair

On Behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

CC:

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(x) Nay(x) Abstain(x) Ineligible(x) Recusal(x)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/xx/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information Date: 02/xx/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 15-1067-S3

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Whereas apartments in Wilmington are subject to illegal dumping both in and around the properties; and Whereas illegal dumping leads to health and safety hazards including soil and water contamination; and

Whereas illegal dumping is unsightly; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to:

1. Conduct public outreach and provide information to apartment owners and property managers that will help waste be disposed of properly; and
2. Implement penalties and enforcement mechanisms on apartment owners and property managers if chronic illegal dumping occurs; and
3. Implement methods for apartment owners, managers and residents to coordinate with relevant city agencies or departments to penalize illegal dumping perpetrators, including more signage near apartment buildings on how to report illegal dumping.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- i. Planning & Land Use recommends to the full board to submit a Resolution to the Response for Prop. A funding to Los Angeles County.

Resolution

The Los Angeles County and Recreation and Parks Department had a joint study to evaluate all Parks Metrics around LA County and Los Angeles City jurisdictions. The Wilmington results and findings were false before voter approval. The correct information was

brought before the approving committee but chose not to correct before voter approval. Other cities Metrics were also false and some cities or individuals chose to sue. A list of discrepancy but not limited to all findings are provided below.

WE THEREFORE MOVE a request to the City of Los Angeles City Attorney or Los Angeles County investigate the final corrections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED correct these matters on behalf of the City of Wilmington with correct funding formula. As required for Measure A funding format.

WE THEREFORE MOVE Wilmington "Park need by study area" be moved to "Very High" tier or an Addendum of equal funds distributed to the city of Wilmington base project directly from the current Model findings "Moderate".

WHEREAS, No study on Wilmington Athletic Complex, 1650 Figueroa St displayed at meeting held.

WHEREAS Banning Recreation Center:

- Meeting held at Wilmington Recreation center address provided on County web page was incorrect and mislead the community before 12/22/2015 meeting.
- Meeting week was a religious week of Posada celebrations in Mexican culture
- No Spanish translation was provided
- On line Survey monkey only allows one input. Prohibits low income community to give input
- General infrastructures condition of basketball gym too small players crash into wall, no A/C or heater, not ADA compliant with lack of proper sitting for safety of players tripping.
- Has over ten restrooms with many not ADA compliance.
- Two Children's playground has no lighting or working lights
- Picnic shelters are present were study area said none were present
- Multipurpose fields are present for baseball and soccer
- Tennis courts lights not working, sewer backs up in the rain.
- Study area did not mention 116 murders in the community from 2000 – 2010 according to Daily Breeze
- All the complete negative impacts our community deals with reference to sporadic: Refinery flaring, Ships, Truckers, Oil rigs, Freeways, and many more.
- No reference or discussion of our community being reported of a Methane community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a brand new standard regulation size gym with bleachers and any additions be made at Banning Park to replace old gym, Wilmington Athletic Complex upgrades, Baseball field expansion or any project Wilmington Neighborhood Council is presented with the community input.

WE FURTHER MOVE that Los Angeles County Board be authorized to make technical corrections or to the intent of this Resolution.

Motion by Steve Salas to approve Resolution to the Response for Prop. A funding to Los Angeles County, second by Valerie Contreras, and passed with 11 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, P. Salas, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- j. Discussion & update to move forward with the WNC Community Improvement Project. Welcome to Wilmington Monument Sign construction, phase II of the project, located PCH & Figueroa. Allocate funding for the Welcome to Wilmington Sign project from board approved Community Improvement Project not to exceed \$8,500.00. Item not considered
- k. Discussion to approve funding for (1) peace officer to be present at all WNC meetings for 2018-2019 funding not to exceed \$50.00 per hour with LAPD security services. Request must be made in advance through EmpowerLA by the WNC presiding officer. Peace officer to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting.

Motion by Kim Luke to approve funding for (1) peace officer to be present at all WNC meetings for 2018-2019 funding not to exceed \$50.00 per hour with LAPD security services. Request must be made in advance through EmpowerLA by the WNC presiding officer. Peace officer to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, second by Christian Guzman, and passed with 5 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Guzman, Jones, and Luke), 1 no (Contreras), 2 abstentions (Sanchez and Zepeda), and 3 left meeting early (Fermin, P. Salas and S. Salas).

11. Announcements

- a. Ernie Aguilar commented that they need to hold an emergency bylaws meeting to make changes to the bylaws and also the boundaries.
- b. Chair Contreras commented that a grievance and public records request has been filed.

12. Future Agenda Items Request

a. Christian Guzman requested consideration of an LAPD program by Office Chicon.

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council