



# Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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## GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING - MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 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	Present left at 8:45 p.m.
Valerie Contreras	Present
Moises Cortes	Present
Adolfo Fermin	Seated
Christian Guzman	Present left at 9:45 p.m.
Robert Jones	Excused
Kim Luke	Present left at 8:45 p.m.
Denisse Martinez	Present at 6:50 p.m. – left at 8:45 p.m.
Patricia Salas	Seated
Steve Salas	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present at 7:15 p.m.
Barbara Zepeda	Present

1. **Call to Order**– The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Vice-Chair Valerie Contreras. A quorum of 10/9/8/7 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 120 stakeholders present.
2. **Secretary & Treasurer’s Report** – Christian Guzman
  - a. Approve November 2018 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes  
Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve the November 2018 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, second by **Ernie Aguilar**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, Salas, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 not yet present (Martinez, and Sanchez).  
Approve December 2018 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes – There was no meeting in December.
  - b. Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2018  
Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2018, second by **Ernie Aguilar**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, Salas, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 not yet present (Martinez, and Sanchez).  
Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2018  
Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2018, second by **Ernie Aguilar**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, Salas, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 not yet present (Martinez, and Sanchez).
  - c. Approve invoice for Marine Printing in the amount of \$574.88 for outreach items 500 Bookmarkers and 500 notepads  
Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve invoice for Marine Printing in the amount of \$574.88 for outreach items 500 Bookmarkers and 500 notepads, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, and Zepeda), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 recused (Salas), and 2 not yet present (Martinez, and Sanchez).

- d. Approve funding for 10 headsets for interpretation and translation equipment for 3 hours in the amount not to exceed \$377.50 through Continental interpreting. \$100.00 for overtime per hour. Motion by **Steve Salas** to table the motion, second by **Valerie Contreras**, and passed with 6 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Salas, and Zepeda), 2 noes (Guzman and Luke), 1 abstention (Martinez), and 1 not yet present (Sanchez).

Motion by Christian Guzman to suspend the rules and move to consideration of item 5.b., second by Denise Martinez,

Meeting Chair Valerie Contreras called for a 20 minute recess at this point 7:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Guzman withdrew his motion and Ms. Martinez withdrew her second.

### **3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. The following stakeholders made comments related to a construction project on Deepwater Avenue, the Bridge Home initiative/Homelessness, and lack of city services in the area

- i. Ardenia Sedillo
- ii. Alberto Sancen
- iii. Elena Martinez
- iv. Veronica Leaea
- v. Lana C. Hollis
- vi. Simie Seaman
- vii. Gina Martinez
- viii. Rudy Torres
- ix. Jose Rivera
- x. Mark Anderson
- xi. Erika Link
- xii. Jerry Anayr
- xiii. Felipe Angeles
- xiv. Patricia Canedo
- xv. Alma Martinez
- xvi. Gayle Fluery
- xvii. Soledad Arsua
- xviii. Gloria Romero
- xix. April Neverette
- xx. Angela Ramirez

- b. Alicia Rivera with Communities for a Better Environment about the dangers of Hydrofluoric Acid being used at the Valero refinery.
- c. Adolfo Fermin commented that there is a disconnect between the community and the city council regarding sharing information with city residents.
- d. Roberto Monroy, part of Best Start Wilmington Committee, they are working on a proposal for a decorative crosswalk and mural in Wilmington and would like to work with the Transportation Committee.

### **4. Presentation – The Bridge Home initiative from the office of Council member Joe Buscaino, District 15 – Gabriella Medina District Director**

- a. Ms. Medina gave a detailed presentation on the A Bridge Home initiative.
- b. She provided statistics on homelessness in the city of Los Angeles and the Harbor Area.
- c. There are 2,000 temporary emergency beds are needed citywide.
- d. The Coordinated Entry System (CED) is a national program.
- e. No speaker or board member spoke in favor of the site in Wilmington.
- f. WNC filed a Community Impact Statement against the site in Wilmington.
- g. Ms. Medina answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

### **5. Board Vacancies**

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to appoint the Residential seat, second by **Denisse Martinez**, and failed with 3 yes (Guzman, Luke, and Martinez), 7 noes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), and 0 abstention.

- a. Appointment of the two vacant representative seats: Employee and Residential Candidates:

Employee/Works – **Adolfo Fermin** – Appointed with 6 yes (Aguilar, Contreras, Cortes, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 1 no (Guzman), and 4 left meeting early (Anaya, Luke, and Martinez).

Residential Representative – Maribel Alejandre (Withdrew), **Patricia Salas**, and Michael Matelyan (Withdrew) – Patricia Salas appointed with 6 yes (Aguilar, Contreras, Cortes, Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 1 no (Guzman), and 4 left meeting early (Anaya, Luke, and Martinez).

**MEETING ADJOURNED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM AT 9:50 p.m.**

- b. Appointment of a new Chair for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council. – Item not addressed

**6. Reports from Government Agency Offices**

**7. Board Business – Discussion and Possible Action** – Item not addressed

- a. Adopt and approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grants Guidelines for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
- b. The Youth Ad Hoc Committee: Approve funding to purchase Dominos Pizza for Orientation at the Ad Hoc committee meeting in ~~February~~ **January 31**, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$36.00 (4 Large Pizzas).
- c. The WNC Planning & Land Use committee request to approve funding to pay for food at our next special joint meeting to review the Port response to our WNC Port Resolution. In the amount not to exceed \$49.00 at Nino's in Wilmington.

**8. Committee Reports** – Governing board announcements and Liaison announcements – Item not addressed

**9. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom,  
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council