



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Wednesday, March 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	Absent
Valerie Contreras	Present at 6:40 p.m. – left at 8:10 p.m.
Moises Cortes	Present
Adolfo Fermin	Present left at 8:10 p.m.
Christian Guzman	Present
Robert Jones	Present at 6:40 p.m.
Kim Luke	Present
Denisse Martinez	Absent
Patricia Salas	Excused
Steve Salas	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Absent
Barbara Zepeda	Present left at 8:10 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Remarks** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar. A quorum of 9 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 25 stakeholders present.
2. **Presentation from the Los Angeles Harbor Department on the Waterfront Public Access Funding** – Mr. Mikael Cham, Harbor Planning and Research Director
 - a. The public access assessment plan project was approved in 2015.
 - b. The plan is for projects over 10 years.
 - c. The port is committed to spend 10% of its operating income on public access projects.
 - d. The port's operating income has increased in each of the first four years of the project.
 - e. They are currently doing outreach to the public for input on projects. The deadline for input from the public is July 31, 2019.
 - f. The full presentation can be accessed on the Port's website.
 - g. Mr. Cham answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. Simie Seaman demand a response to the grievance and public records request she has filed.
 - b. Magdalena Salas asked if the council could help purchase sewing machines for the senior program at Banning Park.
 - c. Maria Martinez, Director at Banning Park Senior Center, she also asked for support for the Banning Park senior program and also security cameras.

- d. Edgar Ortiz, a researcher with Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), commented on their Fair Work Week LA policy regarding retail work schedules. They are looking for a letter of support for their policy from the council.
- e. Roberto Monroy thanked the council for having translation services. He asked the council how they are planning to reach out to the Spanish speaking community.

4. Reports from Government Agency Offices

- a. **Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino** – Field Representative, Fernando Navarrete
 - i. Mr. Navarrete provided a written report which included some of the following:
 - I. Street resurfacing is scheduled for several streets in the area.
 - II. The City Council has approved \$250,000 for a four week “Pothole Blitz”. Please report your pothole request to MyLA311 or by calling 311.
 - III. Mr. Navarrete answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti** – Not present
- c. **Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn** – Not present
- d. **U.S. Representative Nanette Barragan** – Gabriela Cid
 - i. Ms. Cid provided a flyer with legislative updates.
 - ii. She also provided a flyer with information on the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for District high school students, grades 9 through 12.
- e. **CA State Senator Steven Bradford** – Not present
- f. **CA Assemblyman Mike Gipson** – Victor Ibarra
 - i. Mr. Ibarra provided a detailed written legislative report.
- g. **Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department** – Not present
- h. **Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez** – Not present
- i. **Los Angeles Port Police Department** – Not present
- j. **Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** – Not present
- k. **Port of Los Angeles (POLA)** – Cecilia Moreno
 - i. Ms. Moreno provided a written report that included some of the following.
 - ii. The next Port Presidents meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2019.
 - iii. Applications for the ports annual Community Investment Grants have been released. For more information please visit www.portoflosangeles.org.
 - iv. Ms. Moreno answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

5. Secretary Report

- a. Approve February 27, 2019 meeting minutes
Motion by Christian Guzman to approve the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Robert Jones, and passed with 6 yes (Aguilar, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and S. Salas), 1 no (Contreras), and 2 abstentions (Fermin and Zepeda).

6. Treasurer Report and Financial Items

- a. Approve February 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.
Motion by Kim Luke to approve the February 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by Moises Cortes, and passed with 6 yes (Contreras, Cortes, Fermin, Jones, Luke, and Zepeda), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Guzman and S. Salas), and 1 ineligible (Aguilar).
- b. Possible discussion and awarding of the San Pedro Art Association with a neighborhood purpose grant in amount not to exceed \$2000 for Art Supplies for the Harbor-Wide All Grades Student Art Competition-Exhibition.
Motion by Christian Guzman to approve awarding of the San Pedro Art Association with a neighborhood purpose grant in amount not to exceed \$2000 for Art Supplies for the Harbor-Wide All Grades Student Art Competition-Exhibition, second by Kim Luke, and passed with 5 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and S. Salas), 1 no (Contreras), 2 abstentions (Fermin and Zepeda), and 1 ineligible (Aguilar).

Motion by Christian Guzman to go to item 7.c. now, second by Kim Luke, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Contreras, Cortes, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Zepeda), 1 no (S. Salas), and 0 abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Items or Report

- a. Wilmington Neighborhood Council Planning Committee recommends to the full board to file a Community Impact Statement OPPOSING Council File 12-0460-S4 Zoning Code/Los Angeles Municipal Code Reorganization of Administrative Provisions/Amendment.

CF 12-0460-S4

Summary: On March 27, 2019, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council APPROVED to file a Community Impact Statement to OPPOSE the above-referenced matter. The proposal must be returned to the Planning Department for corrections at least as follows: 1. INCLUDE certified Neighborhood Councils as a body with authority under the Zoning Code. By City Charter, the Planning Department and City Council MUST provide notice to and seek input from Neighborhood Councils on all developments before the City, including the holding of public hearings before the neighborhood councils as delegated by City Council. 2. INCLUDE the Early Notification System requiring the Planning Department notice and obtain input from the Neighborhood Councils. 3. MAKE CLEAR THAT City Council is not delegating its powers and legislative authority on zoning and land use matters. We object to delegation of legislative authority to an unelected appointee like the Director of Planning or to any delegation or elimination of Council's authority to override a mayoral veto or to pull a particular zoning matter from planning or a commission. 4. DO NOT expand the authority of the Director of Planning or the mayor. 5. DO NOT reduce or curtail notice, appeal and participation rights of citizens and residents and do not allow the Director or any unelected official to do so. 6. DO NOT reference or incorporate State law in violation of our City Charter. 7. DO NOT include any substantive changes and make it clear that the Director of Planning has no authority to make final decisions for the City as a whole. 8. DO NOT reclassify or redefine discretionary actions requiring application, notice and a public hearing as ministerial matters which permit "back room" approvals. 9. DO NOT ALLOW UPZONING without affordable housing. 10. DO NOT ALLOW for reduction of parking by 20% below minimal amounts already without any affordable housing component. 11. DO NOT ELIMINATE HPOZ Boards. 12. DO NOT ELIMINATE project notices to residents and neighbors. 13. FULL COMPLIANCE of all CUGU regulations.

This ordinance would make the Director of Planning (an unelected official) a virtual land Czar on most planning and land use issues giving him full authority, it eliminates the public process and is in direct violation of the City Charter Section 556-558.

- b. Wilmington Neighborhood Council Publicity Committee recommends to the full board to purchase lights for canopy in an amount not to exceed \$50.
 - c. Appointment of a Parliamentarian to the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
Steve Salas appointed to serve as Parliamentarian with 5 votes (Contreras, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, and S. Salas), and Barbara Zepeda with 4 votes (Aguilar, Cortes Luke, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council