



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER
MEETING Minutes

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2019 | 6:30pm

Cragin Theater, Phineas Banning High School - 1527 Lakme Ave, Wilmington CA 90744

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum of 9 board members were present (Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Fermin, Guzman, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas, Ms. Salas).

Valerie Contreras arrived at 6:50 p.m. Carlos Sanchez arrived at 7 p.m. Barbara Zapeda was excused and absent.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Public is given two minutes to address the board on items not on the agenda, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.

Gina Ellis - Measure EE will be on the ballot in a special election on June 4.

It will be a parcel tax of 16 cents per square feet. There will be fiscal responsibility.

Monique Barajas - Relay for Life Wilmington is July 20 at Banning High School. Please participate. There will be a caregiver brunch as well on May 19th. Visit relay4life.org/wilmingtonca for more information.

Janet Grothe - I am retiring from Phillips 66. Ken Dami and Juliana Moreno will be community liaisons now with Phillips 66.

Margarita Hernandez - concerned about the lack of efficacious street sweeping.

3. OLD BUSINESS (10 MINUTES)

- a. Wilmington Neighborhood Council Publicity Committee recommends to the full board to purchase lights for canopy in an amount not to exceed \$50.

Nancy Anaya moved to approve the purchase as stated above. The motion carried with 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 3 No (Contreras, Fermin, Salas,) and 6 Yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Salas, Martinez)

- b. 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.

Valerie Contreras moved to adopt the recommendations from the planning committee as stated above.

Christian Guzman moved to amend the community impact statement by formatting to only capitalize proper nouns and words that begin a sentence. The amendment was seconded by Contreras.

The amendment carried with 0 no and 12 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas, Ms. Salas, Sanchez).

The amended motion carried with 1 no (Sanchez) and 11 Yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Contreras, Cortes, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas, Ms. Salas).

4. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES

Representatives and officials from government agency offices are given five minutes each.

- a. Los Angeles Planning Department- Allissa Gordon invited the public and council to attend the following events:

Harbor City/Wilmington Community Plan

Drop-In Hours - Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Drop-In Hours - Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Workshop - Saturday, May 18, 2019

Harry Bridges Span School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Environmental Planning 101 Workshops

May 23rd (Thursday)

Banning Landings Community Center

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

100 E. Water Street

May 29th (Wednesday)

Webinar

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

RSVP: bit.ly/p101env

- b. Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino - Fernando Navarrette gave and submitted a report.
- c. CA State Senator Steven Bradford - Secretary Guzman announced that Bradford's legislation can be looked up by visiting website or contacting his office.
- d. Los Angeles Harbor Department- Cecelia Moreno gave and submitted a report.
- e. Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Octaviano Rios encouraged the council and community to promote the neighborhood council elections. They will be on June 8 at Banning High School in Wilmington. Voting is by self affirmation. Anyone 16 years of age and up, that has a substantial connection to Wilmington can vote; a connection such as live, work, volunteer, club membership, et cetera).

5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR 1424 N. DEEPWATER AVENUE Case CPC-2018-7329-GPAJ-ZCJ-SPR

The case is still currently on hold. A hearing date has not been set yet.

Once the case is deemed complete, the city would proceed with the environmental analysis (could take a few months depending on if it's a CE, M/ND, or EIR, etc). Generally speaking, for a legislative entitlement, the city would then conduct a public hearing by a hearing officer (an additional 1-2 months), then proceed with planning commission for their recommendation (an additional 2-3 months), and then it would be transmitted to the City Clerk for the planning and land use committee and city council for action.

6. MINUTES (5 MINUTES)

- a. Possible approval of March 27 meeting minutes.

Christian Guzman moved to approve the minutes; Kim Luke seconded the motion. The motion carried with 1 abstention (Anaya) 3 no (Fermin, Madame Salas, Sanchez), 1 not voting (Contreras) and 7 Yes (Aguilar, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez and Mr. Salas).

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRIORITIZING WILMINGTON AND CITYWIDE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FISCAL YEAR 2019-20, COUNCIL FILE NUMBER 19-0600. (30 MINUTES)

Kim Luke moved to refer item 7 to a special meeting due to time constraints in the regular meeting; Adolfo Fermin seconded the motion. The motion was lost since there were 2 Yes (Contreras and Fermin), 1 abstention (Jones) and 9 No (Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Guzman, Luke, Martinez, Madame Salas, Mr. Salas, Sanchez).

Christian Guzman discussed the budget process. The mayor of Los Angeles releases a proposed budget for the next fiscal year, which starts in July, in the April before. So for this year the proposal was released in April 2019 for the fiscal year 2019-20. The city council holds public hearings in the months leading up to the end of the current fiscal year, June 30. The Wilmington Neighborhood council and the public can give input via public comment, community impact statements and resolutions. Guzman wanted to have the public share their ideas at this meeting.

The public talked about wanting increased funding for the Department of Aging or Recreation and Parks to improve the services at the senior center in Wilmington. They also want better sidewalk maintenance, lighting, street signs, more foliage, and better electrical and water infrastructure. Some members of the community noted the construction projects along Anaheim street.

Valerie Contreras referenced the past year's community impact on the city budget.

Adolfo Fermin invited the public to come to committees of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council to give input on issues like this.

Steve Salas encouraged the public to get organized and stay organized in terms of lobbying the government for things they want. He went along with other community

members to the harbor department for about a year and that helped to result in more funding for waterfront projects in Wilmington. Go to the hearings at the city council or call up your councilmember and let them know what you want.

The board agreed to have a special meeting to continue the discussion.

8. TREASURER REPORT AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

- a. Possible approval Monthly Expenditure Reports for March.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 4 no (Contreras, Fermin, Ms. Salas, Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 6 Yes(Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Salas). The motion carried.
- b. Possible approval payment of \$75.00 to Salient computers for password reset.
Contreras moved to approve; seconded by Fermin. Unanimously carried.
- c. Possible approval of payment for invoice 403825 for Llyod staffing.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 9 Yes(Contreras, Fermin, Ms. Salas, Sanchez Cortes, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas) 1 abstention (Guzman) (Aguilar and Anaya were ineligible). The motion carried.
- d. Update of Status of Welcome to Wilmington Sign.
Chairman Aguilar submitted some documents to Councilman Buscaino's office. The documents will help the process moved forward with the necessary city departments. About \$8500 is set aside for the project and may roll over to the next fiscal year for the Wilmington NC.
- e. Possible approval of amending Budget to reallocate \$8500 from office and outreach to NPG's.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 4 no (Contreras, Fermin, Mr. Salas, Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 6 Yes(Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Ms. Salas). The motion carried.
- f. Possible approval of a countdown clock with buzzer for stakeholders meetings in an amount not to exceed \$200.00.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 3 no (Contreras, Fermin, Mr. Salas) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 7 Yes(Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Sanchez, Ms. Salas). The motion carried.
- g. Possible awarding of a neighborhood purpose grant for the Wilmington Historical Society in an amount not to exceed \$3500.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 4 no (Contreras, Fermin, Ms. Salas, Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 6 Yes(Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas,). The motion carried.

- h. Possible awarding of a neighborhood purpose grant in an amount not to exceed \$2500 for the Wilmington JC.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 1 no (Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 8 Yes(Contreras, Fermin, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Ms. Salas) 1 recusal (Mr. Salas)
- i. Possible awarding of a neighborhood purpose grant in an amount not to exceed \$1000 for A Needy Wilmington.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 3 no (Contreras, Mr. Salas, Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 7 Yes(Cortes, Fermin, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Ms. Salas). The motion carried.
- j. Possible awarding of a neighborhood purpose grant in an amount not to exceed \$3000 Club America Soccer Academy.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 10 Yes (Contreras, Fermin, Ms. Salas, Sanchez Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, Martinez, Mr. Salas) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) carried. 0 No. The motion carried.
- k. Possible awarding of a neighborhood purpose grant in an amount not to exceed \$1000 for Ken Malloy Harbor Regional. The motion carried.
Luke moved to approve. Out of committee. 1 abstention (Cortes) 4 no (Contreras, Jones, Mr. Salas, Sanchez) 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) 6 Yes(Fermin, Guzman, Luke, Martinez, Ms. Salas). The motion carried.

9. ADJOURN

Chairman Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.