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<p><b>General Board Meeting                  Minutes                  October 22, 2019                  6:00PM- 8:48PM Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting Location:</b>                  Phineas Banning High School                  1527 Lakme Avenue                  Wilmington, CA 90744,                  Cragin Theatre</p>

<b>Boardmember</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Funding Vote Eligible*</b>	<b>Category</b>
Ernesto Aguilar	Absent **	Yes	Community Interest Rep.
Steven Contreras	Present	Yes	Residential Representative
Valerie Contreras	Present	Yes	Employee Representative
Christina Dake	Present	Yes	Residential Representative
Robert Jones	Absent **	Yes	At-Large Representative
Nancy Luna	Present	Yes	Employee Representative
Gina Martinez	Present	Yes	Owner representative
Carlos Sanchez	Present (Arrived 8:15PM)	Yes	Owner Representative
Santiago Sedillo	Present	Yes	Employee Representative
Barbara Zepeda	Present (Left meeting (8:15PM)	Yes	Owner Representative
Gayle Fleury	Present after swearing in	Yes	At-Large Representative
Adolpho Fermin	Present after swearing in	Yes	Residential Representative
Vacant			At-Large Representative
<b>TOTAL: 12</b>	<b>PRESENT 8 ABSENT 3</b>		

\*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

\*\* Advance notice given for absence

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Pledge of Allegiance, and opening remarks from Chair Contreras Meeting was called to order at 6:09PM. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Contreras. Ms. Contreras stated that the Board will be discussing items only on the agenda. Speaker cards are available in the back. We will follow the numerical order of the agenda. Everybody will be following rules of decorum and respect others, respect others opinions. Turn off your cell phones. There is a full agenda and two presentations

- a. Roll call and quorum by the Secretary-Santiago Sedillo

WNC ITEM 1a Roll Call		
Present –7	Absent -01	Excused-02
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	Sanchez	Aguilar, Jones,

- b. **CHAIR’S REPORT** -OPENING REMARKS-Presentation request on the Community Plan Update by the LA City Planning Department has been referred to the Planning & Land Use Committee for a joint meeting with Harbor City NC on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm. Possible at LA Harbor College. Agenda to be posted 72 hours prior. It’s open to the community.

**2. SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS**-Swearing in of newly appointed Boardmembers by Octavio Rios, DONE

- a. Adolfo Fermin – Residential Seat
- b. Gayle Fleury - At-large seat  
I pledge to rep with dignity, encourage other points of view, Respect value and consider everyone’s opinion, find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote. To my neighbors and to neighbors throughout the city of los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.
- c. Introduction of Newly seated Wilmington Neighborhood Council Governing Board members for the term 2019-2021- We have Gina Martinez, Treasurer, Santiago Sedillo, Secretary, Barbara Zepeda, Parliamentarian, Carlos Sanchez, Co-Chair, Steve Contreras, Christina Dake, Gina Martinez.
- d. Check Board member training certification is updated for board participation per State law. All elected officials are required to take the Ethics training to participate. No training, no input, motions, seconds, or voting by the board member. So far, all present have completed their training and are certified.
- e. Reports on The Congress of Neighborhood Councils by Boardmembers- Congress of NCs had over 1000 people come together. Several WNC Boardmembers attended. We’re here to represent Wilmington. We are the people who want to fight for you so you can do what you want and not a City agenda, not a Mayor agenda, not for special interests, and not for personal gain. Ms. Luna stated that It was a good experience, first year attending and got to learn a lot, experience opened up eyes beyond this meeting. We represented Wilmington with a lot of pride. Everyone stopped us because of our shirts that recognized Wilmington. Mr. Ferman stated that this was his first Congress and one day is not enough. We need three days. Ethics, media, legal issues. Public is invited also. Wilmington is the first certified Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles. No one else can make that boast. We made sure everyone knew we were the first. The current Boardmembers and the founding Boardmembers, are very proud. Ms. Contreras stated it was an awesome class that Lydia put on. Very good feedback. Roundtables, collaborate with other NCs, looking at the City as a whole and our part within the City and how important it is to come back to our stakeholders to connect with you. We are here as your representatives and we want to hear from our community.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR** Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non- controversial and will be treated as **one agenda item**. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

**Motion to approve the consent calendar**

- a. Approval of September, 2019 Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes
- b. Approve the correction on the amount for the **proposal** from the Mailroom/Kristina Smith for her monthly services in the invoice amount of \$205 from the previously approved invoice amount of \$200.00
- c. Approve the correction on the reimbursement amount to Valerie Contreras for breakfast items for

the WNC 2019 Retreat in the amount of \$64.45 correction from the original amount previously approve for 68.44.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3 Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items a-c Moved: S. Contreras Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

**4. TREASURER’S REPORT-Gina Martinez**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) for September 2019 Ms. Martinez stated that all bills are paid. MER Item that was .01 cent off and we made that correct.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 4a Motion to approve September MERs Moved: Luna Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

- b. Discussion and action to approve refreshments for the monthly governing board and stakeholder meetings for FY 2019-2020 in the amount not to exceed \$210.00 per meeting.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 4b Motion to approve refreshments for meeting Moved: Luna Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

- c. Motion to approve Bridgegap as the minutes taker for the October 22, 2019 board & stakeholder meeting at an hourly rate of \$25.74 in the amount not to exceed \$102.96 for the hours of 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 4c Motion to approve minute taker Moved: Luna Second: Fermin</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

**5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. On the Wilmington Neighborhood Council Port Resolution on the Wilmington Waterfront Redevelopment project. By Russell Mohberg. Wilmington NC Port Resolution Waterfront Redevelopment project –Russell Mohberg – Already approved project, this presentation is an update. We need to present this to more stakeholders. Currently on the website: wilimingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com Russell is a volunteer on the land use committee. We don’t have a developer. We have a willing Port but we do not have a developer. Catalyst for Avalon and C Street,

Banning's Landing, and bordered by Bridges Blvd. Control of access to the waterfront because of more train volume. If you have a big wedding or event you need to have controlled access. Default is closed. Put a signal at end of Broad. If open, then go through. This is a functional solution. Port said they can't do it due to safety. Would like to push harder on this using public access money. #2 General overlay. Monument sign, train to climb on, olive groves. More prep to commercial space, tea house and visitor center. Sundial proposed if community wants one more historical such as Wrigley, Farm, and Grand Pavilion. Save room for America's port. Gateway and Monument signs got pushed to second phase. Not sure why. If you want it to be successful put sign up at the get-go. Hoping to pull that back in. Not aware of what budget is. Idea for monument sign. Various views. Concerns with the color palette. Needs to be extended to Banning's Landing and it is not necessary to match. Make the colors more coastal and earthy and follow the historic theme with sculptured focal point which right now is sundial. Something more significant needs to be planned. Lot of things to choose from, own airline. Giant anchor. Horses pulling a stagecoach. Overall design themes. There's some miscommunication. All parties need to get back together. Design is 40-60% done. There's room to do things, but not sure where we stand. This was the exact site of first railroad in Southern CA. Should have a static train model that can be climbed on, get in, take pictures. Camel. Interpretive panel. Getting history up to where you can read it. There are so many stories. Landscaping. Use same motif as Waterfront Park. Make it more coastal and bring in elements you wouldn't see anywhere else. Stone instead of concrete. Flowers that bloom. Olive groves. Seating area with Tea House. Create nice areas. Pedestrian Bridge. We've passed the point of the design question. Materials and finishes would like to see. Industrial waterfront and you've got this white form in the middle. Finish with black metal or rusted steel so it looks to fit more and has low maintenance. #8 – Workforce Training Center being considered is vague. Concern that it doesn't pop up in middle of the park. Concept is good but doesn't seem to fit with retail customer type of experience. We don't think it should go into either of these two spots. #9 – America's Port Exploratorium. Move across the street to big open area. Make it hyper interactive. Like Exploratorium in San Francisco. It's a must go see in San Francisco. It is so engaging because it is alive. Not just looking at the past, it is looking at what's going on. Should be in Wilmington. If San Pedro is to be the entertainment capital of the Port, let us be the working capital. Working farm. Something highly engaging. People drive for hours to come to see this. Can buy pre-fab barns inexpensively. Not just a farm, gift shop. Micro attraction. (examples). Grand Pavilion – we also don't understand why you wouldn't have one in this park. We don't have one. Give us a place to have a meeting. Doesn't have to be expensive to be beautiful. Observation Tower, needs to be bigger and make it the scale of the Space Needle and have an amazing conference center. Amazing views of Catalina and Long Beach. Would be spectacular. 120 x 120 ft. It could be a light house. Beacon of Peace, trade, and hope. Integrate with a Port Exploratorium. Tower coming out with banquet hall, observation deck. Easy engineering. Port not interested but community is interested. Last photos of Tea House. More conceptual ideas in discussions with the port. Triangle Lot getting it up off the ground, better view point. Pre-fab building which brings the cost down. New architectural motif instead of having grays and blacks in the 1800. Sage Modern to try to get costs down. Shaded lounge, outdoor games, shuffle board, ping pong so kids could spend some time there. There's enough room for a commercial kitchen and the ability to

cater to the Grand Pavilion. Coffee roaster. Modern clean, simple. Visitor Center – a beginning point. C Street – Beacon Building in Tequila distillery and restaurant. Red Car Museum. Ideas for names of streets – Sail boat – Angelita – won the Olympics. If we have chance to name, lets. We need a lot of responses when they ask. Lot of work has gone into that. We are the second largest city in the nation.

- b. The Welcome to Wilmington Sign Project by the WNC Chair Valerie Contreras- In 2017 the WNC took official action and supported a monument gateway sign that we were working on that we started with 3 different design. NC and stakeholders voted. We put \$\$ aside each year. Boardmembers came on and off and continued the support. Engineer did the sign what it would look like. We tried to get Cal Trans. We are able to scale up or down. Has to be on public property. Thinking to propose 5 points or entrance on Gibson Blvd. It is pretty big and significant. Want it to look like it is been there forever. Survey forms available to fill out. Seeking letters of support from different community leaders.

**6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Wilmington Neighborhood Councils subject matter jurisdiction. Limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Please fill out a speaker card.

- a. Simie Soeman, a 48-year resident thanked all LAPD and LAFD for their service, especially with the recent fires. She also wants to recognize our Senior Lead Officers for their service, especially the Quality of Life Unit. There is another enforcement officer that is a big part of our community and often overlooked and that is the City Park Rangers Department. Last week we lost a great man, Albert Torres. He was always available and whenever she would call, he knew her by name and was always ready to respond to her concerns. He especially helped with the Banning Historical Neighborhood Watch program and the Banning Safety Committee. Ms. Seeman asked that we extend a moment of silence to Captain Albert Torres for his passing and for a job well done. He was a wonderful man. While he was serving at the fires, on duty, he fell sick and passed away. Services will be held on Sunday and Monday at Forest Lawn.
- b. Anthony Rivas, Wilmington resident. Is there a topic on the permanent homeless housing on Eubank? He hasn't heard anything about the development other than there's 51 units with only 9 or 10 parking spots and this doesn't make sense. Is there documentation to support the traffic problem we are going to have?

*The chair noted that there is an item on the agenda about this development and that he will have a chance to speak at that time.*

- c. Claudia Licea, a stakeholder had the same question about the permanent homeless housing on Eubank.
- d. Mary Gutierrez – Representing Wilmington Lions, service organization in Wilmington. October is Medication Safety Awareness month. If anyone you know has problems seeing and takes medication, many can't read the small print on the pill bottles. There's a little machine and its free and they are loaned out by the pharmacy. They put a bar code on the bottles and it reads what's on the labels. She can demonstrate how it works and hear it read a label. It's a Godsend to people who can't see. The main goal of Lions is to help people with preventable blindness and help people who can't see.
- e. Andrew Hurtado spoke about the homeless situation and the project going on. He owns 3 properties and has lived in the community since 1970, worked as a Longshoreman. He abides by the law. He says there's compassion for the homeless, but who has compassion for him. He's concerned his home values will go down because misfits got a Golden Ticket. He lives on Eubank and he cleans up human feces from transients. There's 4-5 of them now. They break in to his cars. It's a big problem. The Girls in the Drill Team have to deal with it when they walk by. He's frustrated and this situation needs help.

- f. Ruben Rodriguez – submitted a written comment card regarding the continued RV parking on Drum and Pacific Coast Highway and that street lights are needed at Green Belt Park.
- g. Lupe Lopez – Like many of you she has lived in Wilmington all of her life, 43 years, in the heart of the harbor. We could pick up and go live somewhere else, but we have a lot of heart for this community. Speaking against the affordable housing units that we are going to fight so it does not go up. It is not that we don't have compassion for those who are hurting. Works every day at the Long Beach Rescue Mission. She sees the face of homelessness every day. Doesn't want to come home to see that in her backyard. Doesn't understand how people in charge (Hopes Fernando can answer) why have selected one of the quietest neighborhoods in the community to gut out and ruin it for us. There's more land in this community to place it. We all live here and we drive through it. We do it because we have heart for the Harbor. Speaking with her heart and hope we can share what other locations have been sought out to place this homeless shelter in. How can you select a residential neighborhood surrounding? Gutting that out is not fair to those who have taken so much pride to live in this area. We will gladly go along on bus rides to find solutions. We can help resolve the issues around it. Asking for the Bay Point Avenue. My sister opened a business here when she could have gone elsewhere. Please reconsider because we will appeal.
- h. Steve Salas, Wilmington resident, spoke on the issues with homelessness. He said the Councilman should pull this Bridge Home proposal. Mr. Salas is willing to put up \$1,000 to help stop this bridge housing. Mr. Salas said elected officials pushed 8502 or so RVs can be placed here and now there's a high rate of sex offenders and sex trafficking. With this proposal LAPD will have a homeless storage area and convert 3 lots for homeless apartments. Only 30 citations for RVs were issued in our area but in San Fernando Valley over 800 citations were issued in 2018. The Port of L.A. with CD15 held special meetings to approve the Bridge home. Three special meetings with meeting #2 where it was approved. There has been no community input and CD15 has lied at the meetings saying Wilmington residents were on board with the housing project. What are we going to do about it? LAHSA has a website and they can do a homeless count. There are many other cities that do not have homeless in their streets or homeless housing.

**7. ELECTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-** Representatives from the government agency offices to share 3 highlights from their reports and are given. Chair Contreras announced that all the email contacts and phone numbers for all elected officials are in the meeting agenda, item #7. Chair also pointed out the change for Fernando Navarrete, CD15 representative's phone number.

- a. **44<sup>TH</sup> Congressional District, Congresswoman**, Nanette Barragan, District director Area office (310) 831-1799 email: [Francisco.Carrillo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Francisco.Carrillo@mail.house.gov) Absent
- b. **35<sup>th</sup> California State District, Senator** Steven Bradford, District director, Nital Patel (310) 412-6120 [Nital.patel@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Nital.patel@sen.ca.gov) Absent
- c. **64<sup>th</sup> California State Assembly District, Assembly member** Mike Gibson, Field Rep., Victor Ibarra (310) 324-6408 [victor.ibarra@asm.ca.gov](mailto:victor.ibarra@asm.ca.gov) Absent
- d. **Los Angeles Mayor**, Mayor Eric Garcetti, MyLA311 for all city services get the app. Field Representative, JoHanna, Rodriguez (323) 572-6488 [johanna.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:johanna.rodriguez@lacity.org) Help desk (213) 978-1028 Absent
- e. **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 4<sup>th</sup> District** Supervisor Janice Hahn, Erkia Velasquez (310)519-6021 [evelazquez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:evelazquez@bos.lacounty.gov) Absent
- f. **Los Angeles City Councilmember 15<sup>th</sup> District** Joe Buscaino, Field Rep., Fernando Navarrete, (424) 215-1159 [fernando.navarrete@lacity.org](mailto:fernando.navarrete@lacity.org) City Hall (213) 473-7015, 15<sup>th</sup> District office- CD15 Report – Fernando Navarrete said he prefers all to use his office phone number of 310-732-4515. Information handout for all board and stakeholders.  
#1 - UHRC– Cleaning and Rapid Engagement or Care. Directly from Mayor's website as of June 19, 2019. City will no longer rely on case by case model for clean-up. Instead, creating a neighborhood comprehensive and rapid engagement care teams and will use data driven tools to provide public health services for encampments, identify areas of high need and

ensure the hardest hit areas receive regularly scheduled clean ups and hygiene services. You still report to 311, CD15 gets those reports. Weekly clean ups for chronic locations and monthly for care plus teams. Isabella Blue at CD15 handles case to case basis. Call or email Isabella.

#2 – Truck Idling – There isn't a clearly defined ordinance in our Municipal Code regarding who can enforce truck idling. CD15 introduced a Motion, CF19-0454, to find out who, in writing, the enforcement agencies are and work with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to get a better sense of who can enforce idling rules. Parking enforcement can't legally take this on. Follow the council file as it moves through the City.

#3 – New DOT approved all way stop sign at Ob Street and Bayview installed at neighbor's request.

#4 – Report on homeless encampments and bulky items. You can see the entire City of L.A. report. The problems are data driven. So, if things such as graffiti, bulky items, encampments are not reported, then it will not be covered. They receive a lot of calls and they ask if it's been reported. It's the duty of the residents to report the issues. If you don't have the app, download on your phone. You can report anonymously. Important to have 311.

What cleaning services does the Care Team offer – normal bulky items, depends on severity. Tents or RVs on sidewalks and streets. Care Plus teams go out once a week to most chronic locations.

Does this include power washing sidewalks? They do watershed control with sanitation. Any water pollution in the encampment. No power washing unless a BID.

#6 – 64 units for \$8 million, \$125,000 per unit. All are affordable housing. Its PSS. They one bedroom. No renderings for the units.

Fernando will be available for more questions on other items.

Q&A – Stakeholder heard that a huge tent is being set up and will open in February 2020. She's upset that Fernando walked out, not answering questions.

- g. **LAPD SLO**, Nickolas Ferara - Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at LA Harbor Dept. at John Gibson Blvd., Dispatch 1-877-275-5273 – new Senior Lead Officer for Wilmington: Nick has been 14 years on the job with LAPD. He specializes in homeless issues. He was advised that it was up to him to come to the meeting. He wants to hear about everything and from everyone. His primary goal is to keep track of new shelters built for the homeless, tracking criminal activity and their movement. He feels that the buildings are going to attract the undesirables and the good who want housing making it a big challenge for all. He identified some key areas he's monitoring: F& Broad, in front of the Mission. Q Street and Gamble and Food4Less on Anaheim. He broke up the encampment on Avalon and PCH by the 7-11 a couple of days ago. Sanitation was not coming out so he cleared it out with a volunteer group and transported everything to a trash dump. Illegal dumping is his biggest frustration because it is not impacting those who violate. It's hard to prove. The Mayor is working to install cameras in high illegal dumping areas and increase violations, fees and laws. Once this is in effect, he hopes he can get more done. Care and Care Plus Team are great. The 72-hour notice is no longer in effect for them. The team will come out on the spur of the moment to clean up the hazards. There can be no couch or bottle of urine or bottle of feces on the street and they need to be cleaned up immediately so we can get these hazards off the street. If you want to give them the three days for the other stuff, great, but at least we need to get the hazards off the street because the needles, meth pipes all has to go because our kids are stepping into it. SLO Nick is very supportive of the Care Plus teams. The housing facilities for the homeless will be at 828 Eubank, Bridge Home. 1371 Eubank – will be behind it. It will house seniors 55 and above. There's a lot of community voice strongly opposed. His job is to make sure that these people are being tracked. He can't stop the units from being built,

but he can stop them from committing crimes to the best of his ability. 551 Beacon will be built first in San Pedro by the end of the year. But because the costs have risen so high, there's a stall on these buildings being built. No new date for these facilities opening in the next year or two.

- h. **Port of Los Angeles- Port Police**, Officer Jose Alvarez [jalvarez@portla.org](mailto:jalvarez@portla.org) or Glenn Twordy [Gtwordy@portla.org](mailto:Gtwordy@portla.org) (310) 732-3293 Absent
- i. Public Affairs Representative, Cecilia Moreno [cmoreno@portla.org](mailto:cmoreno@portla.org) (310) 732-3508 The [Wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com](http://Wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com) website has links to all these office websites. Absent

## 8. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT- DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE

- a. The Executive Officers recommends to the full board three action items: We urge the full board to approve:
  - I. Possible action to approve appealing & requesting a reconsideration on the Port of LA Board of Harbor Commissioners approval of the revocable permit between the LA Harbor Department and the LA City department of general services on a port owned property in Wilmington and approval to send a letter/file a CIS/resolution on behalf of the WNC board. Possible action to approve appealing & requesting a reconsideration on the Port of LA Board of Harbor Commissioners approval of the revocable permit between the LA Harbor Department and the LA City Department of General Services on a port owned property in Wilmington and approval to send a letter/file a CIS/resolution on behalf of the WNC board. Motion Gina/Barbara – This is 828 Eubank and very little notice to the community of Wilmington was given. It was posted as a special meeting on a Friday. This will have long term effects in the community. Because there was a lot of information that the commission didn't hear, this letter requests a do over. Discussion: There's no parking. No adequate notice. No information to the community. Asking the commissioners to repeal the permit so the public can have their say. There are a lot of documents incorrect. For example, notice of exemption is incorrect. The community was never given say at City Hall. Never had an opportunity to say, one way or another. We're the ones who have to live with it. Our councilman has the ability to pull the permit. He chose Wilmington for Bridge Housing. We have a right to say no. The Executive Board had an emergency meeting. We're voicing for a do-over. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**
  - II. Approve action to send a Fiscal responsibility letter/resolution to have full access to the WNC office. To further address issues regarding the Wilmington Municipal build and the request for better security, a WNC building access for after hours and weekends and to address any other matters regarding this issue with community leaders and City departments. Approve action to send a Fiscal responsibility letter/resolution to have full access to the WNC office. To further address issues regarding the Wilmington Municipal building and the request for better security, a WNC building access for after hours and weekends and to address any other matters regarding this issue with community leaders and City departments. Motion: Gina/Santiago. Discussion: We need a key to our own office and own building. We do not have access to get to our office. We're responsible for all our inventory that we sign with wording that we, WNC, must have a lock and secure storage. We don't have access. There are items that don't belong to us. We're not asking for anything more than what every other NC asks. We're not asking for special treatment. Every other municipal building has LAPD. We're asking for equal treatment. We're asking for access. Question about parking and security. We have a responsibility as board members each of us are responsible. We should be able to secure these items for our community. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**
  - III. Discussion & possible action to approve the updated WNC Standing Rules. Discussion & possible action to approve the updated WNC Standing Rules. The executive officers went through the Standing Rules item by item and recommends the changes. The standing rules supplement the bylaws. Motion: Santiago/Barbara. Discussion: None. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**



**9. APPOINTMENTS**

**FILL 1 VACANT BOARD SEAT** Deadline to submit your application was October 15, 2019 which was posted on the WNC Website in September. Candidates were to emailed their application to [WilmingtonNC@empowerla.org](mailto:WilmingtonNC@empowerla.org).  
One (1) At-Large vacant seats to be filled.

The process for appointment is as follows and will be repeated for each of the vacancies: Candidates will be offered 2 minutes to speak on why they should be selected to fill the vacant seats. Candidates address the Board members who will be voting. Should a candidate not be present or choose not to speak, Chair or presiding officer will read Candidacy Statement. Appointment requires a simple majority vote of Governing Board members (there being a quorum) present and voting. Voting is by written ballot (only to assist the board members), ballots will be announced in an open process. The requirement is that each ballot, in order to be counted, must be signed. Governing Board votes will be announced by the Chair or presiding officer. In the event that there are more than 2 candidates and no candidate receives a majority of votes, the top two vote-getters will engage in a coin toss that will determine the winner. (per WNC Standing Rules) Ballots will be retained by the Chair from the Board and Stakeholder meeting. Newly appointed board member will take his/her oath and seat at the next WNC board & stakeholder meeting.

Meet the Candidates and give the opportunity to address the board. **At-Large one vacant seat** – Candidates: Simie Seaman **Motion** to appoint the WNC vacant seat: At-Large

- a. Board ballots, vote and congratulations Motion Santiago/Gail to include Jose Reyes as a candidate during tonight’s vote. Discussion: Jose Reyes applied last month, declined last month. He did not reapply and he did not make it on the agenda and he is not present. It is up to the board if he should be included tonight. Simie Seaman did apply. Chair Contreras did make effort to communicate and he did not resubmit. He said he’s still interested and if the chair could read his candidate statement. He needs to let us know when he’s interested again. He should reapply next month if there’s an opening. If he was interested in being here for the community, he would be here. **Voice Vote to include Jose Reyes: 4 = yes; 5 = no.**  
**Motion: Santiago/Barbara to approve candidate Simie Seaman.** Simie said she is running for the At-Large vacant seat and spoke briefly about her credentials and history with Wilmington. She’s running now because she has seen strong leadership finally for the people and by the people and with passion for Wilmington. It is what we should be. In the board packet she presented a two-page outline of her experience and positions, including having served on the first board of the Wilmington NC. She said that we have so many firsts that no one knows about. Simie spoke about her long-standing relationship with various organizations and can tell anyone the details of what the Wilmington Waterfront project is all about. She’s served on the Banning Landing Bard and proudly serves as the president of the historical society. For Wilmington NC she is on the Land Use committee. For public safety she is a 33-year block captain. Simie said she will be a Boardmember that will fight for Wilmington and won’t back down. Discussion/Q&A: how long in Wilmington? Simie is a 48-year resident who chooses to live in Wilmington. If it wasn’t for Wilmington, we would not have the Port of L.A. or the City of Los Angeles. Votes taken by written and signed ballots and each board member voiced their vote.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9a Motion to appoint Simie Seaman to At-Large Seat Moved: Sedillo Second: Zepeda</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

Simie will be seated at the November board meeting.

- b. Appoint Gayle Fleury as the chair of the Ad-Hoc Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee President

Appointment of Gayle Fleury as the chair of the Ad-Hoc Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee confirmed without objection.

- c. Appoint Adolfo to be the Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee. Appoint Adolfo Fermin to be the Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee confirmed without objection.
- d. Appoint Gina Martinez as the Legal Liaison for the WNC. Appoint Gina Martinez as the Legal Liaison for the WNC confirmed without objection. This may fall back on to the chair in the future.
- e. Appoint a new Chair for the By-Laws Committee. Appoint a new Chair as the By-Laws Committee. Even though Chair Contreras recommended new board member Simie Seaman, this appointment was not made.

Noted that all chair appointments require Ethics Training.

## 10. ACTION ITEMS- DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE

### Items coming from a committee and don't require a second to the motion:

- a. The WNC Planning & Land Use Committee request to the full board to approve sending letters to elected officials, schools, non-profits businesses, churches and all City departments including but not limited to NCs and all commissions requesting support for the WNC approved resolutions on the Wilmington Waterfront redevelopment by the Port of Los Angeles, the Welcome to Wilmington Sign, and all WNC projects already board approved. The WNC Planning & Land Use Committee request to the full board to approve sending letters to elected officials, schools, non-profits businesses, churches and all City departments including but not limited to NCs and all commissions requesting support for the WNC approved resolutions on the Wilmington Waterfront redevelopment by the Port of Los Angeles, the Welcome to Wilmington Sign, and all WNC projects already board approved. Motion: Gina/Steve. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**
- b. Approve sending a letter/community impact statement/resolution to City Hall and Department on the deep-water project. Approve sending a letter/community impact statement/resolution to City Hall and Department on the deep-water project. Motion: Santiago/Barbara. Discussion: Concerns about the Deep-Water Project are seven capped, abandoned oil wells. There's an MND to do remediation measures to salvage. They can and do leak. Suffer property value loss or suffer contamination. Goes against the Wilmington Harbor City Community Plan, page I-4 specifically states there's a need to maintain the low-density character of single-family neighborhoods and protect them from other incompatible uses. The average home in Wilmington is 75 years old. We need to preserve our R-1 zones. There are properties on Anaheim from Broad Avenue clear to Henry Ford. That should be an area that should be developed not our R-1 zones. It would be one of the 3 largest buildings in Wilmington. Parking is another issue. 19 spaces per their spokesperson with 10 used for staff. That's 8 spaces for 55 residents. There is no parking on Eubank. There is no parking on Pacific Coast Highway and there is no plan on how to deal with that. There is no foot traffic there. They say it is for seniors but they did not say it's only for 50% seniors. You have to go through their literature to find this. This is not all senior housing and this is a question we need to ask. On the MND the city planner is listed as Connie Chow and we have until Nov. 4 to voice our concerns. The City Planner who signed it does not match and they've dated the MND document 11-4-19. It's part of the City record, but it's not Nov. 4th yet. Project is not aesthetically what it should be. It's a nice project but not a nice project for Eubank. There was a CD15 working group. CD15 has worked around the city charter by not including the Wilmington NC. This is your official voice. The CD working group did take in a lot of stats and worked around the WNC on purpose to get what they want. A stakeholder said they intend to appeal this decision and have a petition and that we are poorly represented by our Councilman. There have been several times they've pulled a fast one. We stopped them from putting in a school. There are many causes for us to appeal this. Encourage to knock on CD15 door. That shelter on Eubank is opening in February as a circus tent and dividing people with removable cubicle walls. They are using the housing first model which will give them a cot on the floor. I have my kids in organized sports. How dare they put this tent up across from where are kids play baseball. For many these homeless persons do not want to improve their lives. Michelle – 45-year resident, chooses to live in Wilmington and have a lot of passion for the area. Her daughter can't be safe to play or have her cousins come over. To be exposed to the sickness going on. A huge problem that can't be in my cul-de-sac. Question about constitution for the City of L.A. The constitution has a responsibility to its people. That will tell us and solve a lot of these problems. Constitutions and Bill of Rights have been ordered. George: We need restaurants. In Koreatown they spoke up and stopped a homeless housing project there. We need to mobilize to get things done. Upset that the

CD15 rep left. Problem is that we don't have representation. Buscaino is only the councilman for San Pedro. We don't have representation. Students are 14-15-16-17 and they don't pay attention to sound. All of the construction is going to disturb our academics. We have a lot of students sick and construction will be an impact. The taller buildings with windows looking into backyards. 63 yr. resident and it's a shame to go through this to live in our community. When Banning's Landing approved did it take a long time to develop. It started in the 1980's and still not finished. We've proposed similar things. They want to keep it very minimal so they can take it back. Money allotted approved was later hacked in half. We need to reach out to our family and friends so we're not fighting alone. Shout out to the WNC and it comes down to votes. Register to vote. Banning H.S. has 900 eligible voters. Comes down to people showing up. March 3 is our primary. Notice of public land, Nov. 8. Has watched our CD15 rep to not pay attention in City Council meetings. Are they knocking on doors? No. They are not asking our opinion. They are going to sneak it in. They think we're a community of people who don't care. We have to educate people. We should ban together with Watts too. They got Bridge Housing. We have to be loud that we do care. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**

#### **Motion to approve both c. and d: Christina/Barbara**

- c. The Beautification recommends to the full board to approve sending a letter to Cal-Trans, State Assembly member, Council member, transportation department/committee and other agencies referencing the brush & weed abatement, tree trimming and trash clean up along the 110 Harbor freeway in the community of Wilmington. Discussion The Beautification recommends to the full board to approve sending a letter to Cal-Trans, State Assemblymember, Councilmember, transportation department/committee and other agencies referencing the brush & weed abatement, tree trimming and trash clean up along the 110 Harbor freeway in the community of Wilmington.: Letter and photos showing areas that we have problems within the Caltrans owned property. Multiple safety hazards. Many of the areas are within the City limits and responsibility of the City of Los Angeles.
- d. The Beautification Committee recommends sending a Letter to Council member Joe Buscaino/City departments & officials to clean up John Gibson Blvd. Tree trimming and landscape, lighting and continued maintenance on the medium as well as for the area between Sanford and Drum from PCH to Sandison. The Beautification Committee recommends sending a Letter to Council member Joe Buscaino/City departments & officials to clean up John Gibson Blvd. Tree trimming and landscape, lighting and continued maintenance on the medium as well as for the area between Sanford and Drum from PCH to Sandison. Discussion: Why do we have to pay for this. Adopt a Highway pays for some but many of these issues haven't been dealt with for 17 years. Question regarding how soon letters go out. Chair Contreras said as soon as possible. **Motion passed unanimous by voice vote to send letter to Caltrans.**

#### **Full board action items**

- e. Discussion & possible action to approve holding our November Board and Stakeholder monthly meeting on a different date in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday school will be closed. Approve Tuesday, November 12 or Tuesday, November 5, 2019 or another option. Discussion & possible action to approve holding our November Board and Stakeholder monthly meeting on a different date in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday school will be closed. Approve Tuesday, November 12 or Tuesday, November 5, 2019 or another option. **Motion for next board meeting will be on November 12 by Barbara/Christina. Motion passed by voice vote.**
- f. Discussion & possible action to approve the application for the WNC to participate in the Wilmington Chamber Christmas Parade on December 8, 2019. No entrance fee or application fee required. **Motion: Santiago/Barbara. Discussion: None. Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.**
- g. Discussion & possible action to approve renting of the Rubber Trolley to participate in the Wilmington Chamber Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at a rate of \$125.00 per hour plus \$30.00 driver tip & a 4 hours minimum from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Not to exceed \$530.00. A tradition for the WNC board members and immediate family members to participate plus one honorary person. **Motion: Gail/Barbara. Roll Call Vote.** to approve renting of the Rubber Trolley to participate in the

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Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 10g Motion to approve \$530 for Christmas parade. Moved: Fleury Second: Zepeda</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	No- 00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Sanchez

- h. Discussion & possible action to approve having our annual Christmas/WNC 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party in lieu of our regular December Board & Stakeholder meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 or Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at the Wilmington Senior Center. **Motion: Santiago/Barbara** to approve having our annual Christmas/WNC 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party in lieu of our regular December Board & Stakeholder meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 or Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at the Wilmington Senior Center. Discussion: We have it on a separate night and invite surrounding NCs, celebrate our anniversary, no meeting. Motion to amend Steve/Carlos to include Friday, December 6, 2019 at a location to be announced passed unanimous. **Vote on the amended motion passed unanimous.**
- i. Discussion & possible action to approve the funding for the December WNC 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 including but not limited to room rental, food, decorations, paper goods and other needed items. Discussion & possible action to approve the funding for the December WNC 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 including but not limited to room rental, food, decorations, paper goods and other needed items. Motion: Santiago/Nancy. Discussion: None.

**Mr. Sanchez joined the meeting**  
**Ms. Zepeda left the meeting.**

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 10i Motion to approve \$1000.00 for anniversary celebration. Moved: Sedillo Second: Luna</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	No- 00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Zepeda

- j. Discussion and possible action to approve paying for Santa & a keepsake photos for children at our Christmas party. Donation to the Lions Club & the “White Cane” effort in the amount not to exceed \$ 200.00. Motion: Gina/Santiago. Discussion: partnered with Lions Club last year and everything was free but this year they will charge us. If Santa could be free would the board consider? The costs are for other expenses related to the photos. This will only be spent if comes together.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 10j Motion to approve \$1000.00 for anniversary celebration. Moved: Martinez Second: Luna</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	No- 00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Sedillo	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Zepeda

- k. Discussion & possible action to approve purchasing 3 more WNC logo table cloths and 3 more WNC logo canopies in the amount not to exceed \$2,700.00. For publicity and outreach. Motion: Carlos/Steve. Discussion: We already approved the logo table cloths from before. The prior board approved, not the current board. This is a new invoice and new item. The company still owes us for items and then we will submit this order. We'll approve \$2,700.00 and approve the difference. Approving this motion would be that we would receive 3 logo table cloths and 3 WNC canopies. Recommendation for one canopy, not 3 so funding can be used for Census tract outreach. We have a strategic plan and our budget is itemized. Last year and they had a lot of extra money. Let's submit and if we run out, we run out. This comes from the publicity committee. We will be having our safety fair and we need the canopies for various events. Getting our name out there brings more awareness of the WNC and its important for the community to know who we are so this is very important for the public to know there's a WNC and doing events.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 10k Motion to approve \$2700.00 for outreach materials. Moved: Sedillo Second: S. Contreras</b>			
<b>Yes –9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Sedillo	NONE	NONE	Aguilar, Jones, Zepeda

**11. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. **Finance Committee** Chair Gina Martinez report & next meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday, at Neeno's Pizza.
- b **The Beautification Committee-** Chair Steven Contreras-report & next meeting due to the holiday, meeting change to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, November 4th 6:00 pm at Neeno's pizza
- b. **Transportation Committee** Chair Carlos Sanchez-report & next meeting Pablo's Smog or Neeno's Café. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.
- c. **Publicity & Communications** Chairs- Nancy Luna, Gina Martinez & Valerie Contreras-report & next meeting – last Monday of each Month, 5:00 Café, Cafe
- d. **By-Laws Committee – Appointment of New Chair**
- e. **Planning & Land Use Committee-**Char Valerie Contreras report & next meeting 1st Monday, Nov 4 at 6:00 pm. At Neeno's pizza
- f. **Environmental Committee** – Chair Christina Dake Next meeting
- g. **Public Works Committee-** Chair needed
  - I. **LA City department Liaison reports**
  - II. NC Budget Reps
  - III. **NC Budget Advocates** - Gina Martinez, Valerie Contreras
  - IV. **Public Works** - Carlos Sanchez
  - V. **Animal Services** - Pending
  - VI. **DWP** -pending
  - VII. **Planning** - Valerie Contreras
  - VIII. **Filming** - Barbara Zepeda
  - IX. **Great Streets** -Nancy Luna
  - X. **Employment** - Ernie Aguilar
  - XI. **Vision Zero** - Barbara Zepeda, Carlos Sanchez
  - XII. **Transportation** - Carlos Sanchez
  - XIII. **Gender Equality** - Nancy Luna
  - XIV. **Domestic Violence** - Valerie Contreras
  - XV. **Affordable Housing** - Steve Contreras
  - XVI. **Homelessness** - Steve Contreras, Gina Martinez, Valerie Contreras
  - XVII. **Ageing** - Gina Martinez
  - XVIII. **Port** - Valerie Contreras, Gina Martinez,
  - XIX. **Building & Safety** -Christina Dake
  - XX. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance** - Pending

## **12. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- a. **Octaviano Rios, DONE** – New GM, Raquel Beltran. On the job 4 weeks and has visited 15% of the NCs. She will be visiting all 99 in 3 months. It won't be a surprise. Will request to be placed on the agenda and speak to the board for 10 minutes and Q&A. She speaks Spanish. The City Budget in process with City departments developing their budget proposals to submit to the Mayor for the next Fiscal Year. NCs will have three opportunities to influence the decision-making process including submitting their community priorities to City Departments, through the Mayor's office and the City Council through a Community Impact Statement. Department suggests submitting a board approved letter listing your top priorities as a board for your community during each of these three periods. We're late on submitting a letter to the City Departments but they are still in the process of doing so. The Mayor is still compiling his recommendations from the departments to submit to the City Council in April. Ultimately the City Council approves the budget so there's still time to be involved. Q&A: What is the deadline submitting? Best to influence the departments now by submitting your priorities. There is not a City Council File yet. Letter best with list of priorities. Octaviano can send a Harbor Gateway letter example that shows (for example) tree trimming, lifted sidewalks, etc. It can be a very daunting process. To do it right, have each of your board members submit list of priorities and proposals. You'll use it as a list as a performance measure to keep organized and make sure all those items get done. Send to City Departments, then the Mayor, then the City Council. Send the same list three times. Walk around and canvass your neighborhoods, compile your list and then agendize it and vote on the list. Hopefully you are receiving those requests from stakeholders. Daughter got approved and then told her to get a contractor to do it and had 30 days to do it. It would be a good topic to cover at next meeting. Census starts April 2020. Great way to engage stakeholders. Census Action Kiosks. More information from DONE and Mayor's office. He's focused on communities that are underserved. Demographics survey needed before Thanksgiving. Asking executive boards of NCs that have not completed the demographic survey. There will be a draft report which will include those have not responded. DONE will come to meetings with Hard copies on the spot. Regional 2019 election feedback session. Still collecting feedback in writing. The NC elections working group are looking for a few representatives at 3 p.m. every month about bylaws, timelines, voting by mail leading up to the next elections. If anyone interested, let Octaviano know.
- b. Board member announcements: Please respond to the PR request. Create your WNC email. If you are going to be a committee chair, please meet with Chair Contreras.

## **13. Meeting adjourned: 9 p.m.**