

	<p><b>WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL</b>  544N. Avalon Blvd. Suite #103 Wilmington, CA  90744  310-522-2013  Email: wilmingtonNC@empowerLA.org  Website: Wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com</p>
<p><b>General Board Meeting  Minutes  January 28, 2020  6:05PM- 9:20PM Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting Location:</b>  Phineas Banning High School  1527 Lakme Avenue  Wilmington, CA 90744,  Cragin Theatre</p>

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Ernesto Aguilar	Removed	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	Absent	Yes	Owner Representative
Santiago Sedillo	Present	Yes	Employee Representative
Barbara Zepeda	Absent	Yes	Owner Representative
Gayle Fleury	Present (arrived at 6:16 pm)	Yes	At-Large Representative
Adolpho Fermin	Present	Yes	Residential Representative
Simie Seaman	Present	Yes	At-Large Representative
<b>TOTAL: 13</b>	<b>PRESENT 9 ABSENT 3 REMOVED 1</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**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance, and opening remarks from Chair Contreras Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Master Sergeant US Air Force Dave. Ms. Contreras stated that the Board will be discussing items only on the agenda. Speaker cards are available at the resource table. Everyone will have up to two minutes. Everybody will be following rules of decorum and respect others, respect others opinions. We will be following the agenda in order. Reminds board members to raise their hand to be recognized for one speaker at a time and to survey the agenda in the event of conflict of interest. Before any item is voted on, the public will have an opportunity to speak. What you see on the screen is the board packet. Turn off your cell phones.
- b. Roll call and quorum by the Secretary-Santiago Sedillo. Robert Jones has resigned as of tonight's meeting due to a new job.

<b>WNC ITEM 1a Roll Call</b>		
<b>Present -11</b>	<b>Absent -01</b>	<b>Excused-02</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Dake, Fermin, Fleury, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Sedillo, Zepeda, Seaman,	Aguilar	Sanchez

- a. **CHAIR'S REPORT -OPENING REMARKS-** Took a trip to Sacramento to the State Capitol and has State pens for all the board members. Thank you to Annette Barragon's office and Mayor Garcetti's office giving certificates to all the board members. 250 people were present. Will give a City Seal pen when they become available. Today is free T-shirt give away day for the first 25 stakeholders on the sign up sheet as well as any elected officials present. Happy New Year, looking forward to serving the community and advocating as far north as we can for the community. Next month in February is focus on who we love and giving away the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Also will be honoring the people we love. The chair then read from the sign in sheets each person receiving a t-shirt. The board looks forward to serving the community for the remainder of the fiscal year. We have a lot of work to do. WNC has filed several Community Impact Statements and written plenty of letters taking a lot of action on things that pertain to our local community. Chair then recognized Nelson visiting from Palo Alto. In February we will be focused on who we love, which is our community, and will be giving out the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

2. **BOARD MEMBER CERTIFICATION**

- a. Check Boardmember training certification is updated for board participation per State law. All elected officials are required to take the Ethics training to participate. Neighborhood Council Board members, both elected and appointed are required to do three trainings in order to vote on issues that come before the council: Ethics, Funding, and Code-of-Conduct Training. Certification must be updated to be in compliance. No motions, seconds or board participation or voting by the board member until in compliance. All board members have completed their certification except for one.
- b. **PRESENTATION BY CONGRESS ANNETTE BARRAGON'S, CA 44 OFFICE:** Patricia Camacho new field rep for Wilmington presented certificates on behalf of Congresswoman Barragon to Ernesto Aguilar, Christina Dake, Simi Seaman, Robert Jones. Thanking them for their dedication serving on the Wilmington NC.
- c. **Free T-Shirt Giveaway**

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.

- a. Approval of meeting minutes for the November 12, 2019 Special Governing Board and Stakeholder meeting. (November meeting date changed due to the holiday therefore it was called a special meeting)

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3a Motion to approve November 12, 2019 Minutes Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -11</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Abstain-1</b>	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	V. Contreras	Aguilar

- b. Approve invoice to Bridgegap for meeting minutes at the WNC Board & Stakeholder's meeting on October 22, 2019 in the amount of \$167.31.

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3b Motion to approve invoice to Bridgegap for meeting minutes at the WNC Board &amp; Stakeholder's meeting on October 22, 2019 in the amount of \$167.31. Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -12</b>	No- 00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar

- c. Approve invoice to Bridgegap for meeting minutes at the WNC Board & Stakeholder's meeting on November 2019 in the amount of \$190.19.

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3c Motion to approve invoice to Bridgegap for meeting minutes at the WNC Board &amp; Stakeholder's meeting on November 12, 2019 in the amount of \$190.19. Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -12</b>	No- 00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar

- d. Approve paying the receipt for Hojas Tea House in the amount of \$85.24 for the January By-laws Committee meeting for refreshments.

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3d Approve paying the receipt for Hojas Tea House in the amount of \$85.24 for the January By-laws Committee meeting for refreshments. Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -12</b>	No- 00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar

- e. Approve paying the receipt to Neno's pizza in the amount of \$70.58 for the January Planning & Beautification Committee meetings.

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3e Approve paying the receipt to Neno's pizza in the amount of \$70.58 for the January Planning &amp; Beautification Committee meetings. Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -12</b>	No- 00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar

- f. Approve paying AT&T Services in the amount not to exceed \$130.00 for Monthly expenditure.

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 3f Approve paying AT&amp;T Services in the amount not to exceed \$130.00 for Monthly expenditure. Moved: Jones Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -12</b>	No- 00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Jones, Luna, Martinez, Sanchez, Seaman, Sedillo, Zepeda	NONE	NONE	Aguilar

4. **PRESENTATION: South Coast AQMD on Truck Idling-Ryan Stromar & Compliance team.** - Victor Yipp, Sr. Enforcement Manager, Nicole Silva, Planning & Rules and Leo Alperin who works with elected officials in L.A. and region each gave an extensive presentation on how the SCAQMD protects residents from health effects of air quality. They have a large staff. They make periodic inspections. Their legislative and Public Affairs does community outreach. Presented handouts for all present. At National level is EPA. State is CA Air Resources Board (CARB). Local level is SCAQMD that regulates stationary sources: auto body, dry cleaners, refineries, power plants. Idling truck regulation was adopted by CARB and has various control measures including anti-idling control measures to reduce public exposure. This rule can be enforced by CARB and local law enforcement. It pertains to in and out of state trucks and diesel fuel auxiliary systems. Personal vehicles, pick up trucks, motor homes, off road or refrigeration units and non-diesel fuel trucks are not regulated. Newer than 2007 and low

nox level can be issued a sticker so its exempt from the 5 minute idling limit. Restricted areas are schools, residences, hotels, day care centers. Even if has clean idle sticker or if located within 100 ft. of a restricted area cannot operate. If driver wants to sleep in their cab and keep idling, cannot do so for more than 5 minutes. Sticker is located on driver's side fender or door. Inspectors look for forgeries or fake stickers. Exemptions include queuing. If trucks are lined up then the 5 minute limit applies. Staff are committed to conducting idling truck sweeps once per quarter. They do respond to public complaints. Inspection activities are reported quarterly. They work alongside CARB. To report a complaint call 1-800-CUTSMOG or on website for online submittal. After hours can leave a message which goes direct to a stand by supervisor. CARB: 1800ENDSMOG which will refer back to SCAQMD. Be sure to provide time, location of incident, within 100 ft. of restricted area and photo. Include if it is happening on a regular basis. As much info as possible is helpful but remember to do so safely. He will send maps for distribution to Valerie.

**Concerns/Questions:** A lot of people do not know what trucks weigh, if 10,000 is the requirement. When they call the LAPD the LAPD doesn't have the citation code. Port Police can help to get the no idling sign. Can this info be sent to LAPD, Sheriff, Park Police? They don't know about this and it needs to be shared with local law enforcement. Is there a calendar for the inspections, how many reports for enforcement? Calendar is in process. It is once per quarter in each community.

**Would like to have inspections in Wilmington more than once a quarter.** In development of emissions reduction plan they have a worksheet with the intention of the community. Even though there is a requirement of once per quarter, they take complaints. They do not publish their plan on inspections. Single complaint responses are dispatched on receipt.

**Nicole Silva, Program Supervisor, presented the planning and outreach for SCAQMD.** As planning they create plans and rules to control air pollution within our region. This program requires a community focused program to monitor and reduce air pollution in environmental justice communities. One key component to this is the Community Emissions Reduction Plan. This plan is a local plan developed by community members and South Coast AQMD to reduce air pollution. Six different air quality priorities: Neighborhood truck traffic, Rail Yards, Schools, Child Care Centers, homes, Refineries including oil drilling and production. Six strategies address these priorities including rules and regulations, enforcement, air monitoring, collaboration incentives and public information and outreach. First action requested is to reduce truck idling. And so one component of that was exactly what Victor had spoken to, where we are coordinating idling sweeps with CARB as a partnership along with any other authorities that are authorized to regulate their rule. They also are collecting information from these idling sweeps and further community input to help inform future enforcement activities. They are working with the Community Steering Committee to install No Idling signs. So we are looking to see how we can get more resources to install those signs. For example, if a school is a concern and you see that there is an idling truck within 100 feet of a restricted area, we're working with those prioritized locations and trying to see where we can install those signs near those schools. Also working with local cities and L.A. County toward developing designated truck routes and identifying resources to enforce them. More information about this on the AQMD website [www.aqmd.gov/](http://www.aqmd.gov/) You can find any information pertaining to any of the communities selected by the California Air Resources Board within South Coast AQMD that will have all of the information such as meeting materials, presentations, extra forms. If you have a smart phone, you can always download our South Coast AQMD app from which you can actually call in one of those complaints if you were to identify an idling truck and you were concerned about it. You can access our complaint line straight from the phone. Should you want to know the air quality within the area? It does have air quality index and you can search any address and see what the errors are that day. Lastly, for those who had asked about our future meetings, all our meetings are also included on the app. The app is available also in Spanish.

Q&A: How many are doing enforcement? 27 inspectors. Two inspectors deployed for each sweep and covers the entire basin. What are the penalties? Penalties are designed to obtain improvement. What are indirect source measures? Focuses on reducing emissions associated with a facility, such as trucks lining up. There is an MOU where they are currently working with the Ports on how to control the emissions. Margaret Guitarists said she's lived in Wilmington for 51 years and her backyard is facing Eubank, where the Wilmington cemetery is. There's a container yard that evidently they house containers. Every day she deals with the problem of the trucks idling on Eubank, sometimes 6 -7 at a time. There's times when they

pull out of the yard and they pull right behind her house and they're idling. She has to live with locked windows, closed, doors closed. I can't open it due to the black soot from the trucks. The truck drivers don't seem to pay any attention to the signs that are on the road. She has a detailed letter and video and photos she provided. This is a huge issue in our communities. Valerie is committed to bringing all together to solve this problem. Lydia Grant: Doesn't live in this community, but has had the good fortune to have friends who've been showing her around the area so she has an understanding of the port. Lydia was appalled at an area at Wilmington at Drum. There is a corner that the trucks come and they go back and forth all the time. But they literally cut the corner. They drive up on the curb. They're digging out the line underneath. That has a lot of signs that say petroleum pipeline, that they've now are driven so far that it's about three to four feet down. The trucks are driving on the petroleum pipeline off the street because they're cutting the corner and they're idling in a residential area. They're going up and down this residential area all day long. Nobody is doing anything about it. Pictures she has are shocking that could even continue to exist, a risk the lives of all these residents in this community.

**5. SPEAKERS: Harbor Interfaith – Shari Weaver to answer questions from our board approved letter** - In the last couple of months the WNC sent a letter to Harbor Interfaith regarding homeless housing for our community. Each year, 2017, 2018, 2019 and now 2020 the WNC opposed any homeless housing in WNC by submitting letters and Community Impact Statements. Noted that the councilmember has approved quite a few homeless housing projects. WNC board opposed all homeless housing but in particular the letter is regarding Permanent Supportive Housing. Shari Weaver is the director of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Service Planning Area Eight and Harbor Interfaith is the lead organization to address homelessness for single adults, families with minor children and transitional age youth between the ages of 18 to 24. Shari provided information in clear and transparent manner specifically about the agreement about the beach cities funding and how it will affect the cities and CD15. In October 2019, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach collaboratively came together as cities and put together a city homeless plan to address homelessness in their three respective communities. They sent in a request for funding proposal to the County of L.A. Homeless Initiative that oversees some of the Measure H funding that directly goes out to the cities. These are new city planning grants that allow each one of these cities to then begin to address homelessness. They received \$324, 053.00 for an 18 month period, specifically to hire one coordinator that will work directly with each of the city representatives from those communities and then two outreach coordinators to do street based case management for anybody experiencing homelessness in those communities.

**How many homeless shelters will be built within the beach city communities of Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach?** At this time, there are no conversations about building any shelters in any one of those communities. It does not mean that in the future that that will not take place. Also, part of the city planning grant is to really look at if there are city or other vacant lots that can potentially be repurposed for the purpose of providing housing. At this moment, there are no immediate plans.

**If no homeless facilities are being built in those communities, why not?** There's homeless throughout the County and with homelessness everywhere, all communities need to stand up and address the issue. Hypothetically, if we were talking about Redondo Beach, which has 174 people currently experiencing homelessness then we need 174 solutions to address that homeless crisis. This is the same for each of the homeless counts. They are looking at the possibility of having Safe parking. This is a parking lot for anyone living in their car or RVs but at this time is just conversation. They do have one affordable senior housing project in the Redondo Beach (Link Housing) so there are limited housing services there.

**Will any of the referrals for permanent, treatment or referral housing services be in the community of Wilmington, if so how many?** They are at the beginning of this project, just starting in December 2019. The two interim housing solutions Doors of Hope and Beacon Light Mission and they house 20 men and 20 women at any given time. No one from the beach cities has been referred to either of those facilities. As far as Permanent housing, if someone would like to rent an apartment, they give them the right to pick the community they want to live in and respect the person.

**How much funding from HHH will you receive from the beach community?** HHH is the \$1.2 billion bond measure is specific for housing development administered through the City of L.A. to build housing. Measure H is the ¼ sales tax that goes directly to homeless services throughout L.A. County. They are getting \$324,053 from the LA County CEO, Office of the Homeless Initiative. The beach cities themselves is the local administrator of the contract so funding does not come from them. Use to be HEAP funding. HHH is only for development of PSS housing. Measure H is for services. Shari is respectful of the 27 cities she serves and cognizant of the fears. Generally, when you build PSS as a provider, they try to use the catchment area to address what's in the

community and is what is happening with the beach cities contrary to what people understand is happening. Shari said they do not build PSS and Wilmington does not have any PSS. They are discussing the Deep Water Project but nothing confirmed.

**Even though they are SPA 8 they can place people in other SPAs?** *Concern that people are coming from other areas to take up housing in our area because they've been dropped off from other areas or came on their own.* During the homeless count they do demographic surveys and they ask where they come from and some people do come from other states. It's a transient population because people move due to enforcement, friends, other reasons. She hears a lot that they've been dropped by law enforcement which is true. Shari emphasized that we have to stop looking at where they came from and look at getting them housing. *But the community is stuck with the impact of building the housing for them.* Shari has been in this business for 19 years. Homelessness does not discriminate. One of the fastest growing populations are seniors living on a fixed income and will that income keep a roof over my head. When a spouse passes away, that income is reduced even more. *If this is an issue for everyone, why isn't every city building the PSS? Once in PSS there's no exit plan. When you build so much it inundates a community and frees another community not building it.* Shari understands that with the Deep Water project it is what could be taking something out of character to the community. *As far as seniors, Deep Water is not only for seniors, its only 25% for seniors.*

**Of the 200 clients how many will be referred to facilities within CD15?** In CD15, Rainbow Services for domestic violence, treatment centers are, Shaw House, Beacon House, House of Hope. There are quite a few mental health and the County mental health. There is Exodus Recovery in Redondo Beach that addresses and treats addiction. Wilmington has been resource poor for feeding facilities. Redondo was the first city using its own city funds to address homelessness and that was insistence of the councilman. Hermosa and Manhattan followed. This is beginning of cities to address their own homelessness. It's not a perfect solution.

**If no shelters will be located or built in the community of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach or Redondo Beach, what actions has Harbor Interfaith taken with regards to feedback from the communities that will be getting these referrals?** - No immediate action. No referrals. She is responsive and will be at San Pedro NC Friday and booked January and February and she will respond to everyone. This is a tough problem for her as a provider and the community. She always tries to be respectful of everyone's feelings. She would like to bring solutions. She will work tirelessly and insists that her team does so too. Reach out at anytime.

Q&A: People have been relocated to Wilmington. We know as residents are being told to come here and San Pedro because the beach cities don't want them. People are people and we have to respect them. If they choose to accept services. There's a bunch that don't want services or to follow the rules or get clean. They want to live their life. As residents, its a problem. Valerie: Our priority is our community. There are many problems throughout the City and Country but our community comes first. Doesn't mean we're not compassionate. Asked that they do not place them here.

**6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Dave -- If we've done studies on the homeless, we cannot walk down the street without seeing feces or needles. We need to find the source of this problem. Giving them houses and food stamps is making it worse. Do some research to do what can be done to fix it. Mike -- recently retired from Boys & Girls club. Believes education is best way to beat poverty. The Assurance Learning Academy is an independent study high school age 14-24 with a lot of personalized learning. If kids are having problems, this might be the answer. Its a 1-6 ratio of teachers and counselors. Dave Behar - Wilmington Athletic Complex ribbon cutting 10 a.m. Saturday and everyone invited. Installed 150,000 sq. ft. Bermuda grass sod and revitalizing AYSO. It's also location of Softball and Baseball. Transforming this for the community. All invited.

**7. ELECTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-** Representatives from the government agency offices to share 3 highlights from their reports.

- 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) -- No report. Congresswoman Rep had to leave.
- 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) Senior field deputy for Assembly Member Gibson. Thanked WNC and Happy New Year to all. Assembly member is in Sacramento. His schedule is always Monday through Thursday in Sacramento, flies down, goes to all these events, meetings and so forth, and flies back up on Sundays and repeats it all over again. Legislative update was a total of eight bills that range from Foster Youth Bill of Rights. He's very passionate about gun control and he's very unapologetic about that. He

was able to do a the largest budget allocation of \$41.6 six million dollars that's going to come to the district, not just for the state of California for higher education, Clean Water 0.8 million, Foster Youth \$15.3, Public Health \$15 million sickle cell to open new centers in 5-10 years, and \$3 million for Compton Creek Work Group. Continues to fight for homelessness funds. Limited at State level in how to control it. City of L.A. gets \$150 million. Advocated for a bill with Asm Santiago that within any housing for PSS will not have to abide by CEQA to aide in solving the housing crisis. He will continue to attend monthly meetings and participate in events such as the Autism 5K run, AQMD. He's local and knows the problems. The Port of L.A. Owl W introduced a bill. Governor said he did not want that bill. Owl W did not inform their membership about pulling the bill. There was not clarity on the leadership with the Owl W. They were asked to shelve it. We are the 6th poorest district in the State of CA but we are the largest economy. Question about the funding goes to the City of L.A. Councilmembers advocate. RE: \$500 million. City got \$100 million and hope non profits apply for it. Some is for building and some for services.

- 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 - Octaviano from DONE gave report. Octaviano spoke for Mayor Garcetti rep who couldn't stay. Mayor and City Council are active in promoting Census for April 1. They are holding a second meeting on Feb. 6 at LA Harbor College, 6:30-8 p.m. First 400 individuals may receive \$100 as an appreciation gift. First 100 nonprofits may apply for a \$500 grant. There will be another meeting in South L.A. on Feb. 27 at YMCA Wellness and Aquatic Center.
- 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. Absent
- g. **LAPD SLO** - Absent
- h. LAPD Campus Police - Lt. Steve Mayoral -- L.A. School Police in the South -- We're not LAPD. We're our own police department and have full authority. Sole responsibility of safety on LAUSD schools. 142 schools in our area. Covers 710 sq. miles, 1400 schools. Largest department within the nation. Safety of children is most important. One officer assigned to Banning. One for each High School. If any specific questions please let Valerie know and will return to address any issues in future meetings.
- i. **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
- j. Public Affairs Representative, Cecilia Moreno [cmoreno@portla.org](mailto:cmoreno@portla.org) (310) 732-3508 - Absent

The Wilmingtonneighborhoodcouncil.com website has links to all these office websites.

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT-Gina Martinez

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) for November 2019.

**Public comment: no comment**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 8a Motion to approve November 2019 MER. Moved: Sedillo Second: Fleury</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) for December 2019.

**Public comment: no comment**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 8b Motion to approve December 2019 MER. Moved: Sedillo Second: Contreras</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>

S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones
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c. Discussion only to review and compare cost for WNC Winter Dream Event and the WNC 18th Anniversary party.

**Public comment: no comment**

d. Discussion and possible action to either cancel, change or retain current internet provider for WNC office. We're paying \$75 for DSL and if we switch providers we can get a higher speed for \$50. We have DSL with hardwire modem. We will have access to our computer shortly.

**Public comment: no comment**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 8d Motion to either cancel, change or retain current internet provider for WNC Office. Moved: Dake Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

e. Discussion & possible action to purchase two (2) utility carts for the WNC office in the amount not to exceed \$425.00. Having to take things back and forth to events. These will be kept for long term use.

**Public comment: no comment**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 8e. Motion to purchase two (2) utility carts for the WNC office in the amount not to exceed \$425.00. Moved Martinez Second: S. Contreras</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

b. Motion to approve E-Voice Business Class voicemail service for the WNC Office in the amount not to exceed \$50.00 per month. Will allow us to pick up messages remotely.

**Public comment: no comment**

**Motion Tabled**

<b>WNC ITEM 8f Motion to approve E-Voice Business Class voicemail service for the WNC Office in the amount not to exceed \$50.00 per month. Motion: Martinez Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-1</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

c. Approve paying the receipt for board member reimbursement state pins in the amount of \$58.73. This was discussed during the board retreat. Pins were requested.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 8g Motion to approve receipt for board member reimbursement state pins in the amount of \$58.73. Moved: Martinez Second: S. Contreras</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

**9. ACTION ITEMS- DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE**

- A. Discussion & possible action to approve having a community Safety and Information fair event this Spring. We haven't had a safety fair in 4 years. Suggest having AQMD. We would like to hold it at an accessible location. Include community and students, city organizations participating. We need to outreach as much as possible. Month of May being considered for three hours.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9.A. Motion to approve having a community Safety and Information fair event this Spring. Motion: Fleury. Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

- B. Approve the invoice funds in the amount not to exceed \$ 2,500.00 for the WNC Safety & Information fair.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. B. Motion to approve funds in the amount not to exceed \$ 2,500.00 for the WNC Safety &amp; Information fair. Moved: Martinez Second: Fleury</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

- C. Approve honoring two LAPD senior lead officers who have been in Wilmington for over 15 years.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. C. Motion to approve honoring two LAPD senior lead officers who have been in Wilmington over 15 years. Moved: Martinez Second: Fleury</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

- D. Approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase the service plaques for officers. Present them at our WNC Board & Stakeholder meeting.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. D. Approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase the service plaques for officers. Present them at our WNC Board &amp; Stakeholder meeting Moved: Martinez Second: Dake</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

- E. Discussion & possible action to approve filing a Community Impact Statement in support of Council file 19-0002-S38 and send letters to elected officials to oppose SB 50. Discussion: Our city council went ahead and voted 13 with two abstentions against SB 50 and we're in accordance with them. SB 50 basically for lack of a better term will eliminate residential zoning. Developers can purchase a lot and

have up to six units per one house with out any sort of parking. So where four people lived, now 18 people will live. And so it's going to eliminate basically residential housing as a whole. And these are not affordable housing. This is market rate housing. To put that into perspective, and in Los Angeles County, this is for a family of four that makes over eighty five thousand. Its gentrification. Over 30 tenant groups are against it. It's a dangerous build for our community, especially since we don't have the infrastructure to accommodate this. The reason they say it's for transportation is because they want to build these next to bus stops. Can't imagine trying to take the bus with five kids as a young mother to the grocery store, get my groceries and then load them back on the bus with my five kids. It's not feasible where we live. We do not have the infrastructure to accommodate this. We don't have the safety. Our streets aren't wide enough. We don't have the parking. This letter basically says we're in support with what our city council realizes that our communities just don't have the infrastructure. It does not protect any historical properties and like HPOZ zones or any historical monuments that are not on the state registry or federal registry. And us here in Wilmington, we have those items here. So, for example, the munitions depot, the armory, which is the only one left in the United States from the civil war - the drum barracks, is my understanding that's not protected. The developer could bulldoze that down. They can take our historical homes, the HPOZ and tear down those homes. I believe it bypasses CEQA. It's just a very dangerous bill for us. I know it's dangerous for California, but in particular for us. I know at the last vote, which was yesterday, our senator did vote for it. So he voted it. He opposed it last vote. He voted for it yesterday. And it can go to the floor as early as tomorrow. So, we would like to have our say in it and let them know, you know, this community here really wants to keep its historical assets and not have that type of housing here.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed by voice vote with no opposition.**

<b>WNC ITEM 9.E. Discussion &amp; possible action to approve filing a Community Impact Statement in support of Council file 19-0002-S38 and send letters to elected officials to oppose SB 50. Moved: Martinez Second: Sedillo</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

F. Discussion & Action to remove Ernesto Aguilar from the WNC board due to non-compliance and refusal to update his required Ethics training. Failure to comply is in excess of 6 months. This violates State Justice Department, Government code section 53235 which requires ethics training for local government officials. Empower LA: NC Board Members, both elected and appointed, are required to complete and update three mandatory trainings: Ethics, Funding, & Code-of-Conduct training. This violates the Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioner's policy 2014-2(2): NC Board members are given 30 days to complete the training or the board member is removed. This violates the WNC Standing Rules. The WNC board member who refuses to complete or update their Ethics, and Code-of-Conduct shall not participate in any WNC meeting and full board vote will be taken to remove the board member indefinitely.

Discussion: Ernesto Aguilar said he tried addressing this prior to this date and no excuses, he's had a lot of personal circumstances, says his ethics training has been completed. Chair Contreras directed the board to the supporting documents showing the ethics training expired 2-14-19; WNC elections were June 8, 2019 and the other 13 board members completed their trainings within a short few weeks. Each meeting we have agendized checking the board member training and he's said nothing to us to explain. Our Standing Rules state training will be check each month and on the third month the board will take action to remove the board member. We understand each board member is busy and has their life but we've made a commitment to the WNC.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9.F. Motion to remove Ernesto Aguilar from the WNC board due to non-compliance and refusal to update his required Ethics training. Moved: S. Contreras Second: Seamen</b>				
<b>Yes - 6</b>	<b>No- 02</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Not Eligible-01</b>	<b>Absent - 03</b>

<b>S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fleury, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo</b>	<b>Dake, Luna</b>	<b>Fermin</b>	<b>Aguilar</b>	<b>Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones</b>
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G. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to approve funding for a professional grant writing training workshops in the amount not to exceed \$1,600.00. Workshops offered to 5 current and active finance committee members/stakeholders plus 5 board members. In order to participate, members must be in good standing with board certification. RSVP is required. Discussion: We found in the office and I found big things that show our neighbor council received a lot of grants from public works from all different. And we did. We don't know how to apply for those grants for our community, for all these projects. And that's what many communities do. We're behind because we don't know how to do this. It's investing in our board training so we can be on the upper end for our community. It's extremely competitive, there are 99 Neighborhood Councils. It's advantageous because many board members are in the business of helping other community organizations. It's a long term investment.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. G. Approve funding</b> for a professional grant writing training workshops in the amount not to exceed \$1,600.00. <b>Moved: Martinez Second: Dake</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

H. The Beautification Committee recommends to the full board to approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$400.00 for supplies for the March Wilmington Clean-ups. Every weekend in March we will clean up a different location. Items such as rakes, brooms, cloves, trash bags, trash cans, cutters and such if the City departments do not provide the supplies needed. Discussion: We will purchase these items if we cannot get these from our City Departments.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. H. Approve funding in the amount not to exceed</b> \$400.00 for supplies for the March Wilmington Clean-ups. Every weekend in March we will clean up a different location. <b>Moved: Martinez Second: Dake</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

I. The Planning & Land Use committee recommends to the full board to send a letter to Mayor Garcetti and LA City departments recommending they add a Code Enforcement Officer designated only for the community of Wilmington. Currently there are only two CEO for the Harbor area. Discussion: We will add industrial to the letter and inspectors for our community.

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. I. Approve letter</b> to Mayor Garcetti and LA City departments recommending they add a Code Enforcement Officer designated only for the community of Wilmington. Currently there are only two CEO for the Harbor area. <b>Moved: Martinez Second: Dake</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

J. The Finance committee recommends to the full board to approve requesting a full audit and explanation of all CD 15 funds including the Councilmember's discretionary funds since he came into office. Discussion: It occurs to me that possibly you could get stonewalled by the councilman's office.

However, if we go through Ron Galperin's office, are they required to provide that information? Can we send an accompanying letter to Ron Galperin?

**Public comment: none**

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. J.</b> Motion to approve requesting a full audit and explanation of all CD 15 funds including the Councilmember's discretionary funds since he came into office. <b>Moved: Martinez</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	<b>No- 00</b>	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

K. By-law's committee recommends to the full board to accept the updates to the Wilmington boundary map for the community plan update. Discussion: There's one other map that the city of L.A. added to our community update plan. They cut off the whole lower portion where the port is, and this is the map that EmpowerLA gave us. It was our original neighborhood council map. But the problem is that with the community update plan, they actually chopped off the lower portion of the map removing Terminal Island. They cannot just take land away from us. It has to be done by a vote. Removing Terminal Island is removing about 150,000 people that are now not represented. So it's very, very important that we get that back into our boundaries. There is a lot of money being made on Terminal Island with the container terminal and all that tax revenue. And that's a lot of money and it's our territory. We don't just give it up. So our boundaries are extremely important. Both the WNC bylaws and planning committees have met on this. They both had several meetings discussing this. Olivia was one of our members, our founding board members that worked on the boundary maps when our council first began in 2001. And so a Semi and they once again came out to work on this as well as Russell Moberg. Chair Valerie clarified: yes, we do have shared assets with Harbor City. And we did specify that in the community update plan that we already submitted, saying that we want to keep our joint assets. We don't want to give anything up. They're trying to take it away a little bit at a time, a little bit on that side, a little bit on that side, a little bit on that side until Wilmington is almost nothing. So we really have to be aware of what's going on and take action now, because what they did with the park is they renovated it, but they did not add sidewalks so that our stakeholders can safely get there and use it. We need to get sidewalks to access our park. And we need to make sure they don't take away anything from us.

**Public comment:** So, there's many different maps that float around and for different purposes. And they all have sort of decent rationale for why we use a map that looks like this, because we share the park and that type of thing. But it's the wrong way to approach it. It's really confusing to the community for anyone who looks at it. And then before you know it, the L.A. Times is printing the wrong map of Wilmington or on Wikipedia is the wrong map. And then children in schools are growing up and they don't know where their boundaries are. And why does it even matter? It's because it's our history. It's our culture. It's our identity. And, yes, we can freely move and share things in our community with other people. But the boundaries are sacred. It should not change unless everyone has an official act, an official vote. So I feel like we've just been pushed around again and people are deciding without official action of where the boundaries are. Yes, we can share our park with other people. But any map that says this is Wilmington should be Wilmington. Any map that says this is Harbor City should be Harbor City. Yes. You can have a footnote. Say, you know, we share the park. People are welcome to go to the park. But you can't just give away a park to another community just because you want to. So I think we do need to have one unified map. What Valerie was saying is correct. This shows the southern border and then the original annexation map, which is official and currently recognized by the city of L.A. L.A. identifies the northern boundary of Wilmington. So those two together seem to be the most official boundaries of our community, but yet it isn't represented on any one given map. So we need to formalize that.

As a former commissioner, nobody can just come take out of your boundary without you. So this is something that you absolutely have a leg to stand on. It is part of the neighborhood council system. Boundaries are created and you do not lose an area. It doesn't go to somebody else unless your council

votes to remove it from your area. I would like to know why the department would even consider changing boundaries without your input. And what are they using?

**Motion Passed**

<b>WNC ITEM 9. J.</b> Motion to accept the updates to the Wilmington boundary map for the community plan update. <b>Moved: Martinez.</b>			
<b>Yes -9</b>	No- 00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-3</b>
S. Contreras, V. Contreras, Fermin, Fleury, Dake, Luna, Martinez, Seaman, Sedillo	NONE	Aguilar	Sanchez, Zepeda, Jones

**10. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Finance Committee Chair Gina Martinez report & next meeting, 3rd Tuesday,
- b. The Beautification Committee will be in combination with Planning & Land Use - Chair, Steven Contreras-report & next meeting 2nd Monday each month 6:00 pm. March
- c. Transportation Committee Chair, Carlos Sanchez & Adolfo Fermin report & next meeting
- d. Publicity & Communications Chairs- Nancy Luna, Gina Martinez & Valerie Contreras-report & next meeting – last Monday of each Month, 5:00 Café, Cafe
- e. By-Laws Committee – Chair, Simie Seaman- members -Santiago, Steve, Valerie, Gina
- f. Planning & Land Use Committee-Char, Valerie Contreras-2nd Monday each month 6:00
- g. Environmental Committee – Chair, Christina Dake Next meeting
- h. Safety Committee - Gail -- needs help -- meeting next Monday, location to be arranged.

**For Information Only - LA City department Liaisons**

- 1. **NC Budget Reps and NC Budget Advocates** – Gina Martinez, Valerie Contreras
- 2. **Public Works** – Carlos Sanchez
- 3. **Animal Services** – Pending
- 4. **DWP** –pending
- 5. **Planning** – Valerie Contreras
- 6. **Filming** – Barbara Zepeda
- 7. **Great Streets** – Nancy Luna
- 8. **Employment** – Ernie Aguilar
- 9. **Vision Zero** – Barbara Zepeda, Carlos Sanchez
- 10. **Transportation** – Carlos Sanchez
- 11. **Gender Equality** – Nancy Luna
- 12. **Domestic Violence** – Valerie Contreras
- 13. **Affordable Housing** – Steve Contreras
- 14. **Homelessness** – Steve Contreras, Gina Martinez, Valerie Contreras
- 15. **Aging** – Gina Martinez
- 16. **Port** – Valerie Contreras, Gina Martinez,
- 17. **Building & Safety** –Christina Dake
- 18. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance** – Pending

**11. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** -- Valerie received notice of the third annual Beautification Conference 5/19 - 10 a.m. from City Public Works.

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Meeting adjourned: 9:20 p.m.