



Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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GOVERNING BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:30 pm

Phineas Banning High School – Cragin Theater
1527 Lakme Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar	Present
Nancy Anaya	Present
Valerie Contreras	Absent
Moises Cortes	Present
Adolfo Fermin	Absent
Christian Guzman	Present
Robert Jones	Present
Kim Luke	Present
Denisse Martinez	Absent
Patricia Salas	Absent
Steve Salas	Present
Carlos Sanchez	Present at 7:08 p.m.
Barbara Zepeda	Present – left at 6:52 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Remarks** – The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Chair Ernesto (Ernie) Aguilar. A quorum of 8/9/8 board members present (see list above). There were approximately 20 stakeholders present.
- 2. Presentation from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on the Machado Lake Project**
 - a. The City of Los Angeles has a water conservation goal to reduce the demand for potable water by 50% by 2024 by implementing recycled water usage for non-drinking purposes.
 - b. The pipeline will help supply up to 4.2 billion gallons of recycled water per year.
 - c. Construction began in Fall of 2018 and is expected to be complete in Early 2021.
 - d. They are working to have traffic on Anaheim be disrupted as little as possible.
 - e. The representatives answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. Rudy Melendez from South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC) Thrive LA and LAPD will be holding a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on May 29th at 6:00 p.m. at 540 N. Marine Avenue in Wilmington.
 - b. Anthony Guerrero commented about the lack of street sweeping in Wilmington.
 - c. Albert Ramirez from Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) asked for support for Measure EE.
 - d. George Xenios commented that despite the number of large business in Wilmington, the area looks like a third world dump.
 - e. Marbella Carrillo – as interpreted from Spanish – commented problems at the East Wilmington Greenbelt Park, particularly concerning seniors, she would like if LAPD could do more about the problems.

- f. Margarita Hernandez – as interpreted from Spanish – commented about recent shootings near Robidoux and Drew in the small park where people play sports.

4. Reports from Government Agency Offices and Chamber of Commerce

- a. **Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino** – Field Representative, Fernando Navarrete
 - i. Mr. Navarrete provided a written report which included some of the following:
 - I. Nine dead trees were replaced outside of George De La Torre Elementary School.
 - II. On May 4th CD15, in partnership with Sharefest help build phase II of the Wilmington Dog Park.
 - III. The Dream Center at the Boys & Girls Club, in partnership with CD15 will by hosting a fundraiser to benefit current and future undocumented students on Friday, May 24th at 6:30 pm. at Café Café.
 - IV. Mr. Navarrete answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti** – Johanna Rodriguez, Harbor and Watts area Field Representative
 - i. Construction has begun on the Watts site Bridge Home site and the San Pedro site has been approved by CalTrans.
 - ii. The Mayors fiscal year 2019-2020 budget includes 1.9 million to open the Harbor Jail.
 - iii. Summer activities for kids: Planet Fitness is offering free summer membership for people 15-18 years old, The Hire LA Youth summer job program, for people 14-24 years old, has opened its application process, LA Swim offers classes starting on June 12th, and Providence is having a 1 week summer camp for \$10 for the week of June 10th to June 14th.
 - iv. Mr. Rodriguez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn** – Not present
- d. **U.S. Representative Nanette Barragan** – Gabriela Cid, Field Representative
 - i. Ms. Cid announced that the third-place winner of the 44th District Congressional Art Competition is from Wilmington.
 - ii. She provided a written legislative report with updates on legislative actions by the Congresswoman.
 - iii. Ms. Cid answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- e. **CA State Senator Steven Bradford** – Not present
- f. **CA Assemblyman Mike Gipson** – Victor Ibarra – Not present
- g. **Los Angeles Harbor Department** – Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs
 - i. Ms. Moreno provided a written report which included some of the following:
 - I. A copy of a response letter from the Port regarding the Wilmington Waterfront.
 - II. The Port continues outreach for its Public Access Investment Plan.
 - III. The next NC President and Chamber Presidents meeting will be June 24, the May meeting was cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday.
 - ii. Ms. Moreno answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- h. **Wilmington Chamber of Commerce** – Not present
- i. **Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department** – Not present
- j. **Los Angeles Police Department** – Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez
 - i. Gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - ii. He distributed flyers regarding starting a neighborhood watch program.
 - iii. He discussed the homeless issue and some of the things LAPD is doing to address the encampments and RV parking.
 - iv. Officer Gonzalez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- k. **Los Angeles Port Police Department** – Not present
- l. **Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** – Not present

5. Secretary Report

- a. Approve April 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Motion by Christian Guzman to approve the April 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes, second by Kim Luke, and passed with 7 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and S. Salas), 1 no (Zepeda), and 0 abstention.

6. Treasurer Report

- a. Approve April 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve April 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 5 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and S. Salas), 0 no, 1 abstention (Sanchez), 1 ineligible (Anaya), 1 out of room (Aguilar), and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

7. Discussion and Possible Action Items or Reports

- a. Community Impact Statement On Council File 19-0229, (Fair Work Week Ordinance). Christian Guzman appointed to speak on behalf of WNC.

May 28, 2019

Joe Buscaino
200 Spring Street
Room 415
Los Angeles, CA 900120

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

On May 22, 2019, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution on working conditions throughout the city and including Wilmington. The resolution is attached to this letter.

As you may know, the retail sector is the second largest industry in the City of Los Angeles, employing an estimated 147,000 workers. Inconsistent and erratic schedules create serious challenges to retail workers' abilities to arrange for schooling, medical appointments, and childcare. This can result in inconsistent weekly compensation, making financial planning far more difficult for retail workers. Moreover, the annual median income for Los Angeles retail workers is about \$21,000.

A report by the University of California, Los Angeles's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment found that 80 percent of surveyed retail workers do not have consistent work weeks. In addition about 77 percent of the workers received one week or less of notice for their schedules for the coming week. Inconsistent and uncertain schedules caused 43 percent of student employees surveyed to miss a class.

Disturbingly, sexual harassment in the retail sector has also been tied to threats of cuts to hours or reassignment to less desirable shifts.

Let's adopt a fair work week ordinance to secure dignity and respect for our retail workers.

In Community,

Ernie Aguilar, Chairman
Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Whereas two-thirds of all retail workers reported that their managers had changed their schedules after posting; be it

Resolved, that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports a Los Angeles Fair Workweek Ordinance that will include for retail workers:

1. receiving two weeks' notice of their schedules
2. not being forced to work "clopening" shifts or to remain "on-call" for shifts
3. prevention of employer retaliation against workers for requesting a change in their shift
4. additional compensation for last minute changes to workers' schedules
5. that workers will be given the opportunity for additional hours at their place of employment before employers hire additional workers.

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve April 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Robert Jones**, and passed with 9 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, Sanchez, and Zepeda), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- b. Prioritizing Wilmington And Citywide Budget Recommendations for The City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2019-20, Council File Number 19-0600.

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve Prioritizing Wilmington And Citywide Budget Recommendations for The City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2019-20, Council File Number 19-0600, second by **Kim Luke**, and passed with 8 yes (Aguilar, Anaya, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

- c. Approve an amount not to exceed \$1000 for printed materials and social media boosts for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council election.

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1000 for printed materials and social media boosts for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council election, second by **Nancy Anaya**, and passed with 5 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, S. Salas, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 1 abstention (Luke), 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

d. Purchase banners in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 from MAXX Graphics and Printing. Item not considered.

e. Purchase Office equipment HP LaserJet ProM521 in an amount not to exceed \$801.00.

Motion by **Kim Luke** to correct the error on the agenda to change the not to exceed amount to \$801.00, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 6 yes (Anaya, Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 2 abstention (Aguilar and S. Salas), and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve Purchase Office equipment HP LaserJet ProM521 in an amount not to exceed \$801.00, second by **Carlos Sanches**, and passed with 4 yes (Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Sanchez, and), 1 no (S. Salas), 1 abstentions (Cortes), 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

f. Purchase 2 to 3 EliteMailers Eco Friendly 1 Gallon BPA FREE Reusable Plastic Drinking Water Bottles in an amount not to exceed \$100.

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve April 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Robert Jones**, and passed with 5 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 1 abstention (S. Salas), 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

g. Award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2000 to Friends of the Wilmington Library. No neighborhood purpose grant received, accordingly, item not considered.

h. Award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2000 to Sharefest Community Development, Inc.

Motion by **Kim Luke** to Award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2000 to Sharefest Community Development, Inc., second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 6 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

i. Amend budget to move \$2000.00 of unspent Neighborhood Purpose Grant money to General Operational Expenses. Item not considered.

j. Purchase office supplies in an amount not to exceed \$2000. Due to lack of detail, item not considered.

k. Purchase a projector in an amount not to exceed \$2000.

Motion by **Carlos Sanchez** to Purchase a projector in an amount not to exceed \$300, second by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 6 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

l. Approve \$225 (8 hours at \$27.95) twice a year for a minute taker and monthly administrative services for a cost of \$450 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 for the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. To be billed through a city approved temporary staffing agency. Item not considered.

m. Approve \$50 to The Mailroom (Kristina Smith) for website hosting and maintenance for the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils for the fiscal year. Item not considered.

n. Approve a payment of an AT&T bill in an amount not to exceed \$310.96.

Motion by **Kim Luke** to approve a payment of an AT&T bill in an amount not to exceed \$310.96, second by **Robert Jones**, and passed with 6 yes (Cortes, Guzman, Jones, Luke, S. Salas, and Sanchez, and), 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 ineligible (Aguilar and Anaya) and 1 left meeting early (Zepeda).

8. **Update on Status for General Plan Amendment Case CPC-2018-7329-GPAJ-ZCJ-SPR** – Item not addressed

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Wilmington Neighborhood Council