



**Minutes
General Meeting
October 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Presiding Officer Jill Hill. Also present were Board members Joan Greenwood, Maria Norvell, Joan Pizzato, Nancy Risch, Timothy Risch and Jim Trout.

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Following the flag salute, Ms. Hill welcomed new members and first time attendees. There were no member comments or inputs to the Board. Cine Ivery from State Senator Alan Lowenthal's office introduced herself. With her, was Roderick Wright from State Senator Don Perata's office. Henry¹ Cochran, a Second District resident, also addressed the audience and said a few words of inspiration.

Sixth District Council Report: Councilmember Dee Andrews praised the police for their handling of recent shootings in the Central District. He emphasized that we all must be the eyes and ears of the police force.

Call for Action: Jill Hill reported that there are only 13 blocks out of approximately 142 that have active Neighborhood Watch (NHW) groups. She set a goal for WANA. WANA will work towards raising that number by adding at least 20 more NHW groups in Wrigley by September 30, 2008.

Call for Volunteers: On Saturday, November 10th, WANA will host a trash cleanup and mulch spreading effort at the entrance to the Los Angeles River Bike Trail just south of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge.

Certificates of Appreciation: Three certificates of appreciation were presented. One went to the Port of Long Beach for its Harbor Arbor tree-planting program and for its groundbreaking Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP). The second one went to Long Beach Organic for its Youth Environmental Leadership (YEL) Team for its participation in Earth Day events² and Harbor Arbor events in Wrigley. The last one was presented³ to the West Long Beach Association for its on-going commitment of time and money for Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane. Its involvement began in 1988 with a check for \$250.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 6, 2007 General Meeting were approved without correction.

Police Report: Sergeant Coy has been assigned as the community representative for WANA meetings. He can be contacted at 570-3413. He stressed the importance of NHW and reported on the recent burst of gang activity in Central Long Beach that resulted in the shooting of an innocent bystander.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nancy Risch reported that WANA had \$1,546 in cash, checks and deposits. Donations totaling \$520 had been collected for Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane. There was \$44.50 in the cash box from the September 6th 50/50 Opportunity Drawing.

Membership Report: Maria Norvell reported that membership applications have been received from 69 households. She thanked all of her volunteers who distributed newsletters throughout the Wrigley Area.

Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane: Maria Norvell updated the membership on the status of the displays. She said that Santa's elves were working hard to get all of the painting done before the end of November.

Call for Volunteers: Joan Greenwood introduced the panel and announced the formation of the Wrigley 2030 Visioning Task Force. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Program: The panel began with a presentation by Long Beach Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero. He emphasized that the Port of Long Beach's Green Port Policy, as well as the Clean Air Action Plan adopted by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, are groundbreaking steps that have received notice around the country and the world. He urged Wrigley residents to get involved in support of the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP), particularly in light of the opposition parts of the plan are receiving from industry. He said he felt the real issue was democracy: our ability to make decisions that balance the good of the few with the good of the many. It's clear that he believes we can have both prosperity and environmental quality for the many.

7th District Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga facilitated presentations by the remaining panel members. Susan Zoske, Project Director for the Long Beach RiverLink Project, spoke about the many benefits of tree planting. Trees can serve as a buffer between neighborhoods and intensive land uses such as ports or freeways. Moreover, she said, they can remove particulate and gaseous pollutants from the air. They also reduce "urban heat island" effects, such as gasoline vapor emissions from cars in hot asphalt parking lots. And of course their shade reduces energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Former Long Beach resident Joe Linton (now with the LA non-profit housing developer Livable Places) urged residents to find ways to leave their cars at home. He also mentioned the opening of Olive Court, a new development on Long Beach Boulevard just north of the Pacific Coast Highway Blue Line station meant to encourage transit use by residents. The complex includes affordable homes that range from one to four bedrooms.

The last speaker was West Long Beach resident John Cross, who spoke passionately about the impacts of port-related truck traffic on residents and particularly schoolchildren in that area. He urged attendees to oppose expansion of the existing Union Pacific Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (just north of Sepulveda and east of Alameda) and the new Southern California International Gateway intermodal facility proposed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe (which would be just to the south of the Union Pacific site). He said the community has no problem with rail yards – as long as they are inside the port.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga wrapped up the panel by briefly observing that the ports, notwithstanding their location, are an issue of regional concern and reminding the audience that Southern California experiences over fifty percent of the national burden of particulate matter in the air. She helped field questions from the audience on the status of the Alameda Corridor, trees on the I-710 freeway, and the prospects for a net decrease in emissions from the ports. To this question, Commissioner Cordero responded that a net decrease is the goal and that electrification – in the form of shoreside power for ocean vessels, for example – is the way to achieve it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan V. Greenwood, Secretary

Approved With Corrections: November 1, 2007

1. Should read Harvey not Henry
2. Deleted events
3. Changed to past tense