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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2011 – 6:30 PM
Valley Village at 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306 (near Bar & ATM Machine); **Winnetka Park** 8401 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306

1. Call to Order & Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Name	Jan-11	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-12	May-10	Jun-14	Jul-12	Aug-09	Sep-13	Oct-11	Nov-08	Dec-13
Eric Lewis	x											
Erick Lace	x											
Greg Sullivan	x											
JJ Popowich	LE,E											
Marilyn Robinson	x											
Mike Mikaelian	x											
Natasha Somerville	x											
Youth Position Vacant	/											
Tara Walker	AE											
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x											
Tom Sattler	x											
William Hillard	A											
Wilson Linares	A											
Asadbaig Baig	x											
Total	9											
X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early												

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules

3. Approval of Minutes for both October, November and December: seconded Tess unanimous approved

4. **Public Comments:** Comments from the Public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card is requested so that the Speaker's names are complete and correct in the meeting Minutes.

Courtney, Mr. Lakhanpal's campaigner, introduced Mr. Dinesh "Danny" Lakhanpal who is running for Council District 12. Mentioned unemployment of 12% and that City maintenance is poor, high school dropout rate and teen pregnancies are up and shootings and rapes are up; And the city says we have no money. Danny has 2 master's degrees in engineering and science and has worked for large defense corporations, then opened own business for last 20 years. From a large business family in India. Wants to encourage 130,000 jobs in next 2 years. Wants a Solar energy focus and most any businessman knows that more projects are needed. Need aggressive plan. City needs revenue from the new business. New tech is important. Utility bills could be about \$200, but with Danny's proposals, the utility bills could be halved. The contractor could make money and pay taxes. Electric bikes, wants to promote, they can go 20 mph and wants to produce the bikes in LA. Traffic jams suggest we need better transportation. Likes tram idea. Medical science centers will be needed to meet the demand of new retirees; wants to give opportunity to train kids as medical technicians. Tourism, felt there were no attractions and wanted museums etc. travel agencies, night markets all these things could give 30,000 to 40,000 jobs. LA is second worst stressed out city. He is big on education to prep kids for competition in the world. Wants programs for seniors and disabled. www.dineshforcitycouncil.net

5. **State and Local Government Representative Updates:** Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, Councilman Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.

Megan from Councilman Greig Smith's office, which is north of Roscoe in Council District 12. Regarding unhitched trailers; the state passed a bill which allowed cities to ban them. Smith's and Zine's offices have been getting many requests to tow. There is a \$250 fine with possible prison time. Call 311 or call 818 752 5100 to report unhitched trailers. Note license plate before calling if possible. City of LA has pothole request line call 311. Tom Sattler asked about paving Mason from Nordhoff to Roscoe; can Mr. Smith do something before he leaves office? Megan mentioned a press release regarding how we can cut up Christmas Trees and put them in green bin or simply remove stand and leave at curb. Please ask if any questions. Tess found some good results with street repaving requests sent to Jose Martinez at Mr Zine's office for controlling potholes.

Octaviano Rios of Councilman Zine's office spoke and mentioned mentioned Valerio is on his priority list; the whole stretch. Will stay on top of the potholes. OR mentioned ballot measures of which there are 11 on The March ballot.

These are on the web site with the City Clerk's office; www.Lacity.org

Call Rios office to get to information as many of the proposals are complicated.

G prop change to Firemen and Police pensions

H prop re campaign contributions.

I DWP ratepayer advocate

J DWP change budget info and revenue transfer to city and transparency

K allow ability to remove DWP commissioner and general manager by city council

L library funding changes more

M tax on Marijuana collective

N campaign finance

O tax on oil production in city

P emergency reserve acct

Q civil service employment provisions exempt from some exams

See web site for certainly accurate information

CRA is in news where the Gov wants to abolish and take the money and so we won't have the money for local improvements.

Quimby Park funds now can only used for parks and rec. Quimby Park bathroom, portable, are nasty and is on the list for improvements.

6. **Discussion and possible action Presentation and possible action Blind youth Committee Mrs. Dara Laski will present ways we can help and assist. (Robinson) Tabled. She will come to committee first.**

7. **Discussion and possible action on a motion for 2 locked bulletin board cases and for 2 activity signs for the Winnetka Park for about \$2,000. (Robinson) Michele showed a couple of copies of the bulletin boards she wants to buy and of the signs she wants to place on the street. Marilyn wants our name and logo on the street sign. Are these signs graffiti proof, Tess asks? The signs are frame is metal and flat back is wood. Can have something on both sides. Replacements would be paid for by the park if destroyed by vandals, says Michele. Erick notes all the signs are inside the building, so nobody can easily see what is goes on. Big sign will be on Winnetka between parking lot and building. Bulletin boards would be on north and south side of building. Erick makes a motion for \$2,500 for sign and \$1,000 for boards for a total of up to \$3,500 Erick makes a motion to allow up to \$2,500 for sign seconded by Eric; WNC-2011011111-01 approved unanimously.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis	x			
Erick Lace	x			
Greg Sullivan	x			
JJ Popowich				x
Marilyn Robinson	x			
Mike Mikaelian	x			
Natasha Somerville	x			
Tara Walker				x
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x			
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard				x
Wilson Linares				x
Asadbaig Baig	x			
Total	9			

A second motion is made by Erick for 2 bulletin boards for the amount of \$1000 for Winnetka Park WNC-2011011111-02 Marilyn seconds, all approve.

8. **Discussion and possible to review the address which the WNC will use on our website. Currently the WNC has a PO box listed; now defunct. (Sullivan) Use the Valley Village address on the web page all agree that VV address is correct.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report) (Popowich):

A, Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Finance Report as presented by the Treasurer. (Popowich)

JJ was in to present financial report \$ 91,623.08; see report online. Anderson trophy and air machine not paid yet as invoices were not made out correctly. Eric needs signature for quarterly report. Erick asked about Odyssey grant progress and Fab girls; in progress. Eric asked for contact re Nationwide Banner 8x1 banner and polo shorts, needed business number and tax id number. National's phone is 818 988 7791. JJ will check with Thomas Soong re Odyssey and Fab girls. Dictionary not yet approved by DONE so it will be curious to see if city can pay, says Erick.

10. Public Safety Committee: (Linares) Erick said crime stats were discussed. "Hide it, lock it, keep it" says Officer Jose Maldonado who came by meeting. Asad mentioned that the portable navigation systems were vulnerable. Shop lifting and purse snatching is happening at stores as well as, general shoplifting. Several shared stories of theft examples.

11. Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson) no meeting

12. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich) no meeting.

13. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian) no meeting

14. Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace) Report by the oversight committee on bylaw review's progress. Eric wants to set up a January and February meeting for a final meeting approval in March for an April 5th submittal to DONE. The 5 member by-law committee made up of the, 5 officers, as remembered by Erick. Greg will look for list of the 5 members previously mentioned as he is uncertain whether he can add that position to his duties; Meeting is open to everyone, Erick points out, just to make it clear.

Erick wants to meet on Monday. Proposed bylaws on around Oct 2007 were temporary election related by laws. Erick is looking for 7 people to be on bylaws Committee to read over and improve current by laws. JJ, Erick, Eric, Asad may be pending schedule. Marilyn will think about it. Meeting is open to EVERYBODY, please join. Eric will call everyone to proceed as he wants to get along right away on this project. Jan 24th is a meeting Monday at 6:30 and Marilyn will confirm that the room is available at Valley Village. February, Monday the 28th at 6:30 is the second meeting.

15. Good of the Order. Eric mentioned business cards, polo shirts and banner and asks whether we use all caps as the standard and whether to use B+W or color. Asad asks about costs. Greg suggests getting a sample. Use New Teal? Eric asks about the next public event? National night out? Marilyn will get back to Eric re next event. Books are next month, but pencils might not be ready. Marilyn working with Wilson on safety program and trying to get bike reflectors for kids bikes with the help of State Assemblyman John Popich. Mike says next public works on the 25th? Having the Public Works Meeting focus on the CRA at the forthcoming meeting. Natasha asks for receipts and demand warrants. Asad mentioned that the Ethics requirement was necessary, but may not have enough teeth in the requirement.

Eric says we need a youth representative and was talking to the local school's leadership at the 4 high schools around Winnetka. Now that school is back in session, the schools will try to get some kids interested. Must be 16 to 18 years old; youth rep. is a one year term. Marilyn ask Taft, Cleveland, Chatsworth, Canoga Park High. Good grades sought must hold a student leadership position. The student leadership schools representative involved with these schools will be the WNC's contact. Regarding the books and dictionaries, Erick has contacted the schools. The Limerick library has been postponed again till the end of the year. The dictionary

list of kids needing them is a year old. Erick is calling each school again to get an accurate head count. Doug Schmidt, a local leader and realtor, introduced himself and Eric mentioned that we have a vacancy. Greg confirmed that we have motions for the dictionary, when asked by Erick.

16. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:

- **Public Safety Committee.** (meets January third Tuesday)
- **Outreach & Youth Committee.** (No meeting in December 2010) 20th of January
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee.** 4th Tuesday
- **PLUM**

17. Adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a **"Speaker Card"** will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 718-0629, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to sullivang@hotmail.com

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (310) 562-3268.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) Hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.

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