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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 8, 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	XL	XL	XL	X	XL	X	X	X	x	X	
Erick Lace	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Greg Sullivan	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
JJ Popowich	LE,E	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	AE	X	X	
Marilyn Robinson	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike Mikaelian	x	XL	A	XL	A	X	X	xL	X	AE	X	
Natasha Somerville	x	X	XL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	AE	
Eric Yoonjae Lim	/	/	/	/	X	A	X	A	X	A	xl	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x	X	A	AE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tom Sattler	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	AE	X	
William Hilliard	A	X	X	XLE	X	XL	X	AE	X	XL	X	
Asadbaig Baig	x	X	A	X	X	X	AE	AE	XL	A	A	
Doug Schmidt	/	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XL	X	
Total	9	11 +1	9	9	11	9	11	8	12	9	11	

X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early
 Quorum is 8 members

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

**3. Approval of Minutes for October: JJ moves to approve, Eric Lewis seconds; approved unanimously.
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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.

Anne Palin, AP, asked about invoice not sent to DONE regarding the median. Erick said that we are not going to be rushed into changes. AP asked about the invoice and how long the city will take to develop. JJ says Anne should direct that question to Octaviano Rios, OR, who replied that the WNC had not finalized the letter to the city authorizing the funds. Erick counters that we were in compliance, but two things came up. JJ went through the minutes and didn't find the money which had been voted upon. JJ felt that the Department of Street Services had the money sent to them or possibly Councilman Zine and JJ will check into this.

Congressman Brad Sherman was present to speak.

Congressman Brad Sherman came and introduced himself by saying that Sherman Way was the best named blvd. Oscar, his assistant, helps with problems when a city agency makes a mistake, Oscar can help. The office number can be helpful to solve problem. Congress Sherman, CS, became a lawyer after accounting and then started as a politician and tax collector. In 1990 or so, a seat came up. Then it was thought, he said humorously, that they should send Brad to Washington DC or he may come to see you, as a tax collector. Served for last 15 years as representative to the entire southwest SFV. Congress doesn't do earmarks anymore. Now he uses money to rebuild roads in SFV. "to Applause" Wants the NC to suggest streets for work. Also helped provide funds for Bike path next to the Orange line and does help the Barrio hospital. Does feel reasonable support on firearms laws, but doesn't support assault weapons in the SFV.

JJ asked about national laws affecting rights to vote in other states and whether we have intentions coming to avoid such laws. JJ felt that restrictions on voting are an anathema in this country. Greg asked if federal dollars were wisely spent on the high speed rail? C Brad Sherman felt that the high speed rail between Bakersfield and Fresno had problems. Supports Transit project was his emphasis. Mike said thanks for Armenian Genocide recognition. The region of the republic of Georgia was passionate for that region of the genocide. Congressman Sherman felt that Turkey can't be a full member of the world if they can't recognize their actions. CM Sherman passed out the question cards to phrase your questions for longer answers.

Tess asked about criminals bringing in tons of pot and then get sent back to Mexico with a slap on the wrist. Tess wanted to put a chip in them and then sent them back; So they don't come back. Tess adds a high tech wrinkle not yet considered felt Cm Sherman. Higher level criminals can have them removed. Tess felt if they should be set to be removed, then they explode...this brought a smile to several.

William asked about two things regarding high speed rail, asks about how fast and what happens if one goes off the rail? Bill asks about what the democrats haven't done about multiple voting by people; wholesale cheating by people. These elections were two years ago...in 2010 at the Oso Street precinct. This was a National Election and the inspector above him did not do anything about fraudulent voting. This kind of thing that can't happen, said CM Sherman. Bill asks what we can do so that people don't vote more than once. No answer was really forthcoming.

What do we have that people can be prevented from voting. CM Brad Sherman doesn't want people to vote who shouldn't and likewise to prevent some from voting who wish to do so. CM Sherman felt this is chiefly a State matter and he doesn't have an answer for Bill at this moment. JJ points out disadvantages to either side. Eric Lim asked about 999 tax policy of Herman Cain. Cm Sherman felt 999 was a massive increase in taxes of sales tax, especially. Also doesn't produce enough revenue. CM Sherman felt the upper end don't pay enough ... Wanted to turn to those who pay larger.

Took question Farboroz asked about his Transit Coalition interest to connect the San Fernando Valley to the West Side. Does he support getting federal money to support this project? The Valley has paid more than any region of the country and got the least for Metro projects, and no subway or grade separation.. CM Sherman is absolutely dedicated to transit.

A stakeholder asked about the ID required in AZ and said the whole country went up in arms. Had a problem with AB 5724 and 1092 to implement Columbia Free trade, Korea, and Panama against free trade agreements. Congressman Brad Sherman Voted against all three of these bills.

Unions were against these free trade agreements. Columbia was voted only once. Not supported on any year. She seemed to wonder whether contributions were flip flops in her vote.. Congressman contested her information to which she said she was sourcing her information from Maplight .org, I think. Felt that the union representative in Winnetka is 10%. Also felt that Korean (and China) goods would come in so we can't ship back goods to China.

Bob Jacobi asked about redistrict lines as a lonely, but proud Republican. Bob asked how we support Brad. Redistricting system was designed to give height to Republicans here and Democrats in Orange County. Bob felt that as a community we are losing something. Bob asked why Congressman Sherman deserves his support. The answer from C S was that only one contender bothered to come to the WNC, and to the Valley Village Anniversary and only one has had a constituent booth in at local events. Brad says that he is dedicated to Winnetka. Voted against Tarp as it was to buy the worst bonds in the safe. Later it was changed to avoid Tarps worst excesses. Says most of us have seen him before today. With all due respect to 2004 -2006 Sherman was there to help people with constituent services. Whoever wins(Berman or Sherman) in 2012, CS felt all will be easier in the future.

Brad Sherman concludes with a presentation of a flag from over the capital and presented the flag to Erick with photographs.

Mark Reed, the Republican spoke after Brad Sherman as a stakeholder for two minutes. MR raised three children and 7 grandchildren and grew up in Winnetka. Mark will give the same attention as Brad Sherman to the area. The Valley has 1.8 m res, \$50,000 avg. income. Top tier corporations have left CA because of over regulation and taxation. Knows he is not in real republican territory and that the two democrats, he is up against, seek a partyline vote, if you don't look at the other side of the aisle for input. Felt the free trade would work, but the EPA here strangles initiative. Other countries allow you one day to get permits to make your product. If you want to start a business in CA it is easier to start if you have one. CA is #1 unfriendly business environment in US. The Federal Government is too involved in our lives and is also all bollixed up. We are over burdened by taxes and what stimulates the economy is to give someone freedom to put things together and make a buck. The unions are killing us. The party politicians have built up regulations upon regulations. Ronald Reagan was a time when things got built. We used to do things, in 1903 was the first flight. Ford and McDonald Douglas put together B-24's; one an hour at Willow Run, without rejects. The red tape today stops all sorts of projects. So this is what he want to do as a Republican; reduce red tape. Mark Reed (for Congress) will be speaking this Thursday at the Amercian Legion Hall on Tampa at 7PM. JJ asks whether he will work with some things that can take in both points of view. Mark is for limited government pledged from a military background. Felt if a problem with an item on the table and the people wanted him to vote against it then he would vote against it. Mark will support the people and their opinion as he understands it. Will works at the request of the constituents in the district. This is lethargic district very few are registered to vote so that 10% tell the other 90% what to do. Yes, he would vote the district's interests. Wants to pass legislation to give district control to run its own elections. There is so much money from outside of the district, which deadens the voice of the people from within this district. Says in this room we are all Americans. If there is petty political conflicts, then not much will get done. Politics is like an airplane, if you are on the left side, you see the left side, if you are on the right side, you see the right. It's the people on the underside of the plane, who actually run a lot of things. Tom says he is a registered voter for 60 years and that incumbents spend most of their time trying to get re elected. People easily vote for the incumbent. People are shutting their companies down. Steve Wynn moved to China as he could expect fewer problems there! 90% of cyber attacks are coming from China. Mark wants to lower the corporate rate and flatten the taxes. Says if you can buy one garment out of ten, which are made in the USA, he would buy it for you. JJ asks whether the problem is not regulation, but that we have to pay people too much to live in this country. Felt we are educating too many people as idiots. Mark feels we can compete with others. The problem is that we can invent it here, but because we can get cheap slave-like labor there manufacturing move there. Mark supports a right to work state. A stake holder says it is not unions that we are competing with .25 cents an hour. How can we compete with that? Mark owns a plumbing

company in Woodland Hills. Japanese and Chinese pipe was often poorly made. Problem in America is the union overpaying and controlling. Tom said the PBS suggests the issues should be presented equally by others. Channels 1-13 are the public stations from which these . Bill asks what to do. Mark says we should redo the FCC to make this vertical integration and consolidation so that each opinion can be presented. What is the collateral damage to the people? Who is your state senator, councilman, but most don't know who their representatives are; Poor communication. TV isn't presenting local issues so who really knows the representatives voting record.

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

Eric spoke from Councilman Englander's office. The second NC round table, which Erick will attend will happen soon. DOT is coming. CM Englander had first 100 days in office; a quick over view. Last week was side walk repair issue. Mitch said no and never to the city pawning off the sidewalks on the homeowner. The city has its arms out each way. Introduced a couple diff plans and wants for focus on street repair. At Winnetka Chamber spoke of sign ordinances. Strip malls were cited for signs with a \$360 fine for citation if signs were wrong. Some signs are 52 years old and not in compliance. CME is meeting with B+S to resolve this anti business action which hurts the bottom line. CM Englander felt the City Council should stake a stronger line on these issues. Tess asks whether an ordinance can be made to have signs in English. Erick noted Canada had part of sign in English and other in French. Presidents meeting November 15th at 3PM. Erick Lace will attend.

Art Sims mentioned some of the local politicians don't know what they are doing and that the WNC doesn't know what they are doing. Erick found that the \$5,000 was previously sent to street services and was thought to be the first part of the money meant for matching funds. Then we voted \$5,000 additional for the \$10,000 total for matching funds. Erick wants to have a meeting to get the original \$5,000 from street services to forward back to Zine's office. Annie and Art are upset want this additional money for their projects. Mike says he has a meeting with Octaviano Rios tomorrow and Mike thinks it should be settled shortly. If Dennis can get the money back from street services, then this should be resolved as I understand it. Eric Lewis says that CM Zine told us to send it to street services at his recommendation. We do have a letter from Street Services via Zine, on JJ's computer screen, as I understand. One asked whether we are getting double talk from each.

Mike says he will note an adhoc meeting for cleaning up the issues. JJ will resend the example letter from Zines office requesting an invoice. Art asks whether there is a letter approving this action.

Annie asks about the Mason and Vanowen bridge and the Winnetka and Vanowen bridge which are under construction. JJ says Mason and Vanowen Bridge ran out of money and they are waiting until the next fiscal year to continue. The Winnetka bridge expansion is still moving along. JJ says on some of the streets they have to do things in phases. The issue of the plates; depends upon who is doing the work. If ATT buries a cable and digs the streets the DOT oversees and enforce with that company, but don't have to repair completely as noted by the Sherman way repairs, which were a bit rough.

Benches, bike rakes and pole painting, as Annie asks, what happened? On Thursday Mike is meeting with the CRA. Thinks project will be started in February or March. One person asked JJ why does one street take so long to pave? Some repairs to lines under a street get repaired before a street gets repaved finally.

Stakeholder suggests that when we get a chance to talk to someone about the \$ for projects, that we be rather insistent on the topic. Octaviano Rios suggests that he has a lot to get back to us on these issues.

6. Consider voting on Brett Greenfield and Bettie Ross-Blumer's inclusion in the WNC. (Sullivan) <<Betty Blumer presented her resume; is a native Angelino been involved with many groups, daughter has genetic issues and got involved with related groups with husband. She helped to start the celebrity hospital golf tournament in '84 and '85. Was instrumental in the zoning appeal the T Mobile tower refusal. Is a temple musician at St Lukes full pro local 47 music Union. Believe important for citizens to get involved. A big gardener and has been in Winnetka for years since 1993. Believes she can help and wants to do a survey of what the Neighborhood wants. She wants more trees in public right of way along the streets.>>

After a brief discussion, Bill nominated and JJ seconded.

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
Tess Reyes-Dunn				X outside
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard	x			
Asadbaig Baig				x
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim	x			
Total	10			

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Passes. Councilman Brad Sherman swears Bettie Ross-Blumer in as a member of the WNC.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding support for the Transit Coalition advocacy of the Van Nuys Transit line through the Sepulveda pass alongside the 405. Also, discuss Metro's proposal to turn the Sepulveda pass' carpool lane into a toll road. (Sullivan) Faraboz spoke about a new transit project; the N/S valley transit project. Seeks a motion and letter of support from the WNC for the transit coalition's goal to get a dedicated rail line from the Valley to the Westside.

Greg makes the motion to support the coalition's study from us in support of their letter to adopt the resolution as read:

<<MOTION TO SUPPORT THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE RAIL TUNNEL FOR THE I-405 CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT:

Whereas, the I-405 Freeway has the highest amount of average annual daily traffic (374,000 trips) of any highway in the nation (Source: U.S. Department of Transportation):

Whereas, congestion on the I-405 Freeway takes a heavy toll on commuters, with 580,000 hours of delay for vehicles passing Getty Center Drive (Source: Caltrans);

Whereas, San Fernando Valley stakeholders need a fast and reliable alternative to getting stuck in traffic on the I-405 Freeway;

Whereas, currently there is no effective alternative corridor or transit line for the Sepulveda Pass for people going to and from the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, as shown by pleas from elected officials to "stay home" while the I-405 Freeway was closed in July 2011;

Whereas, the Metro Red Line subway has reduced the growth of congestion on the 101 Freeway between the San Fernando Valley and downtown by carrying over 144,000 passengers daily (Source: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, "Metro");

Whereas, other regions of the County, such as the Westside, South Central LA, and the San Gabriel Valley, are lobbying hard to get more funds and to push their transit projects forward;

Whereas, Measure R has set aside \$1 billion for a transit project to connect the San Fernando Valley with the Westside, plus additional funds to connect the north and south San Fernando Valley;

Whereas, the federal government has provided a 60% match in funding for another Measure R rail transit project;

Whereas, Metro has yet to define the type of project, such as rail, bus, or toll lane / auto toll tunnel;

Whereas, the I-405 Transit Project is the final project in the Measure R timeline;

Be it therefore resolved that,

1. The Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly supports the development of a contiguous rail transit line from the Sylmar Metrolink Station to the Expo Line, and eventually to LAX as the plan for the I-405 Transit Corridor;
2. The Measure R Sepulveda Pass and Van Nuys transit projects should be studied and developed together as one integrated project, rather than two disjointed projects;
3. Further, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports a rail tunnel from Sherman Oaks to UCLA and Westwood as the mode of transit, versus the use of project funds for busways or conversion of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to toll lanes for this project;
4. Finally, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor, the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, legislators, Members of Congress, and Metro to take action to accelerate the timeline and obtain federal matching funds for this project so that San Fernando Valley stakeholders can enjoy its benefits as soon as possible.

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
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x			
Tom Sattler		x		
William Hilliard	x			
Asadbaig Baig				x
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
Total	10			

Motion passed WNC-2011-110811-03

8. **Discussion and possible action to make recommendations/comments (if any) for the City's proposed amendments to the Residential Planned Development supplemental use district establishment provisions. The current ordinances allow only single family homes; this ordinance would allow mixed use projects. (Popowich) Post poned until next month.**

Include conditional use permit request for Corbin and Vanowen project behind the car wash and have a conditional use permit it's the one JJ sent that I couldn't include.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report) (Popowich)**
 \$36,156.33 left. See website to download JJ's report. AAA rents delayed the charges and done did not increase our CC enough for our limits. Moore business results, the second quarter bill is due. JJ wrote a letter to DONE requesting permission from Tenita; Done will not allow us to set up a PayPal account. Tenita felt we could not set up an account as we want. DONE will set up a memo to send out to all NC's no PayPal allowed. We have surpassed our quarterly CC allowance. So can't extend without a request to DONE for an extension. JJ motions for acceptance, Bill seconds. Accepted.

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10. By-Law Review Committee: (Lace) City council withdrew all funding for elections. What do we do? Hold our own elections? City council over rides our bylaws. So we sit until an election occurs.

11. Mayor's Budget day Report: (Hilliard) Valley Green Team.org. Bill went to the Mayors Budget Team. The worst thing the city is 350 million short last year. The white paper is a short form of the budget. Budget advocates.com has the white paper on line. The city borrowed money to pay the 350m short fall. Got rid of 5,000 employees, ie., transferred to DWP.

12. Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)

13. Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson) Banners aren't ready; Mario at Nationwide is making a some fresh holiday banners and applied for permits to prepare to hang these around Thanksgiving. JJ mentioned that "grabbing" money from the funds so as not to lose money for new production. all season banner's available. JJ asks when we are going to approve the other banners. Canoga Historical Society is where he is getting ideas; goal is to have a presentation at the next month's meeting. Next week the holiday banner might be up extra long before new ones are replaced. Banners stored by nationwide. Standard office supplies table label. Youth meeting next month.

14. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich) Plum meeting this month? JJ will try for Quorum.

15. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian)

16. Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace) Put on agenda to review the election opinion and what the WNC wants to do when the city defunds the election. Stand until an action is generally accepted.

17. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)

18. Good of the Order Asad Baig is going onto the agenda for next month to decide whether he is still on the board. Email Asad about this issue and whether he wants to remain and contribute.

19. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:

- **Public Safety Committee.**
- **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
- **PLUM**

20. 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.

