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From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary
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Subject: Special Meeting Minutes for 09/29/04

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, with Jacque Lamishaw as Chair.**
- 2. Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance.

Bob Basch	Dwight Burgess	Cynthia Conover	Chris Jurgenson
Jacque Lamishaw	Ken Molock	Richard Montaine	JJ Popowich
Marilyn Robinson			
Armineh Chelebian – Excused	Wayne Schulte – Excused	James Valdez – Excused	Alan Wolfe: Absent

- 3. Update, discussion, and action on certifying the results of the Mayor’s Budget Survey for Winnetka. This will include the discussion and selection of Winnetka’s final recommendations for budget and service priorities:**

Resolution: WNC-092904-1: Certification of the results of the Mayor’s Budget Survey for Winnetka: “The WNC certifies the results of the Mayor’s Budget Survey for Winnetka, and hereby instructs the previously selected representatives from the WNC Board to present the survey results and the following budget and service priorities to D.O.N.E.” (Popowich)

Note: The budget and service priorities referred to in this motion are the same as presented.

- 3.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained the motion and the reason for the meeting. She then turned the discussion over to Mr. Popowich to explain the number compiled.
- 3.2. Mr. Popowich explained the survey process briefly. He said 152 surveys have been collected and that it was a great accomplishment. He went through the graph to explain each line and read off the titles that were missing. After reviewing each item on the graph the second graph was reviewed. He finished up by stating the goal tonight was to select our final recommendation. He said we can choose between sticking with what was presented or based on tonight's discussion choose a different priority ranking.
- 3.3. Ms. Lamishaw then opened discussion and asked each Board member in attendance to state what they felt. She started with Mr. Schulte.
- 3.4. Mr. Montaine asked to wait and come back to him.
- 3.5. Mr. Jurgenson stated that we should follow the will of the people and their choices.
- 3.6. Ms. Conover said that she had attended the original meetings where the survey was rolled out. She said that they were all given a very short time frame to get this done. She went on to say that some categories are from what we hear in our meetings like cultural services. However, she said that more people are interested in pot holes and streets and that should be bumped up a bit.
- 3.7. Mr. Popowich said that he thought public safety and streets were the biggest concerns. He would have liked to see economic development a bit higher. He also noted that tree trimming was low and would like to see that bumped up a bit. The rest seemed about right.
- 3.8. Ms. Lamishaw commented that she hears people say they don't want development because it brings too much traffic, density, etc. She noted that traffic wasn't rated very high and wants to see us increase it.

She went on to say that she felt the survey was very confusing. She thinks that people care about environment, city planning, and street services. She stated she felt that the rest of the survey is pretty accurate. She closed by saying that she was pleased with the NC Funding ranking.

- 3.9. Mr. Molock felt that people have spoken. Whether they read it right or not it's what they have said. He said if we try to read their minds we may misrepresent it.
- 3.10. Mr. Basch said he was involved in the original meetings. He explained how the survey came about and how it was conducted. He referenced the book published from last year's survey which detailed the results. He explained we were not included in those results because we were not certified at the time.

He pointed out that the past results were police being universally important, followed by street services.

He said this is the next to last step in the process which was to see what the individual community's needs were.

He thinks we shouldn't change these results because it represents what the residents say. He went on to explain that the number of surveys represents about .03% of the 42,000 residents which means if we change anything we really are speaking on behalf of many who have not spoken and we can really have an effect.

He concluded by announcing that some other councils have not even started their surveys. Regardless of what we say the Mayor will look at the survey's and set his priorities as he feels they should be based on his own choices.

3.11. Ms. Robinson said we should leave it as the people have spoken.

3.12. Mr. Burgess stated it should be left as is.

3.13. Mr. Montaine asked if Mr. Popowich would be presenting it.

3.14. Mr. Basch clarified that it would be presented via a web site DONE has set up. DONE will compile the results, tabulate it and present the findings to the conference.

3.15. Mr. Popowich agreed and stated he would be present at the conference.

3.16. Ms. Lamishaw brought the meeting back on track.

3.17. Mr. Montaine said the street issues looks like the people only look at their immediate needs and not those surrounding them. He went on to say that he believes the southern residents of Winnetka do not realize that the northern residents have higher winds and many times trees do fall on things and fall apart.

He is also concerned about the alley cleanup. He feels this seems to be a problem as well in our community.

3.18. Ms. Lamishaw said that the solution is to call 311 to have them cleaned. She also commented that we are qualifying what people think and that's not the point. The point is to choose to change or not to change the results.

3.19. Mr. Montaine said it should stay as it is.

3.20. Ms. Lamishaw asked if anyone else had any comments.

3.20.1. Mr. Jurgenson wants to credit the NC because what we have done is saved the City lots of money by doing the survey. Also he wanted to note that Mr. Basch, Ms. Conover and he were at the original meeting.

3.20.2. Ms. Conover said it was best to keep it as it is since it doesn't pay to change it by one or two.

3.20.3. Mr. Popowich commented that keeping it is fine the way it is. It's not far off he said.

3.21. Ms. Lamishaw said keep it the way it is. Mr. Basch is right it will come out the way it does. She then asked the public for input.

- 3.21.1. A stakeholder said the Rotary recently held an open house and Richard Alacorn was in attendance. He went on to say that his major concerns were traffic in the area.
 - 3.21.2. A stakeholder thanked the WNC for doing a good job and for the signs. He went on to say he thinks the survey is representative of the issues. He agrees with Mr. Montaine about the sanitation problems and litter in the area is bad. He asked how the surveys were distributed. (Several Board members chimed in to answer).
 - 3.21.3. A brief discussion on traffic issues ensued and some surprise on how the public rated traffic was expressed.
 - 3.21.4. A stakeholder was surprised the Orange Line was not an issue raised.
 - 3.21.5. Mr. Jurgenson said he would second the motion on the agenda.
 - 3.21.6. Mr. Popowich read what had to be done tonight to satisfy D.O.N.E.
 - 3.21.7. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we want to discuss the second part of the survey results. She went on to say that we should reduce waste and not reduce services or raise fees.
 - 3.21.8. Mr. Basch read what happens after the vote tonight.
 - 3.21.9. A stakeholder asked if what he was reading from was available to the public.
 - 3.21.10. Mr. Basch said no he only had the one copy.
 - 3.21.11. Ms. Lamishaw reminded everyone there was a motion on the floor.
 - 3.21.12. The Secretary called the roll and it was passed 9-0.
- 3.22. Ms. Lamishaw expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Council and the stakeholders. She said we have done a tremendous job and she was sorry that Tess could not be here to be recognized.

4. Public Comments

- 4.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened the meeting to public comments.
- 4.2. She announced we have the Oktoberfest coming up on October 15-17. She said we will have a booth and lots of things to give away. She hopes that a lot of Board members will volunteer.

Ms. Lamishaw also announced that Mr. Roland Gilbert was no longer with the Board due to excessive absences. She said anyone interested in joining the Board should contact Mr. Popowich and he will schedule it for the December meeting.

- 4.2.1. Mr. Montaine commented that we still had a vacant youth position.

- 4.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw said we have done some outreach to local schools like the Armenian school, but no responses have been received. She suggested we contact Canoga Park High and Taft High and get their help.
- 4.2.3. Ms. Conover said she would contact the LAUSD and see if they can help us.
- 4.2.4. Ms. Lamishaw said that would be good and she should just run it by the C & O Committee.

5. Meeting Adjourned