

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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TJ Martens	T. Alan Schweizer	Steve Zeldin	Open Seat	Youth Position-Vacant

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 03/11/08

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich	X		
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Mary Ann Smiley	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Tess Reyes-Dunn			X
TJ Martens	X		
T. Alan Schweizer	X		
Steve Zeldin	X		
Open Seat			
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	1

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

- 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.

Stephanie (youth) from Chatsworth High School indicated that she could volunteer and attend some of the meetings. Student will turn 16 in August.

Mrs. Palai praised Mr. Sims as he cleaned up trash in the neighborhood of Corbin and Valerio St..

4. **State and local government representatives' updates:**

Octaviano reported that graffiti cameras would target high risk areas in order to identify those who have been writing on the walls. These cameras are costly and as a council we could survey some of the areas that are being targeted and report this to LAPD. This in turn may result in an anti-graffiti camera in the particular location. Mason Street will be paved by the end of the year as it has not been completed. Zineline was passed out and reviewed briefly. Arthritis Walk flyer was also passé out and will be at the Warner Center Park. Tax Preparation flyer was distributed. Response Training flyer was distributed as well. The Mayor's Day of Service was discussed. LAPD cleanup would be at El Camino Saturday March 15 at 8:00 AM. They would then be dispersed into the community to clean up the many areas that are in need of beautification.

Thomas discussed the training a few weeks ago and thanked those of us who attended. Reminded us about the survey that all Neighborhood Council's needed to submit. A copy for the steak holders will be given to them during the May Board meeting. He also discussed three pending accounts that will be paid that evening (Recreational Center, Nationwide and Valley Village)

5. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Captain Sherman and/or Lt. II, Thomas Zak regarding the new West Valley Police Station.**

This discussion was not heard as there were no representatives from any of the police stations.

6. **Discussion and possible action on the Neighborhood Self Assessment project required by DONE. This is a survey that must be completed by a minimum of 100 stakeholders on our performance as a Neighborhood Council as required by the Charter.**

Thomas mentioned this when he spoke about the above concerns.

7. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Scott A. Hayman, Community Outreach Volunteer for Blood Services, Woodland Hills Donor Center.**

No one present to speak on this issue.

8. **Discussion and possible action on providing feedback, or choosing one of the three designs for our new logo created by Moore Business Results per our request.**

The board members approved version 2 with the same font as the lettering below.

9. **Discussion and possible action on a request from Faith Lutheran Church.**

The sign would be 5feet high and 6 feet wide. Other churches have bigger signs in front of their property. The color would be similar to "rust". The pictures were distributed to the board members. Mr. Popowich motioned the proposal and Mr. Sims second it.

10. **Discussion and possible action to finalize the rock arrangements for the median project along Sherman Way.**

Mr. Sims reported that the landscaping materials would be donated by Jacobee as he has been working closely with this agency.

11. **Discussion and possible action to authorize the WNC President to submit documentation that the WNC approves or rejects the following two motions as submitted by LADWP MOU Oversight Committee.**

After discussion of not raising the rate, Mr. Popowich motioned it and Mr. Marten seconded it.

Discussion and possible action on the following Committee Reports.

12. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report)**

Mr. Lace passed a handout to each board member and explained the total amount allotted for each committee. He is requesting that each committee discuss the 2008 finances at their next meeting,

13. Interfaith Committee Report: (Chelebian)

No report.

14. Events Committee Report: (Martens)

August 10th Earth Day event will include music, booths (will need volunteers to assist at the booth table). Bikes will be donated and at least two raffles will be held during the event. We need ideas on how to advertise.

15. Youth Committee Report: (Schweizer)

No Report. Youth Committee needed to be added for the next agenda as it is not on this agenda. January meeting was not an official meeting as there were not enough members involved. Mr. Schweizer will bring the “mission” statement to the next Board Meeting to review. It was discussed that participation in all committees are crucial. For the Youth Expo there will be a variety of resources for youth and families to help educate the community. Mr. Popowich motioned and Mr. Essavi second it. All of the board members approved the Youth Expo. Mr. Zeldin announced a dinner that would take place on March 18th for child abuse at the Valley Inn from 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM. The dinner is \$35.00.

16. Planning & Land Use Management Committee:

A discussion of having a Longs Drug Store on the corner of Corbin and Vanowen Street where the Vallarta is located. The idea to have a place to sit and eat would be a nice suggestion in this location.

17. Public Safety Committee Report: (Smiley)

A letter will be drafted by Ms. Smiley regarding the 7200 Block on Quartz Ave as the “No parking restriction” signs were not completed on the entire block. The second letter will be addressing Chances Bar on Roscoe Blvd and the Recycling Center behind the bar. Committee members will review the two letters at their next meeting and will make the necessary changes.

18. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report: (Chelebian)

The beatification issues for the Sherman Way median was briefly discussed. The landscaping and the types of plants and rocks that will be placed in this area were discussed.

19. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee Report: (Popowich)

No report.

20. Discussion and possible action on having a Cultural Family Earth Day. (This was an added agenda item due to a “Special Meeting Agenda”).

Mr. Martens discussed the plan for this event and described what he day would look like. Booths of various workshops, a band, and plants will be donated to the public as well as music and food for the visitors. Advertising this event will assist in getting the word out to the public. The approximate cost is \$12,500 for this event. All board members approved this action. Mr. Popowich motioned it and Ms. Reyes-Dunn second it.

21. Discussion and possible action on appointing a member to attend the Mayor’s Budget Day. (This was an added agenda item due to a “Special Meeting Agenda”).

This issue was reported by Ms. Chelebian that we need to decide where the beautification location will be. Valley Village was an option as it needs landscaping and possible painting. Also to pick a private location that is in need of major clean up.

22. Discussion and possible action to appoint / re-appoint Liaisons for the various organizations we interact with including the LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith’s Service Cabinet, and VANC.

Mr. Popowich nominated Mr. Schweizer to be assigned to this task. Mrs. Chelebian second. All board members approved.

23. Reports from liaisons: LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils). This may include a discussion on re-appointing liaisons or setting a process/date to appoint liaisons.

Mr. Popowich nominated Mr. Lace. Mr. Marten second the nomination. All board members approved.

24. Board Business –

- A. Comments on Board Member's own activities/ Brief announcements.**
- B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.**
- C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.**
- D. Requests for Board Members to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time.**

25. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events

(All meetings held at 20830 Sherman Way Winnetka, CA 91306, unless otherwise noted):

- Public Safety Committee: TBD
- Outreach & Events Committee: TBD
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD

26. Adjournment