



# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Armineh Chelebian	Nina Essavi	Nalini Natarajan	Edesa Aghakhanm oshabad	Tess Reyes-Dunn
TJ Martens	T. Alan Schweizer	Steve Zeldin	Open Seat	Youth Position-Vacant



## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 09/09/2008

### 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 Aghakhanm oshabad	X		
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
TJ Martens	X		
T. Alan Schweizer	X		
Steve Zeldin	X		
Open Seat			
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	

### 2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

### 3. Public Comments-

Michelle Gross informed the board members that Winnetka Recreation will have a festival during the month of October. Steven (unk. last name) reported that it is necessary to have Oso Street and Sherman Way paved.

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

Mr. Sims reported for Jose Martinez, field deputy for Councilman Dennis Zine, as he is on vacation. The Quartz Ave. letter was written to Chief Michael Moore who opposed the "No Restrictions" signs in that area; a location for an office for WNC is being looked into; Jacobi will donate a rock for the plaque for LAPD officer Simmons. Meghan, Councilman Smith's field deputy, reported on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM-

11:30 AM the Big Fall Community Clean-up will take place at Northridge Park. See attached flyer. Additionally, there is still a need for one more volunteer to attend the City Hall Stakeholders forum

**5. Discussion and possible action on the Mayor's Community Budget Day Representatives Selection for October. Deadline is September 15, 2008.**

On October 11<sup>th</sup> in downtown LA to learn how to update the process of getting participants involved. Mr. Sims motioned that Mr. Martens would be an asset to this area and Mr. Schweizer seconded. All board member approved.

**6. Discussion and possible action on Proposition 7 presented by Laurette Healey.** Sponsored by PG & E and others to inform the board members how to save California and the planet. Proposition 7 is the Solar and Clean Energy Initiative. It does not raise taxes and it requires all California utilities to meet renewable energy production standards that will help put California on the path to energy independence. See attached flyer. This issues was tabled until the next agenda for board members to review on their own and to decide how they feel about Proposition 7.

**7. Discussion and possible action on sponsoring the Oktberfest for up to \$2,000.00.**

Ellen and Todd McClay reported that Winnetka Recreation will have a festival on October 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-10:00 pm. 1-10:00 pm and 1-10:00 pm. They were requesting financial assistance as well as the board members to participate at the festival. The cost was broken down as it will be extremely costly to cover all of the expenses. The three days will include entertainment, carnival rides, food and shopping as well as a WNC booth. Mr. Martens motioned to support the Oktberfest for up to \$3354.00 to help pay for the sink and the rental service. Mr. Popowich seconded the motion. All board members approved.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report):**

**Discussion and possible action to approve a request to DONE for a second credit card to be assigned to TJ Martens. This discussion will include rules for usage and how to track expenses.**

The board members questioned if there really was a need for a second credit card as it is a delicate issue if anything should occur. Since Mrs. Natarajan was nominated as the assistant treasurer she should be the one to possess the second card. If she is unavailable than this issue will again be reviewed by the board for another alternative person. Mrs. Reyes-Dunn motioned to have Mrs. Natarajan hold the second card and Mr. Sims seconded. All approved.

**9. Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian):** No meeting; therefore, no report.

**10. Events Committee Report (Martens):**

Mr. Martens reminded the board members that it would be greatly appreciated if all members participated during the three day Oktberfest.

**11. Youth Committee Report (Schweizer):**

A reminder to the board members that the October 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Expo is the next major event and volunteerism is needed by all members. The hours are 10:00 Am – 2:00 PM. The committee will be meeting more than one time per month since many items need to be finalized prior to the event.

**12. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich):**

**Discussion and possible action to earmark up to \$5000.00 for a memorial statue/sign at West Valley Park in memory of Officer Randall Simmons.**

Mr. Popowich motioned to support up to \$5,000.00 for a memorial sign in memory of Officer Randall Simmons and Mr. Sims seconded it. All board members approved.

**13. Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian):**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Enadia Way and Jumilla Way Beautification project.**

Mr. Popowich motioned to send the private property owner a letter to invite him to our next general board meeting and to discuss our concerns. Mr. Schweizer seconded it. All approved.

**14. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of utilizing Tarzana Nursery for the landscaping on the Sherman Way median.**

WNC will no longer use North Star as they have made changes in the contract. Tarzana Nursery is interested in working with us as long as we provide the plants. Jacobi will deliver the material for free but will charge for the rocks and cement. Mr. Sims motioned to approve Tarzana Nursery for the Sherman Way median improvement and Mr. Essavi seconded it. All board members approved.

**15. Public Safety Committee (Smiley):**

**Discussion and possible action on resolving the problems with the “No Restriction” signs on the 7200 Block of Quartz Ave.**

This issues was discussed when Mr. Sims reported for Jose Martinez, field deputy for Councilman Dennis Zine.

**Discussion and possible action to fund the Probation/LAPD Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force at the Winnetka Recreational Center. WNC will provide the beverages and snacks/lunch for the many agencies that participate in this half day event.**

On October 22, 2008 from 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM Probation and LAPD will have a Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force at Winnetka Recreational Center. There will be two sites; however, WNC will only support the one in their jurisdiction. Mr. Sims motioned to support the Truancy Task Force of up to \$500.00 for beverages, snacks and lunch for the agencies and the officers. Mr. Popowich seconded it. All approved.

**16. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee (Popowich):**

**17. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:**

- Public Safety Committee: September 16, 2008
- Youth Committee: September 25, 2008
- Events Committee: September 22, 2008
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD

**18. Adjournment**

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