



# 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

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MINUTES FOR 10/14/2008

Special Meeting Minutes

included

### 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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</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.

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

Jose Martinez, field deputy for councilman Zine, distributed the flyer for the "Youth Expo" that the office had created. Office space was discussed as he believes we are in need of a better location to have our

meetings. The fire station was presented, but many of the board members indicated that it was too small. The “old” PacBell building on Winnetka and Vanowen was brought to Jose’s attention for a possibility. Dia de los Muertos was presented to the board as an invite to enjoy on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canoga Park on Sherman Way and Canoga Ave. 818/593.5440 contact Sandra Gonzales for further questions. The Anchor Charity Raffle will be on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-5 pm..

**5. Discussion and possible action on approving up to \$1500.00 for the Winnetka Park annual Halloween event. (special meeting item).**

JJ motioned to support up to \$1500.00 to the Winnetka Park annual Halloween event. TJ seconded it. All approved.

**6. Discussion and possible action on Proposition 7 presented by Laurette Healey**

No further discussion.

**7. Discussion and possible action on how to develop a mechanism on how to invite the various representatives for the numerous Propositions. This will be a good way to learn more about the propositions prior to November.**

Item was tabled for the November agenda.

**8. Discussion and possible action on the structure of the Board.**

This issue will be reviewed and tabled for the November Meeting.

**9. Discussion and possible action on having a CERT class for the stakeholders of Winnetka.**

Stakeholders and board members may be interested in participating in this class. At least two members need to be involved. The class is held one time per week for seven weeks total at Valley Village. The volunteers will visit and attempt to include the various businesses and community members to also take part in this important class. Tess, JJ and TJ will volunteer to get this training course started. Art motioned to support the CERT class up to \$3,500.00. Alan seconded it. All approved.

**10. Discussion and possible action on having a blood drive for the stakeholders of Winnetka.**

This could be a possible project for the upcoming year. This issue will be revisited and on the agenda for the beginning of the year to discuss further.

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

**11. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer’s Report):**

Review monthly report, September. New rule- if food is provided at the meetings as a hospitality expense everyone must sign a sign in sheet. Mr. Lace reminded the board that the bills take a while and to be patient as they tend to sit on the controllers desk. More communication was brought to the attention of the Treasurer as well as respond in a timely manner.

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

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

**Discussion and possible action on beginning the next year’s Earth Day event.**

On January 2, 2008 letters will be mailed out to the various agencies and other neighborhood councils to participate in the next Earth Day event.

**Discussion and possible action on ordering Christmas banners for Sherman Way.**

Mr. Martens motioned that the board support a three year contract for up to \$4,200.00 for forty banners during the Christmas season. Mr. Popowich seconded it. All board members approved.

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

**Discussion and possible action on assigning volunteers to assist during the Youth Expo on October 25, 2008.**

Mr. Schweizer reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the event.

**Discussion and possible action on supporting Winnetka Elementary School by providing monetary funds and volunteering our time to assist with the school beautification event, in November.**

This item was tabled for the next agenda for more detailed information.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

**Discussion on the Probation/LAPD Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force at the Winnetka Recreational Center 8401 Winnekta Ave. Winnetka 91306 on October 20, 2008 from 7:30 AM- 2:30 PM. WNC will provide coffee and bagels in the morning and beverages and lunch for Probation, LAPD and agency staff that participate in this half day event.**

Ms. Smiley announced that the Truancy Task Force will be November 21, 2008 and not during the month of October due to the fires in the San Fernando Valley. All board members were reminded to attend and an email would be sent to remind everyone.

**Discussion and possible action on increasing the cost for up to \$4,311.18 for gym equipment for the Devonshire Police Station.**

This item had already been approved for up to \$3,000.00 and no more. It had been resolved by the President and Treasurer during the month.

**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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