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WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 06/09/09

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		
Open Seat			
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Stephanie Aguirre			
Total	12		1

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules. Three minute per person to speak per agenda item. We will follow the rules

- Public Comments-** Linda on Valley Interfaith Council, non-profit, 3 senior centers, discussed the concern to restock the pantries as they are running very low due to the budget crisis. Request to have this placed on the July agenda for possible support to assist our families in the San Fernando Valley area. The request is for \$2,500.00 and other Neighborhood Councils have or will participate. Also, have other grocery markets donated supplies for this organization. DONE normally will not approve this type of support; however, Linda indicated that she had already approved this with DONE as other NC's have contributed already. Organization is 5013C. Fab girls Amy and Lindsey brought a plaque to thank the NC board for their support.

4. **State and local government representatives' updates:** Maldonado on vacation . Jose Maldonado- Dwight passed away. Unfortunately, WNC was not informed of the services as we would have been there. Pride Day, June 13, 2009- 20806 Inada Way. Food will be provided for volunteers. Many volunteers will be present. Marijuana Dispensaries are being closed down. Hope Collective is one of the agencies that did not qualify for a hardship and will be closed down. WNC was praised for being proactive. Wendy Gruel flyer June 18th meet Controller at Tarzana Recreation Center- at 5655 Vanalden Ave. Tarzana. Speed humps program may be cut due to budget. Job Resources Fair on Wed. July 8th 9-1pm at the Worksource Center- at 21010 Vanowen St. Canoga Park, 91303 Job opportunities, education & training options and community services.

5. **Discussion and possible action on the website renewal agreement. Board members were supposed to have read the email attachment prior to this item being discussed.**
An idea of looking into a having another body to possibly be interested in performing this duty. Several board members are not in agreement with the amount \$4500.00. Return back to Josef and Yes. Motioned was JJ and Seconded Art. All approved.

6. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal to budget up to \$2,000.00 for a subscription to Vertical Response to allow our webmaster, Wendy Moore to send out html weekly emails that will include our calendar items as well as news that we wish to share. This will drastically improve a) our maintenance and growth of our email data base b) ensure that we are not considered spammers, c) improve our communication with stakeholders making us look as professional as City Council members, and d) hopefully traffic to our website.** To create a web server as Councilman Zine has and it is less than \$2,000.00. Her price is \$1500.00 and almost a total of \$2,000.00 per month. \$4500.00 46 hours of updates and we now have almost 11 hours left. A suggestion from the board is to find someone else who could receive a bit less than the total cost of what is requested. Arminah will look into this as there may be some students. Weekly emails every week to all stakeholder . She is consistent and reliable to last minute requests. Monthly payment is 10.00. JJ motions to support up to 2,000.00 and TJ seconds it. 6 abstain. 3 yes, 3 no's; Unfortunately, this item did not get approved.

7. **Swearing in of new Youth Member, Stephanie Aguirre.**
Tabled for next month due to her not being present.

8. **Discussion and possible action on appointing interested stakeholders to fill the vacant seats on the Board.**
Tabled for next month since this item was not on the agenda.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve funding for the Valley Regional Congress.** This is a meeting of all the NC's in the valley that addresses issues relevant to NC's. They are asking for funding of at least \$150 or more. Information provided to Board members prior to meeting for review.

10. **Discussion and possible action to purchase advertising and support services for the Valley Village annual Spotlight Program.**
JJ motioned to support up to \$5,000.00. Art seconded. All approved.

11. **Discussion and possible action to appropriate \$15,000 for the 2009 Family Cultural Earth Day event in August.**
Due to a mix up as they took it as a definite commitment for this event on the assumption that we would be able to contribute this much money. Minimum amount is \$15,000.00 due to a verbal agreement between TJ and the VCC. He admitted that the discussion he had with TJ was a commitment. Since it was so successful last year that the VCC perception was that WNC would commit to this event, during the 2009. A part time person would be provided to us to assist us in getting more vendors. If we do not go with the \$15,000.00 it would not look good on WNC as there will be many entities that would not be happy. Covers sponsorship of the event, booths, ability to have cultural acts, (exactly like we had last year). There could be negative repercussions. It appears there was a lack of communication on everyone's part. Art suggested that we are not here to determine if we look bad or that the community will look at us as if we failed. \$15,000.00 is a lot of money and that this has been going on for years and WNC had just got on board. Board members are not content with this information as it is a huge amount of money to fund during this time of a budget crisis. However, there was a verbal contract and if this goes further there may be repercussions. No motions for this item as the board does not agree. Motioned to support up to \$ 5000.00 for the next event. Yes-2; No-4 abstain-2. Unfortunately, this did not pass. A letter will be sent to VCC.

12. Discussion and possible action to approving a budget for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

Treasurer not present but assistant Nalini is present. Nalini is the chair's assistant and according to her she was not present for the documents that were given to us at this meeting. TJ discussed the documents. Nalini was asked to see if she was interested in becoming the Treasurer and she declined. A board member stated this is a huge responsibility for any one

person to take on this responsibility. However, no one is interested in doing this type of tedious work. DONE requires that these budgets are documented. Josef motions to support it. Art seconded. All approved.

13. Discussion and possible action to support up to \$1500.00 for food and beverages for Pride Day on June 13, 2009.
JJ motions to support \$1,500.00 just in case the money is needed for food. Art seconded it. All approved. The WNC booth will be there. Art., Tess, TJ, Arminah and MaryAnn will be present at the event

14. Discussion and possible action to support up to \$3500.00 for Ocktoberfest. A representative will be present.
Table it for next month . TJ will ask her if we could participate more as far as being more involved . A suggestion to have more of a cultural focus during this event. Similar to what was held in Woodland Hills Earth Day Event regarding the environmental vendors and cultural acts. Dancers and Tyko drummers did not get paid. Fab girls will be invited. Table this issue for next meeting. TJ will present this to Marilyn.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report, Lace): (7 minutes)

16. Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian):

No report.

17. Events Committee Report (Martens): (7 minutes)

No report.

18. Youth Committee Report (Schweizer): (10 minutes)

No report

19. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich): (7 minutes)

No report.

20. Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian):

No report.

21. Public Safety Committee (Smiley): (5 mnutes)

Summary to the board members that on June 5, 2009 the next Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force was conducted and 65 minors were picked up for be truant during the hours of 8 am and 1:30pm. A parent of each minor had to pick up the minor at Winnetka Recreation Park from 7:30 am -2:00 pm. Thank you to all who participated.

22. Emergency Preparedness (Martens): (5 minutes)

CERT training July 2nd, 9th 16th 23rd, 30th. August 8th and 13th 7-9:30 pm, Chapel West Valley Christian Church 22450 Sherman Way West Hills, CA 91307.

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

24. Side Note- not on agenda- to provide certificates for Fullbright Elementary. Cancel all meetings in July due to too many members being on vacation unless a special meeting is necessary it will be held. Additionally, the mix up with the agendas and what is actually posted was discussed as this issue has occurred three times now. MaryAnn and JJ will review what the mix up is and will report it back to the board. In closing to have a moment in silence for Dwight.

25. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- Public Safety Committee: June 21, 2009
- Youth Committee: June 6, 2009
- Events Committee: June 28, 2009
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD

- ❑ Interfaith Committee: TBD
- ❑ Emergency Preparedness: June 27, 2009

25. Adjournment
