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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 – 6:30 PM
 Valley Village
 Winnetka Ave. Winnetka, CA 91306

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306 (near Bar & ATM Machine); **Walgreen's Store**.

1. Call to Order & Board Member's Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
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	
G. Sullivan	X	
Stephanie Aguirre	X	

Total	12	

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules

3. Review minutes from last meeting and review September’s minutes as they were not approved due to Armeneh requesting modifications.

September minutes were discussed. A few months ago Arminah was not satisfied with the minutes as she felt it was necessary to explain why she was absent or excused from the regular board meeting. She had to be at the hospital and needed to miss the meeting so she felt it was an excused absence. It was also mentioned that two other board members were also having absence issues Edesa and JJ and that they were not being confronted about their absences as Arminah was. The board reported that this had been an on-going issue that an excused absence was not clarified as to exactly what that meant. All approved. the September minutes as well as the November minutes. this item could be discussed further or placed on the next agenda to actually define "excused absences". Arminah indicated no excuses. Additionally, she was not clear as to why she was on the agenda as she only missed two an not 3 meetings.

4. 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.

Annie reported that the street on Vanowen and Oakdale has yet to be fixed and repairs were needed immediately.

Jeff Bornstein, reported that Winnetka PO Box flow is worse and worse. Traffic is bad and busy and will need a right hand turn sign and it backs up from 4-5 pm. Also, Topanga and Victory south east corner , where Yankee Doodles used to be has a constant traffic flow. 3. Wilbur Park is a great place; however, if you know people who are blind they will not be safe waling on the sidewalks as they are not leveled and serious injury will occur.

5. State and local governments representatives’ updates (10 minutes)

Jose Martinez –year in review from Councilmen Zine's office- Due to Simmons who passed away on 01/28/09 at 11am in the area of Vanowen and Wilbur St.- the park will be renamed to Randall Simmons Park. 10am reception at West Valley Park Wilbur-all are welcome to attend. Probation and LAPD compliance check to get taggers in the Winnetka and Reseda area. Jose will contact ms. Smiley for more information. YMCA-event to be healthier on Jan 23 a pool dance party on Saturday. Long term goals for the community of Reseda and Zine's office will need ideas for the Winnetka area. Jose reports that things will get worse due to the budget crises. Dealing with less staff and same or more issues. The need for volunteerism is crucial. Community school event officer Maldonado and Jose developed an educational presentation at Winnetka Elem. School during the evening for parents. Another one will be done for the parents at Cleveland HS, Reseda HS and Canoga Park HS. Arminah asked if Zine will assist with funds being denied by DONE. Jose will answer later. JJ asked if the budget had been finalized and Jose responded not yet. Maldonado spoke regarding–2nd Thursday of each month the Neighborhood Watch Meeting is at 7pm. At Topanga Station. Ph # is in the newsletter. Please call if there are

any issues. Wed evenings there are Spanish speaking meetings as well at 7pm at Topanga Station. Additionally, be aware of door to door salesman was arrested as he was going door to door and prowling the residences and burglarizing the homes.

Jose also reported that there was no DONE representative here today. According to Thomas, he does not have any information regarding the on going issues of the roll over money. This is a enormous oversight. Many examples that they are not managing things well. (Thomas walked in as the budget was being discussed and listened to what was being said) The board discussed that we should publicly demand that the roll over money be returned and answers are given to us. Erick prioritized a list of the providers that the board had approved money to them and are currently due. Jackie added that we will have till the end of Feb. for a resolution. JJ reported that there is no money to spend for the elections coming up. Erick suggested to include other NCs, but JJ suggested that we do our own. Josef suggested that this is a vital issue and JJ should have all of the authority in the motions that he needs. Art suggested that there is a hold up to the Sherman Way project. Zine should be asked and put pressure on DONE to handle the money properly. Zine promised \$20,000.00 re: cameras. Which was never bought and installed. Jose reported the cameras will be city wide. This is great that every one else wants to join in with these great ideas. Jose re: prioritize and to put rocks in the median to complete the ongoing project as there are other issues to pay. DONE is a problem and has held us up to complete the Sherman Way Median project as Jacobi needs the money to purchase the everything. All approved. DONE wants a meeting to have all NCs get together and audit themselves.

6. Captain Sherman to discuss Topanga Station issues. (7 min.)

Captain. Sherman—Godfrey and Cawalty reported- this is the first year at Topanga Station. Jan 4th first yr anniversary. It has been absolutely a successful yr in this police station. Most tangible effectiveness is crime numbers. Crime has decreased about 7 %. Amt of crime we experience today is lower compared to 6-7 yrs ago. Homicide-decreased in Topanga area as well. Gang crime- decreased 20%. Last year 107 gang related crimes. Today-83. Violent crime- decreased 21%. Numerically, a great success for this station. Engaging the community has been great. Professionalism and relationships to the community has also been great. Few complaints from the community. Morale is high and officers are motivated. It appears that the presence of an additional police station has shown great improvements in the community. Great success with the youth prevention and intervention as well. LAPD has 3 major Youth Programs--Youth programs—Godfrey reported—1. Cadets not Explorers are drilling, ages 14-20 years old, life skills are taught , can be good military experience or law enforcement. Develop communication skills and learn how to develop life skills for the future. Jeopardy-- gang intervention/ prevention program for kids who are socializing with gang members. After school programs at CPHS age 9-17 tutoring and events with other CP. She has positive connections with the kids and maintains a happy positive environment. Plays games with kids and positive interaction with the kids and parents is always good for the families. She responds to questions and just talks to the kids. Goal is to reduce juvenile delinquency and to try to prevent criminality. Community Relations office is 818. 756.3180. A question was raised if the kids are being guided to achieve college degrees? The cadets may get guidance with the life skills class. Very vital to the community and in the programs are in need of funds as they keep the kids off the street. Kids need to relate to the officers that they should not depend on the streets and the gangs. Rewarding and helping these disadvantaged kids as they have never seen the ocean or the zoo prior to joining these after school programs with LAPD. Playing games with the kids is crucial since they do not do this while in their homes. Unable to do this as the city will not provide funding and her job is to request money from agencies. These programs are very new. Feb 25th will culminate. Please donate any money to help support these programs and if the WNC could donate money to support the youth. JJ reported that the funds are frozen at this time. DONE has frozen the funds so at this time we do not have any money to fund any of these programs. We would love to support and are still trying

to resolve the issues that 167 and we need to hold the city accountable for this money. Keep this time on the agenda. Art seconded Arminah's motion. Arminah motioned \$2500.00 if money is released to us. All approved. In addition to ask other agencies for donations to support the LAPD programs. Spent at this time \$1800.00 vendor agreed to provide the product even though we have yet to get the money(this issue was an item approved for Topanga Station that is still pending due to DONE) Treasurer has the invoice. JJ does not need anything as we have the invoice. JJ praised the police as they drive through his neighborhood and are present in the area. Sign up for Nexil more people to sign up the company will give money to Topanga Station. An update on the community awareness for all members if they sign up for NEXil, back of the newsletter.

7. **Mr. David Marcus, President of the Topanga Police Youth Board and Officer Godfrey to present youth issues. (7 min.)**

See item #6

8. **Jose Mayorga, to discuss Census 2010. (7 minutes)**

Tabled and possibly dropped.

9. **Discussion and possible action on requesting cross walks on Sherman Way from CRA. A follow up to last month. (5 minutes follow up from November Agenda)**

Tabled and possibly dropped as this item has come up several times on the agenda and not discussed

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding what to do about the upcoming WNC elections. We have only 5 candidates. Without more candidates as Write in Candidates, the WNC Board may cease to exist**

No time to discuss.

11. **Discussion and possible action regarding suggestions for what to include in the WNC news section of the West Valley News.**

No time to discuss.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report, Lace): (5 minutes)**

Discussion and possible action on how to handle Done not having accurate numbers as far as our "roll over" money is concerned.

Treasurer discussed his meeting with DONE. How much money was labeled as roll over money, was the main concern and if we would be able to obtain this money owed to WNC. Jackie wanted to know how much Eric actually prepared re: budget and documentation was sent quarterly. The purpose was to refute in order to not give us the money. Jackie asked the Treasurer how does she know this is accurate information? The Treasurer reported that he has all of the budget documentation and the money carried over and for what special projects. Due to his training with DONE he was instructed to do it this way and she questioned that he relied on the training and the website. Treasurer indicated that they had all of the docs are in the packets in the office. Jackie did not get back to him right away. And now they are having policy meeting with the other NCs which are claiming that they have money as well that needs to be accounted for. Last week this had gone beyond the policy meeting and the controller requires a lot more info. Money is not available, per Jackie. Money does not exist and what we get from the controller is what we get. Treasurer asked for the total amount. Thomas Soong was

spoken to by JJ and he was not aware of any thing. JJ motions to authorize him to send a letter to Mr. Kim (DONE) to demand funds that were illegally taken from of WNC. Eric seconded it. All approved.

Discussion of monthly report.

- 13. Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian): (5 minutes)**
- 14. Events Committee Report (Martens): (5 minutes)**
- 15. Youth Committee Report: Discussion and possible action on who will volunteer for the Chair of Youth Committee.**
- 16. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich): (5 minutes)**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on a request by Synergy Development Services, Inc. for support in placing a cell phone tower at 7930 Mason Ave., Winnetka, CA.. This is on the grounds of a church property of Hope Chapel.**

Opposition with community members due to the a redesign and they would like feedback from us. Original project of design has yet to change but after the feed back they will review it and will modify it. Complaints are that it looks very industrial and the pictures were distributed to all of the board members. Public speaks –Alexis-- against antenna and not happy with the design and the location at the church. There have been studies re: antennas but at this time will not know if it will affect the people. The issues was raised that the public is a diverse community as they do not want the cross in the air and they do not want it to stand out as high as it is. If it is above limitations then it is an issue. Arminah asked if the cross in the air is the issue or the antenna the issue. There are about 3 issues-Which includes the cross, per spokeswoman. JJ recommended that we come back with proposals and have 3 different parties—stakeholders, church and the developer. There also may be health concerns that we are not aware of. The church should have the cross but the appearance and the health concern is the issue. Myron Cozombios.reported- he is a male resident and has resided 30years in this area. He pays taxes and the cell phone will camouflage the actual cross and it will decrease property values. A Zine letter to may be sent saying he is in full agreement. Public School Elementary with the kids near by and the health concerns are a major concern and that there is conclusive evidence of this. More residents would have been here had more people known about this meeting, per spokesperson. This may cause an accident to offensiveness, economic and health concern. Jeff indicated that it is too high and the single family homes should not see this as sit is too high. Other churches look beautiful but the height limitations in residential areas are there for a reason and if you lived in this area would you vote... Pastor Jeff should be invited at next meeting and developer should send a notice to the community re: the Feb meeting so more people can be present and discuss these concerns as a whole unlike today's meeting ---Response---1000s are used in areas that look like steeples and one would not know that this is a wireless cell phone tower in the neighborhood. There are studies and he has this info to provide to everyone. The property value does not cause a decrease due to this antenna. Will add to next agenda, if the board sees fit. How many in the area of Winnetka was asked

- 17. Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian): (5 minutes)**
- 18. Public Safety Committee (Smiley): (5 minutes):**
- 19. Emergency Preparedness Committee: No meeting**
- 20. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee (Popowich): (5 minutes)**
- 21. Election Committee: (5 minutes)**

22. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- Youth Committee: TBD
- Public Safety Committee: January 19
- Events Committee: TBD
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD
- Emergency Preparedness: TBD
- Finance: November 5/December 3,2009

23. Adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a **"Speaker Card"** will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 648-6219, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to jedi_yoda@msn.com.

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PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.