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From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary  
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 Subject: Regular Meeting Minutes for 03/09/05

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1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Call to Order and Board of Directors Roll Call.**

Dwight Burgess	Armineh Chelebian	Cynthia Conover	Chris Jurgenson
Jacque Lamishaw	Bob Basch	Richard Montaine	JJ Popowich
Marilyn Robinson	Wayne Schulte	Alan Wolfe – Absent	James Valdez-Absent
Ken Molock-Excused			

3. **Approval of the minutes for our February meeting.**

3.1. Mr. Popowich announced that the minutes were not posted due to technological problems. They are now available for review on the web site and we can approve them next time.

4. **State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon’s representative, Assemblyman Levine’s representative, Mayor Hahn’s representative, Councilman Smith’s representative, Councilman Zine’s representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.**

4.1. Ms. Espinozaspinosa, Field Deputy for Councilmember Zine, commented on the large turnout. Spoke about the new police station which will open in the next few months. She has taken a tour with the Councilman and it’s a major improvement to the area. No exact date, somewhere in March or April. Announced this is in addition to the one that is going in on Roscoe and Canoga Ave later.

Announced the City Council voted to not place a tax measure on the ballot for new taxes called Safer Communities. She said that Zine did this because he felt there had to be a better way. They are expecting state funds which will help out.

She asked stakeholders to call 311 if they wish to get pot holes repaired. She also indicated that their patience would be appreciated as the city has filled about 5000 potholes recently. The rain has taking its toll. She also spoke about the other services that can be reached using 311.

Canoga Park St. Patrick’s Day Parade on 3/17/05 at 1 PM. The parade will have a short march down Sherman Way and a brief celebration. It should be fun.

4.2. Ms. Chelebian asked Ms. Espinoza if the city can look at Roscoe Blvd between Valley Circle and Topanga to look t the condition of the road as there are numerous potholes.

4.3. Ms. Espinoza said that she would request someone look into the area.

4.4. A stakeholder brought up Mason Ave potholes.

- 4.5. Ms. Espinoza said they have been reported.
- 4.6. Ms. Lamishaw introduced Mr. Durazo and asked if he wanted to speak. He declined.
5. **Presentation by any stakeholders wishing to be considered for an appointed position. While we can not take a vote, we can hold this discussion so that we can pick up after the election results are completed with minimal loss of time.**
  - 5.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced that tonight is the one year anniversary of the WNC. This is why we have sparkling cider and cake. Also stated that we are recognizing the those with Irish heritage
  - 5.2. Announced the elections are not certified and we can't appoint tonight. However we would like to hear from anyone who wants to serve on the Board tonight so we can move forward. She said that anyone who wants to serve will be expected to serve on committees, attend classes, and meetings. It's not just a matter of showing up here for 2=3 hours once a month. We would love to have you if you want to serve with us.
  - 5.3. Congratulated Councilmember Zine on his solid election. We are lucky to have him and his staff.
  - 5.4. Mr. Popowich said especially Ms. Espinoza
  - 5.5. Ms. Lamishaw also pointed out Ms. King.
  - 5.6. Asked if anyone wanted to speak as a candidate for an appointed Board position.
  - 5.7. Ms. Conover stepped up and said she would like to be considered. She talked about her qualifications and the fact that she served on several committees this year. Spoke about her other civic volunteerism including the Gay & Lesbian Caucus.
  - 5.8. Mr. Lace stepped up and said he would like to be considered. He spoke about his background and about 15 years of service. He works closely with the City Council representatives. He said he was one of the founders of the WNC before it was certified. He said he is very active in the school system as a parent activist and a block captain in the Neighborhood Watch program. He said he has a strong background in financial issues. He said his major focus is outreach and get more people get involved in the council. He also said he is very concerned about public safety and the loss of cars which he says the city says we do not need. He also spoke about land use issues.
  - 5.9. Mr. Webb stepped up and said he would like to be considered. He said his background is political science and has a PhD in that. His main concern is the youth. He wants to get them involved and will work to bring them into the WNC.
  - 5.10. Mr. Schulte said he would like to be considered for WNC. He said he didn't know if this was appropriate at this time.
  - 5.11. Nali said she would like to be considered. She is a former teacher with a background in geography. He would like to be an educator on the Board and would like to focus on student issues as well. She would like to see more after school activities in the Community Center.
  - 5.12. Mr. Jurgenson said he would like to be considered for an appointed seat. He is very happy to see the turn out. He asked how many people lived her for over 30 years or over 40 years. He said he's lived her for 37 years, his whole life, and went to school at Green Gables and has a business here. He said he has recently completed the DONE leadership training class about 6 months ago. He referenced a conversation he had with a client who asked him why he does this...he said he cares about the people here and the neighborhood.
6. **Discussion and possible action on the proposed Zone Change (ZA 2003-7423-ZAA), Building Line Removal, and municipal code Adjustment (APCNV 2003-7003-ZC-BL) for the property located at 20535 Roscoe Blvd, Winnetka, CA. The applicants are asking for permission to build a seven unit condominium project at this location. This motion is made based on the late notice and the hearing date which will occur prior to the next PLUM meeting.**
  - 6.1. Ms. Lamishaw turned the meeting over to Mr. Popowich.
  - 6.2. Introduced the project and why we are doing it here in this meeting and how it would be done.

6.3. Ms. Amond introduced the developer. She said that at the time the project was started the WNC was not around. She said that originally they went to an advisory committee at the time in Bernson's district and they approved the project.

She said the only thing with the project is how to describe it. She spoke about the location of the property and how it was surrounded by developed properties. She said that everything on the West is condos, and on the east is commercial property from the edge of the line which includes 7-11 and then a shopping center that is being developed. She said to the North there are single family houses.

She said this is in the Community Plan as a low density or R1. She said that in deference to those on Shoenborn St. they developer has decided to place two houses to fit into the single family house area. She said there is an alley that comes in from Mason Ave. and another from Cozycroft which are there to serve the commercial uses. She said that both Councilmen involved (past and present) felt that this alley should not go through. She said the 7-Eleven store is one of the most "held" up store in the Valley. She said the people in that area didn't want the alley to go through because it's a crime magnet. So based on the Councilmen's preferences and the City Engineer has recommended it not go through.

At this point they took some time to review the plot map.

6.4. A stakeholder pointed out that there is no turnaround for the alley as it is.

6.5. Ms. Amond said that they went to the Fire Dept and got their approval to place a turnaround for emergency vehicles and the residents in the area. She went on to say that the current property is a mess. She said it's very difficult to develop a property in this area that fits in the community. She said again that they can put in 9 units. This will allow the area to look the same on Shoenborn and take away the empty lot that is an eyesore. She said this hasn't been easy but they finally have a plan that the City liked and felt that it would be good for the community.

Her partner also said there was a recently an ordinance which would have allowed them to place single family condos.

6.6. Mr. Popowich announced how the process would work.

6.6.1. Mr. Durazo noted that no decisions can be made officially until elections.

6.7. Mr. Lace asked if the Schoenborn houses would have the same front lots as the others on that street.

6.7.1. The developer said the lots are smaller and isn't sure what it will look like.

6.7.2. Mr. Lace asked about the back lots and if they were full lots that would be the same as the others.

6.7.3. The developer answered yes.

6.8. Mr. Lace asked about entry and egress for the condos and asked if it would be on Roscoe.

6.8.1. Dev yes. He said they would also be taking part of the extrusion into the street and placing a

6.9. A stakeholder asked if these units were condos or homes.

6.9.1. Dev said that the two on Schoenborn would be homes.

6.9.2. A stakeholder commented that he was notified they were going to be condos on the notice he got.

6.9.3. Ms. Lamishaw asked Ms. Almond to clarify

6.9.3.1. Almond said it's the same as a single family home

6.10. A Stakeholder asked why a zone change was needed if they were homes.

6.10.1. Ms. Amond said it was needed because this was a residential zone.

6.11. Stakeholder asked if the houses would be same distance from street to house as the other homes on the street.

6.12. The developer assured them they would be the same distance as required the law.

- 6.12.1. The stakeholder commented that it looks like they will be closer together.
- 6.12.2. The developer responded it would be up to code.
- 6.12.3. The stakeholder responded that it would be five feet the.
- 6.12.4. Ms. Amond said it would be 5 feet.
- 6.12.5. The stakeholder responded that they currently have 10 feet.
- 6.12.6. Ms. Amond stated that the city permits 5 feet.
- 6.13. Stakeholder asked about the egress from Roscoe. Looks like it's off of Cozycroft.
  - 6.13.1. Ms. Amond clarified that it's pedestrian and not vehicle access off of Cozycroft.
  - 6.13.2. Mr. Popowich noted that it's from Schoenborn for the houses, Cozycroft for the condos through the alley.
- 6.14. A stakeholder wanted clarification on whether there are one or two houses.
  - 6.14.1. A stakeholder asked if they would be two story homes. This stakeholder said that if they were two stories they would not match the rest of the neighborhood. He is concerned this will change the feeling of his neighborhood. He doesn't think that having two homes squashed into a lot that would normally house one home is a good idea.
  - 6.14.2. Ms. Amond addressed the two story issue. She said that this has come up many times throughout the city and if you were to limit this then no one would be able to do it.
- 6.15. The stakeholder said he is also concerned about his neighbors who would be affected by privacy issues due to the two story houses.
  - 6.15.1. Ms. Amond responded that this is not something that is prohibited.
  - 6.15.2. A stakeholder commented that right now he lives next door to a vacant lot and he will lose his privacy if they place a two story house there.
- 6.16. A stakeholder asked if all units would be sold individually.
- 6.17. Ms. Amond said they would be sold individually.
- 6.18. Ms. Amond said there may be a way to work something out visually with those next store. She said they can raise the windows up so they are not staring down into the yard. Offered dev's name and number
- 6.19. A stakeholder is concerned about the congestion of the area in the alley and also the parking. He said it's not wide now and it's a problem now and is barely a one lane alley.
  - 6.19.1. Ms. Amond said that all alleys are a standard 20 feet wide and have enough room.
  - 6.19.2. A stakeholder said it's not open now and it's not 20 feet when people park there.
  - 6.19.3. A discussion ensued on the parking issues.
  - 6.19.4. Ms. Amond said they have solved the problem with a large turn area and they can get to their lots much easier now. She said that parking problems are what happens when you buy a house on an alley.
- 6.20. A stakeholder said his concern is he feels the property value would go down.
  - 6.20.1. Ms. Amond said that the current property is an eyesore and it needs to be cleaned up.
  - 6.20.2. A stakeholder said there is a single family home there and that there is no one who throws trash there.
  - 6.20.3. Ms. Amond commented that's not her impression.

- 6.21. The stakeholder said that alley with a little wall would not stop someone from robbing the 7-Eleven and it won't stop anything.
- 6.21.1. The developer asked if they would like to see an alley go through instead.
- 6.22. A stakeholder said she is highly opposed to it because she lives across the street and thinks the prop value will go down and it will just be crushed in there. Feels it should conform to the current area.
- 6.23. A stakeholder suggested that everyone just vote now on what they want.
- 6.23.1. Mr. Popowich said there is no need for a vote. He said the Council will do it and they would the City Council and the Planning Commission and they do take us very seriously. We do have a voice because we represent you.
- 6.24. A stakeholder commented that her home and others sit there and she will picket if they try to do it.
- 6.25. A quest was asked about the situation with the WNC Board.
- 6.25.1. Mr. Durazo explained that due to the election results that anything the WNC votes on tonight could be overturned by the new Board.
- 6.26. A stakeholder asked why there couldn't be a compromise with a one story house.
- 6.26.1. The developer said he would take it into consideration, but it's an economic consideration.
- 6.27. Mr. Popowich closed and opened Board
- 6.28. Mr. Schulte asked if they could put some type of screening to provide privacy.
- 6.28.1. The dev said that they can place the 2<sup>nd</sup> story itself on the other side of the house so that it only affects the condo side or the side of the other house.
- 6.29. Mr. Jurgenson said he has heard their concerns and appreciates their statements. He said that each time we have this we have stakeholders come out in droves because they aren't happy. He feels that the developer should go back and address the concerns of the residents so there are no two story houses.
- 6.30. Ms. Chelebian said she heard the same concern that they want the single story house to reflect the rest of the neighborhood and their concerns about privacy. She said maybe they can have a single family house on Schoenborn and add a condo elsewhere. She also asked about egress issues.
- 6.30.1. Ms. Amond said they can't do anything about the egress issue.
- 6.30.2. Ms. Chelebian asked the stakeholders if they could deal with a single family house. She also suggested the raised windows so that the condos couldn't look over the houses.
- 6.31. Ms. Lamishaw said she has no problem with the development with the compromise on the Schoenborn end. She said that if you modify the houses so the second story is in the back by the condos then this would preserve the feeling of privacy.
- 6.31.1. There was concern from stakeholders on the statement about a two story house...they want a one story only.
- 6.31.2. Ms. Lamishaw said she is comfortable with the 8 foot wall in the alley. She went on to say that she is not comfortable with the location of the trash bin. She would like to see it moved to the southerly part of the alley so that the odor and noise from the bin are not a problem.
- 6.31.2.1. The developer said that it was placed there because of access and they really couldn't place it anywhere else.
- 6.31.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw said it was too close to the residences there. She went on to say that the project is in line with the area and is reasonable. She thinks that they have done a good job of addressing it.

6.32. Mr. Basch said it's great the neighborhood has come out and made their comments known. He said he knows how he would feel. He has heard a message from the developer and representatives that they are willing to review it and look at it. He said the neighborhood should get together with the developer and bring it back to us with a redesign. He suggested we table it and wait for them to come back to us.

6.32.1. The developer said this is only a sketch of the project and it's not done at this time. He said that they can remedy it.

6.33. Mr. Popowich asked the rest of the Board if they would mind if he made a motion at this point. The Board indicated that this was acceptable. Mr. Popowich then made the following motion:

***WNC-030905-1: "The WNC would like to recommend that this project not be approved at this time. The WNC would like to volunteer to facilitate a meeting between the developers and the community to modify the plan so the modified plan can be presented to the PLUM and the City."***

6.33.1. Mr. Jurgenson 2<sup>nd</sup>

6.33.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can add the major concerns to the motion

6.33.3. Mr. Popowich agreed.

6.33.4. There was an objection to adding the specifics from Basch and Lamishaw.

6.33.5. A discussion on how the process works.

6.33.6. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed Motion called and passed 10-0.

6.34. Ms. Conover asked if the houses were being changed from individual houses to condos. She pointed out that the trash bins will change from community to individual.

6.34.1. The developer said yes.

6.34.2. A free for all discussion ensued about trash.

6.34.3. Mr. Popowich asked if this had a CCR.

6.34.4. The developer said there were no CCR's. .

6.34.5. This was followed by additional comments on trash and parking issues.

**7. At this point Mr. Jurgenson asked to be allowed to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Tess Dunne for her service to the WNC on the LA Mayor's Budget Survey.**

7.1. Ms. Lamishaw agreed now was a good time.

7.2. Mr. Jurgenson presented Ms. Dunne with a certificate of appreciation for the LA Mayor's Budget Survey.

7.3. Ms. Dunn said she had a lot of help from Mr. Sims and others who worked on this project.

7.4. Mr. Popowich asked for a picture.

**8. Discussion and possible action on the following Committee reports & recommendations:**

**8.1. Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) (Basch)**

8.1.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the WNC Treasurer, Mr. Basch for his report.

8.1.2. Mr. Basch said he had two reports this evening and he has combined both. He said the current financial status of the WNC is excellent. He said we will close out the year with about \$40,000.00 balance. He went on to say that the money is now carried over to the next year. He gave a brief explanation why the money was rolled over as this is new this year due to changes made by the city. He explained we are following our budget and have so much left over because we meet here and are saving the rent funds. He went on to explain we are in Q3 and will be entering Q4 soon. In

June we'll need to create a new budget for the next year. He went on to speak how the money was spent.

## **8.2. PLUM Committee report:**

### ***WNC-030905-1: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the March 2, 2005 PLUM report." (Popowich)***

8.2.1. Mr. Popowich reviewed the motions passed by the PLUM Committee. He asked if there were any questions and none were brought up. He then introduced his motion.

8.2.2. Ms. Conover seconded the motion.

8.2.3. The Secretary called for objections to the motion and none were made. The motion passed 10-0.

## **8.3. Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: Update on any committee action applicable.**

8.3.1. Mr. Basch said last year we didn't spend any real money because we didn't have any funds to spend until we were elected. At that time we had 187 people. This year we sent out a flyer for about \$4500.00 and a second mailer for about \$3700.0. He went on to say the WNC had a very smooth mechanical process of the election. The result of our efforts was an increase in the number of voters by 18%. Based on the additional 33 people we had vote, we spent about \$200.00 per person. He said that he guessed we should have saved the funds and not done it and we wouldn't have had the same number. What we did get were more people who ran. He felt that some were not really serious and interested. Feels that we look into how we reach out for the Elections. He also commented that he does not know why the elections were challenged. He spoke about all the hard work that went into the elections over the last four months.

8.3.2. Mr. Domine, a stakeholder and candidate asked if the WNC had a set of goals and directives for this past year.

8.3.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw said we did not write up a set of goals and objectives for a year. We were just establishing ourselves and getting the process going.

8.3.3. Mr. Domine asked if we were in compliance with the DONE.

8.3.4. Ms. Lamishaw responded that we were. She hopes that all who voted will continue to participate and that we are here for them and we hope that we can work together.

8.3.5. Mr. Popowich addressed Mr. Basch's comments. He stated he felt they were not fair. He felt that the only way to get people to get out is to reach out and the newsletter accomplished it. He said in business you need to spend money to make money, and our business is people. We need to spend money to reach the people. He said the Elections were disastrous and did not go well, and that is why they were challenged. The process was not done right. That's why they were protested. He then addressed the stakeholders and apologized for the bickering and that he thought this Council had moved beyond that six months ago.

8.3.6. Mr. Jurgenson asked what the next step is.

8.3.6.1. Mr. Basch said that DONE is aware of the challenge and they are looking into it. He is not aware of the exact process that occurs.

8.3.6.2. Mr. Jurgenson asked if the DONE election committee will address this.

8.3.6.3. Ms. Robinson congratulated Mr. Popowich on what he said and agreed with him.

## **8.4. Outreach & Events Committee Report: An update on the status of the WNC Quarterly news magazine, election outreach efforts, and additional projects. (Robinson-Popowich)**

### ***WNC-030905-2: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the March 1, 2005, Outreach & Events report." (Popowich)***

8.4.1. Ms. Robinson said that Mr. Popowich covered the Town Hall Meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a flyer which will be printed and posted and distributed by mail. She announced that April 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having a car wash with Sutter St. Middle

- 8.4.2. Mr. Popowich. Announced status of newsletter. Waiting for the MOU item on this agenda.
- 8.4.3. Ms. Robinson said that there is a carnival and if they have a booth and we will have it.
- 8.4.4. Mr. Popowich said we couldn't do the Easter Egg Hunt we had planned because of Daily News. He mentioned that we didn't have enough time to arrange anything with Time Warner which may have been interested in helping us. He also announced that the Diversity Fair was still being worked on but that the Committee has run into a problem finding a location that will work.
- 8.4.4.1. Ms. Robinson said that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Carnival was canceled and an opening may be available.
- 8.4.4.2. Ms. Lamishaw said as a member of the committee she has learned that it takes 6 months to plan and lock it down with the City. If we had done this earlier we would have been ready to do it. We are learning as we go and we know how it works. Ms. Robinson is so good at this.
- 8.4.5. Mr. Popowich said that Ms. Robinson is so vital to the WNC and what we are trying to do.
- 8.4.6. Ms. Lamishaw seconded the motion to approve the report.
- 8.4.6.1. The Secretary asked if there were any objections. None were raised so the motion passed 10-0.

### **8.5. Facilities Committee Report (Molock).**

- 8.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw said that Mr. Molock is out of town. She said that while it's down the line the Commons will have lots of space and we are looking at possibly being in there if Mr. Gelb is open to it and the city can change the lease rules. She said this is a couple years away but we continue to look and work on this.
- 8.5.1.1. Mr. Montaine brought up the comment by a stakeholder at the Chamber meeting about parking because of the bowling leagues. He wanted to know if this would cause us problems if we are there.
- 8.5.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw said there is lots of parking there that is not used now. She feels there will be plenty of room.
- 8.5.2. A stakeholder asked if there is any possibility that we can contact the local schools and see if we can work out an arrangement with the school so we don't have to pay an individual.
- 8.5.3. Ms. Lamishaw said we can do it once a month and we still have to pay and they lock you out at 8:30 PM. She also brought up the issue of storage which we can't do at the school.
- 8.5.4. Mr. Popowich voiced his concern about not having access for meetings and the fact we have to pay for janitor. He went on to point out we have at least one meeting here a week and sometimes two which we couldn't do at the school.
- 8.5.5. Mr. Domine, a stakeholder, asked if we can get a Civic Center Permit from the LAUSD which would allow it to go longer.
- 8.5.5.1. A discussion between audience and the Board members about whether or not the Board had looked into it.
- 8.5.5.2. Ms. Chelebian said that we can look at it if it will save us money or costs less than paying a landlord.
- 8.5.5.3. Ms. Lamishaw said she wasn't sure which she was talking about.
- 8.5.5.4. Ms. Chelebian clarified it's about the meeting space and it could cost us less.
- 8.5.5.5. Ms. Lamishaw said that Canoga Park Bowl would allow us to meet for free. We would only be paying for office space where we can have a person with a phone, office person, office equipment and so we don't have to keep it at our houses.

### **8.6. Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich)**

***WNC-030905-3: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the February 22, 2005, Public Safety Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)***

8.6.1. Mr. Popowich read the motions and explained the issues discussed. He then asked if there were any questions about the report. There were no questions asked.

8.6.2. Mr. Jurgenson seconded the motion.

8.6.3. The Secretary asked if there were any objections. None were raised. The motion passed 9-0.

**8.7. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)**

***WNC-030905-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the February 23, 2005, Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)***

8.8. Ms. Chelebian deferred to Mr. Popowich since she was not at the meeting.

8.9. Mr. Popowich reviewed the motions and discussions on the agenda items. He pointed out that the WNC had decided to create a street rating system so that we can judge stakeholder requests more objectively. A brief discussion about the missing Winnetka signs and why they were removed for more work.

8.9.1. Ms. Dunn commented that she couldn't believe the signs were damaged already. She feels they are just not good signs. She said she feels they are not pretty, hardly visible, and just not good signs for Winnetka.

8.9.2. Ms. Lamishaw said the WNC was never even consulted on the signs as they were picked years ago.

8.10. Ms. Dunn asked if we had colors.

8.11. Mr. Popowich said the signs were approved in 1970 and it took them to now.

8.12. Mr. Basch pointed out that he spoke to the sign creator and pointed out the lack of water proofing and fading or different colors when they were installing the sign.

8.13. Ms. Dunn asked if we had colors.

8.13.1. Mr. Sims said he spoke to the manager who is in charge of the medians in the City. One of his concerns is that he didn't like the roses because they weren't uniform with the rest of the city. He said that he advised him that this was a city group that was doing this. He ultimately agreed to the project and he would provide us with whatever is available in the yard. He has the three bids and they range from \$6,000 to \$20,000 and it includes all of the items we wanted. He feels we should move forward while this is fresh in everyone's mind and willing to work with us. He feels the manager is ready to move it now.

8.13.2. Mr. Popowich apologized that he was unable to get more bids, but he just hasn't had the time to pursue it. He then asked what everyone thought about moving forward with 3 bids instead of more.

8.13.3. The Board generally indicated they agreed that three was enough to consider and move forward.

8.13.4. Mr. Popowich said that we would meet before the next PWT committee meeting and then we would have it on the agenda for the next Public Works Trans meeting and then the Board.

8.13.5. Mr. Sims continued on some fine points and encouragement.

8.14. Mr. Basch commented that each NC has been given \$100,000 to direct towards street repair. Not yet, but it's in the budget for next year. Mr. Bwaire will have a meeting this month to explain how this process will work and how the NC's will be able to access those funds.

8.15. Mr. Popowich said that we would have a great system to grade roads and it will fit with that process.

8.15.1. Mr. Basch said we would have a rep from PWT at the next Bwaire meeting.

8.16. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion to approve the report.

8.17. The Secretary asked if there were any objections. None were raised. The motion passed 9-0.

9. **WNC Liaison Reports: Reports on the activities of the liaison's to the LADWP, Controller Chick's office, VICA, and others. No action is expected.**
10. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Ms. Lamishaw regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water & Power.**

10.1. Ms. Lamishaw combined agenda items 9 & 10. She introduced the MOU and read the motion that she would like us to vote on tonight which basically says that we support what they are trying to do. She said there are 47 NCs citywide that has already voted to sign this. She said this was initiated after the 18% water rate increase that was reduced to 11%. The initiative is lead by Mr. Jim Alger who has gathered a group of NC representatives. She then went on to read the talking points. Each NC will have a rep for the DWP and the DWP will have a liaison for each NC. The DWP will notify the NC with at least 90 days notice before something goes to the City Council. Local issues will be directed to the DWP liaison via the NC's selected liaison. The DWP will notify in advance of street closures. The DWP will include us in budget work shops so we can have a say in their budget.

They will provide notification of any rate actions 90 days before it's submitted to the DWP Board and it will be considered. We will be notified 7 days prior to any meeting in which the Board is scheduled to take action. The DWP liaisons will educate the organization and how it works. So we understand where they are coming from. They will provide educational site visits for the NC Boards. She said that it's very informative on what the DWP is about, the land that is owned, and the maintenance required. This will be open to NC members and they encourage only one trip per person. They will provide the performance measurements and reports showing how they are doing. They will notify us of any policy changes with at least 120 days notice.

NC will be required to have a point of contact for communication from the DWP. This person will need to be available and will need to make sure they understand the needs and will present their

10.2. Mr. Domine asked for clarification on the point of contact and wanted to know if that person will be responsible to the WNC or make decisions on the WNC's behalf.

10.3. Ms. Lamishaw agreed. The DWP will recognize our resolutions as an official action and act upon them. If we have any item on our agenda we have to provide 14 days notice so that they can have a rep at the meeting. The DWP can request an opportunity to present their position prior to a vote. Each NC will make its best effort to provide input to the DWP within 60 days to act on the issue. Each NC will be given an opportunity to enter into this MOU independently and if they choose to enter into it then they can't negotiate any changes. There would be a regional or district Board created by the NC and that group will create a rep who will then meet with the DWP and the other regional reps to present the feedback and motions and issues.

She went on to say that we have 4 attorneys that work for the NC through City Attorney's office and they have worked with us hand in hand to get a MOU that all can agree on. Both sides gave in on some issues, but she thinks we got more than the DWP. She spoke a bit about the process that this went through. The MOU is about completed and will come to fruition very soon. We will have a copy of a final agreement for review before we make any decisions.

10.4. Mr. Jurgenson said he was concerned about the statement that they would, "do their best effort".

10.4.1. Ms. Lamishaw said that has been changed but that type of clause is in most contracts like this because there are human errors that occur.

10.4.2. Mr. Jurgenson said this sounds like it could be a loop hole.

10.4.3. Mr. Basch said that the very idea that the NCs are negotiating with the top person who is very influential [Mr. Ron Deaton]. Originally he was somewhat defensive but he realized that this group was serious and after awhile he came around to negotiating with the DWP attorney and this is the agreement we've come up. We think this is a fair deal. On the best efforts comment Mr. Deaton said that he was new to the organization and couldn't realistically promise things he can't deliver.

10.4.4. Mr. Jurgenson said that we are definitely moving in the right direction. It just seems like a loop hole.

10.5. Ms. Lamishaw brought the issue back to the table and made the following motion:

See motion that Jacque read.

Read the proclamation.

10.6. Mr. Popowich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

10.7. Motion passed.

## 11. Public Comment Period

11.1. Mr. Domine has extended an invitation to the WNC to attend a concert at Pierce College. He is offering to pay half the price. He pointed out that the SFV Symphony's home base is in Winnetka and we should recognize it as a resource.

11.2. Mr. Jurgenson said that he would like to make an agenda item that the WNC support the SFV Symphony. He pointed out that this is the only cultural resource we have.

## 12. Adjournment