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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 4/12/05

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

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

3. **Approval of the minutes for our March meeting.**
 - 3.1. Mr. Basch commented that he could not find the minutes and did not have a chance to review them.
 - 3.2. Ms. Lamishaw commented they were available.
 - 3.3. Mr. Basch said he had not comments.
 - 3.4. There were no changes requested and the minutes were approved as is.
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. Mr. Cortez, California Assemblywoman Cindy Montanez’s representative is attendance. He is announcing a seminar on car buyer’s bill of rights in conjunction with California State Senator Levine. Mr. Cortez explained while Assemblywoman Montanez represents the eastern area of the SFV she is reaching out to everyone in the Valley for support on this bill. The seminar will be on April 21st, and will cover credit reporting/inquires and how car buyers do, as well as the mark ups that they often do. The goal is to try to make sure that consumers are aware of how things work. He provided flyers and a fact sheet.

4.1.1. A stakeholder asked if this bill applies to used cars as well.

4.1.1.1. Mr. Cortez said this does apply to used cars and that they will have to certified by a mechanic. In addition the bill will require the sellers to disclose any known mechanical defects.

4.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw asked if they would make the dealer explain how the VIN number can be used to look up DMV records to see if the car has been involved in accidents.

4.1.2.1. Mr. Cortez said this is some of the language that is being looked at.

4.1.3. Mr. Basch asked if the governor is supporting the bill.

4.1.3.1. Mr. Cortez said he did not support it last time due to the language being too vague, but he may support it in the future. In addition there is a movement to place it on the bill privately. He thanked everyone for the time to address us.

4.2. Ms. Espinoza, Field Deputy for Councilmember Zine introduced herself. She invited everyone to attend the grand opening of the new Police Station on Vanowen on April 14th. She mentioned that it will be a very big celebration. She spoke about some events in the City Council.

The City Council approved regulations (15-0) to control Pocket Bikes. She pointed out that these bikes are so small and this ordinance will work to alert the public that they are illegal on the streets. It requires manufactures to let people know that it's illegal in the city, and they are working on extending it to the state.

Safe Surrender week was last week. The goal is to publicize the law that allows new born mothers to surrender the child to the local police, fire, or hospital without any consequences in the first 72 hours. They had had reports of lots of babies being abandoned in dumpsters and trash cans and that started the effort to get the word out about this law.

She announced several items including the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade coming up on Memorial Day and the Emergency Preparedness Fair at the West Field Mall. There is also a Kids Fitness Challenge on 4/30/05.

4.2.1. A stakeholder asked what age group would be attending the fitness challenge.

4.2.1.1. Ms. Espinoza said that any age group can attend.

4.2.2. Mr. Wolfe pointed out that in the Safe Surrender law there is no penalty.

4.2.2.1. Ms. Espinoza commented that stickers would be distributed for dumpsters as well.

4.2.3. A stakeholder asked for further info on the Safe Surrender program and whether you just had to give it over without any further info.

4.2.3.1. Ms. Espinoza said it was anonymous.

4.2.4. Ms. Lamishaw asked Ms. Espinoza to thank Councilmember Zine for coming out to Winnetka with lanterns and dry ice vouchers. It was very much appreciated.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Final NC/LADWP MOU and Delegation of Authority to Neighborhood Councils' Oversight Committee.

WNC-041205-1: "I move that we approve the Final NC/LADWP MOU and Delegation of Authority to Neighborhood Council's Oversight Committee." (Lamishaw)

5.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the item. She said that we had previously voted to participate in this and this is to finalize it the MOU. She said that 42 neighborhood councils have proclaimed claimed that they supported it and have signed. She summarized what the agreement is and the good points about it. She said it has an opportunity for us to sign off on what they do, an opportunity for us to submit our thoughts. She said that we will get advanced notice of actions. It also includes the opportunities for stakeholders and Board members to visit facilities. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be involved. We also have an obligation to report back to them, provide our feedback and concerns, and work with them. She read the motion.

5.2. Mr. Popowich said he would second the motion.

5.3. Mr. Basch asked for discussion.

5.4. Mr. Schulte commented he thought it was good.

5.5. Mr. Jurgenson commented that it looks great.

5.6. Mr. Popowich said he approves.

5.7. Mr. Basch commented that he was involved in the process over the last few months and the efforts that the committee put into this was tremendous. He pointed out that at one point they had to start over

again with a new DWP Manager, Ron Deaton, who at first was against it. He said that they filled a large conference room wall to wall with NC representatives who made it clear this would happen. He commented that the ability for us to have a representative involved will make sure that we are heard. He said that it will come up at the City Council April 15th, meeting for approval. He noted that all City Council members were in favor of it. He commented that this is the largest group to do something like this in the city and an agreement with the largest DWP organization in the country. He said that all parties are now and continue to work as a team.

5.8. Mr. Montaine said it was great.

5.9. Ms. Robinson said she had no comment.

5.10. Mr. Burgess said he had no comment.

5.11. Ms. Lamishaw asked for public comment.

5.12. A stakeholder asked if the DWP was aware of what we need.

5.12.1. Ms. Lamishaw said they will have committees set up. The DWP is obligated to assign a rep to every NC and each NC will have a single point of contact for their issues. We will also assign two people to be assigned to work with the DWP on the NC behalf. This ensures that everyone will have an opportunity to be involved.

5.13. A stakeholder asked what exactly was meant by they would know our needs and what type of power we will have.

5.13.1. Ms. Lamishaw said it gives us the power to have a say in the budget to say whether they are placing too much emphasis in one area. It will allow us to watch for large contracts with Public Relations companies to promote a monopoly. It also allows us to have a say in the literature because she has heard many people that never read this. It also allows us to have a say in projects like the giving \$10,000 to people who convert to solar energy, but when so many applied it was overruled and lowered by a public relations agent.

5.13.2. Mr. Basch pointed out that they wouldn't build a coal powered factory in the Valley because we will have a say in that process and we would have to really have a say in it.

5.13.3. A stakeholder asked if this wasn't what the City Council should be do.

5.13.4. Ms. Lamishaw said no. She went on to say that the City Council is the end result for things that have gone through committees first. For example, issues like this have to go through two committees prior to the City Council members knowing what is happening. In fact, sometimes they are surprised as they hear about it the last minute.

5.14. Mr. Cortez said that the NC is part of this committee and it's good because you are paying the rates. He commented on the rate increase issue and how the NC's took action and got that reduced even more.

5.15. Ms. Lamishaw pointed out it was even reduced a bit more due to the rain. She then called for a vote on this item.

5.16. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 9-0.

5.17. Ms. Lamishaw thanked everyone and said that she feels we've made wise decision.

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint or elect the NC Representative to represent this NC to the cumulative members of the Oversight Committee and to appoint or elect this NCs Member of that Oversight Committee. The representative/Member may be the same person or two different people.

WNC-041205-2: "I move that we appoint (or nominate and vote for) a Representative to represent the WNC to the Oversight Committee and I further move that we appoint (or nominate and vote for) the Member of the Oversight Committee." (Lamishaw)

6.1. Ms. Lamishaw read the motion. She pointed out that there are two committees here. The NC will each have one representative who will get together in their District. There are seven districts. In addition, each NC will have a rep that will be in an oversight committee which will actually elect a chair. She

commented that it's sometimes a good idea to have two reps because one will meet with the local districts and then one which will be elected to the larger oversight committee.

6.1.1. Mr. Popowich asked for clarification of the Oversight Committee.

6.1.1.1. The oversight committee will exist of one person from each NC. They will then elect a group of officers who will form their Board. She commented that this is in the Memorandum of Understanding and it's still being worked out as far as how it will happen. However, the MOU is completed and a done deal.

6.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we should first vote for a local rep.

6.2. Mr. Basch asked if there was a deadline for submitting the name.

6.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw said no, and asked if he would like to table it until a later time.

6.2.1.1. Mr. Basch agreed, because the new Board may have people which if we elect them now are no longer involved in the process and we may have new members.

6.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw asked everyone if they would like to table it until later. Most agreed yes.

6.3. Mr. Montaine asked for clarification on what was happening on the 13th

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

7.1. Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) (Basch)

7.1.1. Mr. Basch said that at the end of each quarter the Treasurer must turn in all receipts and files for the quarter. He said he received a notice from the city that they were auditing the books for Q2. He had not received any notices or follow up for 5 weeks and didn't find to until he attempted to submit a check request for the flyers. He called up and was advised that the reports had been lost and that certain paperwork was not filed (because he was not advised that it needed to be done). He got a notice on March 30th that said, "Congratulations" as he had passed the audit. The notice said the NC was granted for another quarter. He said we are now ready to go. The WNC passed the audit but not with flying colors as it was a very difficult process.

The funding is \$12,500.00 for the next quarter. This is added to the \$600.00 in cash that he has on hand. We are all set to go.

7.1.1.1. A stakeholder asked what kind of expenses we have currently.

7.1.1.1.1. Mr. Basch said one example is the newsletter which we publish on a quarterly basis. This includes printing and mailing costs. We also have expenses like refreshments that we have. We do have a budget and will have a new budget in June with various categories and guidelines on what we can do. He went on to say that we really haven't spent that much so far for this fiscal year. We have only spent about \$8000.00, and the remainder will carry over into the next year.

He went on to say that they are loosening up on some of the things we can do. For example, he said we can buy items for people, but we can't give them the money to do it. Example a school may have a function and we have to buy it for them, we can't fund them. He said that confidence is building in the NC and trust in the NC's ability to manage the money. The main consideration is that the Board's actions are agreed upon and that they are for the benefit of the community.

7.1.1.2. A stakeholder asked if it is all for Winnetka.

7.1.1.2.1. Mr. Basch said yes. We can't spend money outside of our Council, we can't give money to politics, we can't provide signs for candidates, and much more.

7.1.1.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw commented that we are very careful on what we spend.

7.1.1.3. Mr. Basch commented that we are very careful but we will spend it if we perceive it has a benefit to the committee.

7.2. PLUM Committee report: (No report, the Committee was unable to meet)

7.2.1. Mr. Popowich said we are unable to meet due to some confusion about our status.

7.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated that it was canceled due to mis-information.

7.3. Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: Update on any committee action applicable. (Basch)

WNC-041205-3: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council requests the Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee to modify the Election Procedures to show that the League of Women Voters act as the Independent Administrator for the next election. This includes the approval for the cost of their services.” (Popowich)

7.3.1. Mr. Bach introduced the item. The elections were not firm at the time the elections were held. In the case there were any challenges to the election then our Election Procedures went to a Final Arbitrator, the Human Rights Commission, and they had a certain amount of time to make a ruling. The Final Arbitrator decided that the elections are null and void and we will have to hold new elections.

He said he had two reports and he will read them. He went on to say that the minutes will reflect these reports however Mr. Popowich posts them. He said that only he has the right by the Election Committee as the Chair to make the results known.

Mr. Basch said that he does not want the letter by Ms. Victoria Minetta, Project Coordinator with the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to be made public in any format. He then stated, “He explicitly forbids the letter must from being published in any form on the internet.” He said that there were a lot of errors in the report by Ms. Minetta. He went on to say that some of the facts were not verified and people were not interviewed. So he does not want it released.

He said that the reports are what he viewed as opinions and the other report is from DONE which outlines some possible solutions. He said that he will read both letters and then comment on some possible solutions he has on what we can do to rectify this.

7.3.2. He read the final arbitrator’s letter.

7.3.3. Ms. Lamishaw asked to say one thing.

7.3.3.1. Mr. Basch said yes as long as it’s not a debate.

7.3.3.2. Ms. Lamishaw said that Mr. Essavi she wanted to point out that Mr. Essavi was campaigning outside of the area where the sign was posted. She went on to say that this is not his fault.

7.3.3.3. Mr. Basch commented that he was there the whole day. He said that when he arrived Mr. Essavi was well outside of 300 feet of the election place and he advised him that he may impede traffic and it would be wise to move inside as close as 100 feet. He went on to say that he and Ken Molock moved the location of the sign and to the best of their ability they placed it as close to 100 feet as they could. He went on to say that we were not paying for the election location and we have no right to place a sign on the back of someone’s car.

He also commented that he had asked the HRC to approve his committee’s choice for the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) and had the HRC approval for his choice of the IEA. This was approved by DONE. He pointed out that there are some comments in Ms. Bell’s letter that indicate they objected to Michael Cohen when it was presented to them. He commented this did not happen.

7.3.4. He then went on to read Ms. Bell’s letter.

He stated that the Board that existed before will continue to be in place. He said that we can’t do an election until at least 45 days, which would place us about 4 days after the Mayoral election and we would have to compete with them. He said the only thing we can do to change the procedures is to change the IEA name, or the final arbitrator, the dates, and possibly the location of the elections because there are things going on at Canoga Park Bowl. He commented that the bowling alley proved difficult to police because we have to ensure the 100 foot perimeter. He asked for questions.

7.3.5. A stakeholder asked if Mr. Essavi could take the WNC to small claims court for the money he spent.

7.3.5.1.Mr. Basch said he didn't think he could.

7.3.5.2.The stakeholder said there is a fairness issue here as he got 82 votes and he should at least be appointed. He's concluded that he's taking a lot better than I would

7.3.5.3.Mr. Basch said that he is not taking it well either as he spent a long time and lots of meetings (4 months) on this issue.

7.3.5.4.Mr. Popowich said that we are all taking it "not well." He went on to say that he would rather not editorialize on the issue and figure out what we are going to do to fix it.

7.3.5.5.There were many comments on this issue.

7.3.5.6.Mr. Basch said that in addition it's a black mark and Ms. Lamishaw is getting a lot of comments via email.

7.3.5.7.Mr. Schulte commented that it's not really a negative as others have had this and they recover.

7.3.5.7.1. Ms. Lamishaw said that some have not and pointed out that Van Nuys took 4 years.

7.3.5.8.Mr. Basch said it's also a vote of confidence in the existing Board can handle this. We'll fix it and grow stronger and work on it.

7.3.5.9.Ms. Lamishaw commented that she even had an inquiry from the Board of Commissioners.

7.3.6. Mr. Basch said that he wants the Election Committee to create a sub committee to follow the DONE recommendations to address the concerns. He will recommend some people to serve on this ad hoc committee and they can serve or not serve, but if they don't then we will be at a standstill because he doesn't want to do it.

7.3.6.1.Mr. Jurgenson asked if it would create another delay.

7.3.6.2.Mr. Basch said that he does not want to do this again. He also commented that there are new rules around the Brown Act which allows the sub committee to meet in private. He wants the sub committee to do the legwork on resolving these issues.

7.3.6.2.1. There was some discussion about timing.

7.3.6.2.2. Mr. Basch said that there are other things that have to happen like a budget adjustment and new motions to adjust the budget. He went on to say that the names he is going to mention can either choose to serve or not serve. He said there is not a credibility issue here as those that serve on the sub committee can be a candidate because they are already registered to run. He suggested that the sub committee comprise of the following people, but he wants volunteers.

7.3.6.2.3. Ms. Robinson volunteered.

7.3.6.2.4. Mr. Burgess volunteered.

7.3.6.2.5. Mr. Popowich asked if there still wasn't a conflict of interest in having someone on the Committee who is also a candidate.

7.3.6.2.6. Mr. Basch said that he didn't think there was as you can't be involved in the actual procedures but that this portion of it is just deciding the procedures and location.

7.3.6.2.7. Ms. Lamishaw commented that she highly recommends that no board members show up at the election place and/or stay around the polling place this time around.

7.3.6.2.8. Mr. Essavi said that he would like to recommend that we didn't include people that are running just in case there any other people, not here who would possibly challenge it later on.

7.3.6.2.9. Mr. Lace stated that because of the irregularities that that everyone saw if we could guarantee there no further challenges then the candidates are really the best people to decide this.

7.3.6.2.10. Mr. Basch said that the ad hoc committee members would not need to be at the polling place and certainly no candidates would not be there on that day. This would be only to deal with the procedures that would go to DONE. There is no conflict of interest in that.

7.3.6.3. Mr. Lace asked about the 13 year old.

7.3.6.3.1. Mr. Basch said when we did it originally we decided that we didn't want problems and we had set an 18 year old limit. When we submitted it to DONE they said that we can't have an age limit because it's not in our by laws. When he got this he contacted DONE and researched the DA rules and he submitted that to DONE. However, they were short on time due to by laws and said he would remove it for now, but would like a ruling. He said he never heard back and it was perfectly valid to have a 13 year old to vote.

7.3.6.3.1.1. Ms. Lamishaw said this particular 13 year old is very bright and we felt that she could.

7.3.6.3.1.2. Mr. Lace said he didn't want middle school classes to come to vote because it's not right.

7.3.6.3.1.3. Mr. Basch said that it could happen and it would be a very challenging situation.

7.3.6.3.1.4. Mr. Jurgenson asked if we could address that issue now.

7.3.6.3.1.5. Mr. Basch said yes, but we can't change it.

7.3.6.4. A stakeholder asked if there was an age limit or minimum.

7.3.6.5. Mr. Basch said we did have one at 16 in the original by laws. However, when it went to DONE they said that was not in our by-laws so it could not be part of our procedures.

7.3.6.6. Mr. Lace volunteered to serve on the committee

7.3.6.7. Ms. Nalini Raya, a stakeholder, volunteered to serve on the committee as well.

7.3.6.8. He said he would like one more to serve on this committee because he can't have an even number.

7.3.6.9. Mr. Popowich said he would serve since no one else stepped up.

7.3.6.9.1. Mr. Basch confirmed that Mr. Popowich could ask Ms. Chelebian to serve in his stead if he's too hung up. He would like a complete summary of recommendations which his committee can vote on and present to the Board.

7.3.6.10. Mr. Lace asked if there was nothing we can do about the age limit at this time.

7.3.6.10.1. Mr. Basch said that we couldn't get that done in a short period of time and in addition there are

7.3.6.11. Mr. Montaine asked if Mr. Basch had heard of DONE setting a single day for all NC elections.

7.3.6.11.1. Mr. Basch said no, but he would like to see DONE do that so that the City can assist in the election publicity or publication. He went on to say that the sub committee should elect a chair.

7.3.6.11.2. There was discussion about whether the meetings have to be posted.

7.3.6.11.3. Mr. Jurgenson asked if the sub committee will have a chair.

7.3.6.11.4. Mr. Basch said yes, the sub committee would set up that and how it will do its business.

7.3.6.11.5. Mr. Jurgenson suggested we do that now.

7.3.6.11.6. Mr. Basch said that at this time we can't do it with a committee in session and it would be too hard.

7.3.6.11.7. Mr. Schulte said we are running out of time.

7.3.6.11.8. Mr. Popowich said he would withdraw his motion and let the sub committee deal with it.

7.3.6.11.9. Mr. Lace asked if we shouldn't do it now because it would provide guidance.

7.3.6.11.10. Mr. Basch said that there are costs associated with this that he doesn't have the information on.

7.4. *Outreach & Events Committee Report: (No report the Committee was unable to meet).*

7.4.1.1. Ms. Robinson said that we did not meet. She did announce that Ellen from Sutter Middle School PTA will provide a final report to her on the results of the car wash fund raiser that the WNC helped to support. She said it cost them \$1300 to place Yosemite Sam back on the gym wall. She went on to say with the supplies we purchased they will be able to have additional car washes for fund raisers.

7.4.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw apologized for not attending as she had an illness in the family.

7.5. *Facilities Committee Report (Molock).*

7.5.1. Mr. Molock commented that the locations just are too expensive. He pointed out that the location next to the Korean BBQ would cost almost \$2600 including utilities and a portion of taxes.

7.6. *Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich)*

WNC-041205-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the March 21, 2005, Public Safety Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

7.6.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked to call special discussion on whether anyone had checked to see if the "Wet Spot" had done anything illegal in their advertising campaign.

7.6.1.1.1. There was a discussion on whether the items on the card were services and whether they were explicit in nature.

7.6.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw said that she was concerned about us sending a letter about someone's rights which could cause a lawsuit against the city about infringing on their rights.

7.6.1.2.1. Mr. Popowich said that the letter was not a cease and desist letter, but a request asking them to please not advertise in that manner in residential neighborhoods.

7.6.1.2.2. Ms. Lamishaw said it should be vetted by the full Board.

7.6.1.2.3. Mr. Schulte suggested that we have the city attorney approve it.

7.6.1.2.4. Mr. Jurgenson suggested we do a partnership with Canoga Park to work with them and address this.

7.6.1.2.5. Mr. Popowich agreed to send the letter Gwen Poindexter, City Attorney to have it approved.

7.6.1.2.6. Mr. Montaine asked if the letter could come back to the full Board or whether the committee can do it.

7.6.1.2.7. Ms. Lamishaw said that she is not on the committee and would like to see it.

7.6.1.2.8. Mr. Popowich said that he will copy all in on it and send it to the City Attorney and if they approve we should be able to send it.

7.6.1.2.9. Ms. Lamishaw agreed.

7.6.1.3.Mr. Molock seconded the motion.

7.6.1.4.The Secretary called roll and he motion was passed.

7.7. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)

WNC-041205-5: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the March 23, 2005, Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations.” (Popowich)

7.8. Mr. Sims said he would like to add to the news from the PWT. He said he has spoken to the manager of the medians and he has promised that we will provide plants for free and will deliver it. However there is a time limit. He said he has asked for a list of flowers and plants so we can give it to the lowest bidder to see what he will do with them. He has also spoke to the DWP and they have reviewed the median and there are electrical lines there. He’s spoken to many different people in the DWP to find the owner of the lines. He said that he believes that it will cost a minimum amount. The one contact said that the box is about 300 feet from the sign. He said that’s ok, but there has to be a dig to hook it up so that it shines on the sign. He commented that it might cost about \$8000.00 for both ends. Another contact said that he would try to work with him on it. There is a closer line about 30 feet away but it requires the street to be dug up. So he is concentrating on 300 feet box.

7.9.

7.10. Mr. Popowich commented the next committee meeting will be on the 18th.

7.11. Mr. Sims he said that he is working hard to do his best. He said one of the things he is working on is if there is any money left over we can place solar lights throughout the median. He commented that there may be a monthly charge for the power for the permanent lights. There could be additional equipment expenses if they proceed with it. He is deeply concerned that if we don’t make a decision that we may loose the plants. He pointed out that there are some sprinklers that work and some that don’t yet.

7.12. Mr. Popowich pointed out that we still have to get a plan, a diagram of what it will look like when we are done. Once we have that we can move on selecting one of the contractors. He said that we set a date of May 15th.

7.13. Mr. Sims said that the issue is moot because we have plants. Now we have landscapers who can tell us what they will do with it. There were some questions about roses, but the upkeep would be too much.

7.14. Ms. Lamishaw stated / asked Mr. Sims with his obvious skills and abilities to seek out the information and get things done, why he wasn’t the Chair of the Public Works & Transportation Committee.

7.15. Mr. Sims stated that he just likes to get things done.

7.16. Ms. Lamishaw said the Chair should be working on this.

7.17. Mr. Sims also commented that he spoke to Zine and he is in full support of this and told him to call.

7.18. Ms. Lamishaw said that he may get asked to serve as one of the DWP liaisons.

7.19. Ms. Reyes-Dunne said that Mr. Simms has done so much work on this and has been recognized for his efforts by the Councilmember’s office.

7.20. Ms. Robinson said that she wanted to point out that he was the Unsung Heroes

7.21. Ms. Robinson asked a question about who would be doing this town hall?

7.22. Mr. Popowich said that it would be up to Ms. Chelebian to take the lead and then we would have to work with her like the Parking Issues Town Hall.

7.23. Mr. Basch said he would like to address something from a gentleman on Lubao Street about the horrible conditions of his street. He said that he took this letter from this very distressed stakeholder who had been working for years on this issue. He took it to a monthly meeting that John Bwaire holds and Mr. Bill Robertson, who is the Bureau of Street Services, was going to be there. Ms. Lamishaw and Ms. Chelebian were also advised that he would be there and he said that he would be more than happy to do it.

Mr. Basch said that Mr. Robertson said that there are a certain number of failed streets and they are budgeted for only 135 miles of failed streets. He met with him and presented the pictures and they discussed it. Mr. Basch advised him he had personally looked at the street. On that Thursday he said call him back on Monday and he would send a crew out there and they would evaluate. He provided Mr. Basch with a booklet that shows the condition of all the streets in the valley and it shows when all the streets were resurfaced and the condition.

On that Monday he contacted Mr. Robinson said he had a crew go out there and they have determined that it is a failed street. He said that he would be doing four streets. All of these streets will be addressed next fiscal year. He said that there would be an 80% guarantee that it would happen in July and 100% guarantee of getting it addressed in the first quarter of fiscal year 2006.

Enadia Way between Jumilla and Oakdale
Lubao between Enadia and Vanowen
Oakdale between Sherman Way and Vanowen
Penfield between Enadia and Vanowen.

Mr. Basch suggested that the Public Works & Transportation Committee work with the Bureau of Street Services. He said the amount of info presented is quite a bit and they need to present it. He commented on what the \$100,000 of proposed funding would cover. He said they would like the PWT to get together to review the streets and pinpoint what we want to do. They will work with us.

7.24. Mr. Sims said he would like to see us take a different approach to how we do things from what the City does. He said the city says they have a specific area. He thinks the WNC should have a greater amount of a say of what we feel needs to be done. He said he is on a committee that had a problem but what he wanted to say was that we should have a focus on those that attend meetings. They care and work on those so that we can go back to them on support on other projects. He felt that those that speak up should be the ones who get things done.

7.25. Mr. Popowich explained the reason for the committee and what it was designed to do. He went on to compliment Mr. Basch on his efforts. In addition, he pointed out that the idea was to set up a system to judge which of our requests we should focus on.

7.26. Ms. Lamishaw said that she suggests that the committee find out what types of streets there are whether there are public highways, collector streets, and so on. That can direct which streets need more maintenance.

7.27. Mr. Basch said that Mr. Robertson is very willing to work with people and want the feedback. He did say that there may be disagreements with on the grading that the DPW sets, but they are the experienced experts. They are willing to come out and talk to us and explain how it works.

7.28. Ms. Reyes-Dunne said they met and nominated Mr. Montaine as the Chair. She said that if they had this information it would have gone much better because they were starting from scratch. She pointed out that Mr. Montaine. They have names of streets that need to be done. She said why we can't give these names to the WNC and work on it.

7.29. Mr. Popowich said that one of the last things he said before he left that they should have someone come out and talk to the Committee.

8. Discussion and possible action to support or not support the efforts by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to seek the ability to send policy comments and or recommendations to the City Council directly through the City Clerk without having to go through a City Council Member. Currently the City Clerk will distribute Community Impact Statements submitted through their office on an agenda item to all Council members. However, this does not cover unsolicited comments or proposals on items not before the City Council. The current process is to work through a City Council member. This decision will either allow the NC to place an item before the City Council directly or not.

8.1. Ms. Lamishaw said that this is now a moot point based on Councilmember Smith's email.

8.2. Mr. Popowich agreed to table the item for now.

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 whether to support or not support AB 1314 (Brown Act Open Meeting Reform).

10.1. Ms. Lamishaw clarified that this was pertaining to sub committees being exempted from the

11. Public Comment Period

12. Adjournment