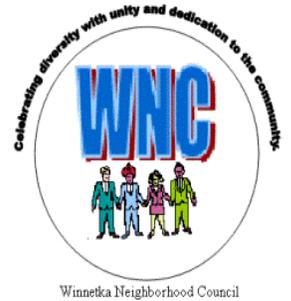




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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 9/13/05

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

JJ Popowich	Marilyn Robinson	Erick Lace	Dwight Burgess	Armineh Chelebian
Chris Jurgenson	Jacque Lamishaw	Rick Montaine	Art Sims	
		Howard Seflin - Excused	Jozef Essavi - Excused	La Rae Littlefield - Excused

3. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3.1. Mr. Popowich said that he wanted to begin announcing how he's going to run meetings going forward. The format will be:

- He will open the item by reading the agenda item.
- He will ask for public comments.
- He will start at one end of the table and go around and give everyone approximately 3 minutes once and then again.
- Once the round table has been complete he will call for a vote on any motions.
- He asked all Board members to not engage in cross talk so that the meetings may keep moving.
- He also let everyone know that if there was anyone out of order by way of arguing he would call a 5 minute recess.

4. Presidents Challenge: Challenge all committees to determine 1 – 2 projects to be completed by Fiscal Year End.

4.1. Mr. Popowich referred to Ms. Littlefield's comments last month regarding having a plan for the year. He said that his goal has always been to expand the outreach efforts of the City and promote Winnetka. In order to do this he said he would like to challenge all the committees to pick a project and focus on it. We will publish our goals and we will work for them.

5. Update on events of Special Meeting Results.

5.1. Mr. Popowich briefly updated everyone on the Special Meeting results. This included the committees that were approved and the emergency funding request for the Welcome to Winnetka Sign Beautification Project.

6. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

6.1. Mr. Popowich announced he had received some minor changes from Ms. Littlefield regarding her qualifications for the last Regular Board meeting and he has made the adjustments. He asked if anyone else had any changes. No one had any. He announced the minutes were approved without additional changes.

7. State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon's representative, Assemblyman Levine's representative, Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative,

Councilman Zine’s representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.

7.1. Mr. Popowich introduced Mr. John Bwaire from Councilmember Smith’s office.

7.2. Introduced himself as the Deputy for Neighborhoods...get card.... He will do his best to be here for future meetings, but can’t commit to being here as there are a few NC’s that meet on the same day. He made a couple of motions that Councilmember Smith is working on. He’s introduced a motion requesting new traffic studies for any project that has been inactive for 6 years to go through a new traffic study before it moves forward. He referred to Renew LA, which is Councilmember Smith’s green print for renewable waste management. He offered us a chance to have a presentation on that and said his office can arrange a meeting. He also commented that Councilmember Smith has put forward a motion for a pilot program for Adopt-A-Street program in his district.

7.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked about costs.

7.2.1.1.He commented that they are just now starting to look into it. If anyone has any input contact him directly and he will direct them to the right place.

7.3. Ms. Espinoza from Councilmember Zine’s office introduced herself. She announced this would be her last meeting here as a Field Deputy as she is moving downtown for her new position. She said she would advise the Board of the replacement. She said it’s been a pleasure working with us. She announced that the West Valley would be holding a Chief of Police meeting at Djerm... school. She has left flyers on the table. She said this is a great opportunity to meet them and address community concerns.

She announced that the Madrid Theatre would be having a Sacred Music festival next Sunday. Tickets will be \$15 per adult. She also left flyers on the table.

On Saturday, she announced that there will be a household hazardous waste round up in Malibu, and again left flyers for those interested.

7.4. Sandy Kieveman. from the Neighborhood Prosecutor’s Office introduced herself. She is here to work with the community to try to resolve some of the ongoing problems that continue in the community. These are cases where sometimes the police and other organizations have been addressing it for awhile and it just needs to go to a new level. She is also involved in the SFV Coalition on Gangs. She is always looking for people to get involved in this as well. She has left information on the table and

7.4.1. Mr. Lace asked if they [the Neighborhood Prosecutors] are divided by council district.

7.4.1.1.Ms. Keiveman said that they are divided by Police stations.

7.4.2. Mr. Popowich said he would like to have her come to one of the Public Safety Committee meetings to give a presentation on the Coalition on Gangs. This is something that he feels we should know more about.

8. Discussion and action to select three appointed members including one youth representative. We will call for volunteers; ask for nominations, seconds, and then vote, if there are any interested parties.

8.1. Mr. Lace said that he had to postpone the council meeting [school council] at the schools due to some changes in schedules and start dates. In October, he will present the youth position to the leadership program and ask them to send letters of interest and applications.

8.2. Ms. Chelebian asked to agree that we are going to nominate second and then each candidate would need five votes.

8.2.1. Mr. Popowich said we will do it the way we

8.3. Mr. Sims nominated Raquel Diaz as a Board member.

8.3.1. Mr. Burgess seconded the nomination.

8.4. Ms. Robinson said she would like to nominate Said Faal.

8.4.1. Ms. Chelebian seconded.

8.5. Ms. Chelebian nominated Nali.

8.5.1. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

8.6. Mr. Popowich nominated Ms. Lisa Haberman

8.6.1. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

8.7. Mr. Popowich said that he would grant each nominee two minutes to say a few things about themselves and what they can bring to the Council.

8.8. Ms. Diaz said she has been in the community for 36 years. She has been working on projects in the community like getting rid of abandoned cars in her neighborhood. She has worked on petitions for getting speed bumps. She has worked with Councilmember Zine's office on various issues in her neighborhood. She is willing to better the community. She is very interested.

8.9. Mr. Faal said he has been living in Winnetka since 1999. He's a graduate of Cal State Northridge. He has attended many of the committees meeting. He has realized that we have a lot of crime problems and zoning issues. He sees a lot of people moving out and he wants to change that and have them stay.

8.10. Ms. Nali said she has been living in Winnetka for the last 6 years. She is a business owner and a Winnetka Chamber of Commerce member. She is very much interested in community activities. She has worked on speed bump issues.

8.11. Ms. Haberman thanked Mr. Popowich for nominating. She's been a 10 year resident. She sees that the community has gone through and realizes it needs to be cleaned up. She is on her Homeowner's Board group and worked to clean up her area. She is also related to a relative on another NC.

8.12. Mr. Popowich announced that he would hand out papers and then read the names. He asked that each Board member place their name on the ballot and select up to two choices as that is what is available. Once the voting was done he asked Ms. Robinson to assist him in tallying the votes. The votes were as follows:

8.13. Mr. Popowich congratulated Ms. Diaz and Mr. Faal to their appointment and asked them to come up so we can do the Oath of Office. It was suggested that Ms. Kievman as the only Los Angeles official remaining be asked to administer the Oath.

9. Swearing in ceremony for the newly appointed Board members (if any are appointed).

9.1. Ms. Kievman administered the Oath of Office.

10. Discussion and possible action on a request to change the Regular Board meeting night to accommodate Mr. Jozef Essavi who is not able to meet on Tuesday's for at least five months.

10.1. Mr. Popowich read off the agenda item and opened it up for discussion.

10.2. Ms. Diaz had no comment.

10.3. Mr. Sims said he was ok with changing the date.

10.4. Mr. Jurgenson commented that he does have some problems with the request. He said we have established this date for over a year and a half for 45,000 stakeholders, and has already set this date in his calendar and has even declined work to attend this because of his dedication. He feels that it's not fair to change it for one person.

10.5. Mr. Montaine commented that Mr. Essavi said that he is aware that he's taking a course at CSUN. He commented that for himself that he has a contract where he's been out of town most days, but he's still able to participate on the Council. For himself he would be able to make a change.

10.6. Ms. Lamishaw referred to the Board Rules Section 4 and said that it would require a change of Board Rules so they [Rules, Elections & By-Laws Committee) would have to discuss it first. She agreed with Mr. Jurgenson and said that a number of us are very busy as far as meetings throughout the week and it's already booked. She said she would be agreeable to giving him a five month hiatus. She commented that he was voted in before he decided to take the class so he knew about it. She referenced the rules in the by laws about 3 unexcused absences. She said if we give him 5 excused then we may stipulate that he can't have any more.

- 10.7. Mr. Popowich stated his objections. He said that while he would like to have Mr. Essavi on the Board after all we have gone through he agrees with Mr. Jurgenson. He pointed out the history of the date and all the notices and newsletters that we have sent out over the years. He feels it's not fair.
- 10.8. Ms. Robinson agreed and doesn't think it should go to committee. It should be stopped here.
- 10.9. Mr. Lace agrees with the others and said that this has been publicized for three years and he's calendared this in as well. He agrees that Mr. Essavi has made the right decisions but doesn't feel that we should change it for one person for that reason. Mr. Lace said he would not send it to the committee.
- 10.10. Ms. Chelebian agreed with the others who are against changing the dates. Where do we draw the line? What if I come back tomorrow and change her mind, do we change it again?
- 10.11. Mr. Faal said he doesn't personally have a problem but he agrees with the rest. But at the same time advertising the date to the public isn't such a success based on how many of the people come to the meeting to begin with. Keep it the way it is, but we need to do more about getting people here.
- 10.12. Mr. Burgess agreed with the others and said that he doesn't think we can change the date and should not go to committee.
- 10.13. Mr. Popowich said that he thinks this should die without a motion based on what he's heard. He also announced that he would like to have a short Executive Session after this meeting to discuss what we will do.
- 10.14. Mr. Lace said he would like to make a motion on this.

“WNC-091305-3: The WNC hereby resolves that the WNC Regular Board meetings will remain on the 2nd Tuesday of the month as it has been. (Lace)”

- 10.15. Ms. Chelebian seconded the motion.
- 10.16. Mr. Popowich conducted the roll call.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn Robinson	1			
Erick Lace	1			
Dwight Burgess	1			
Armineh Chelebian	1			
Josef Essavi				Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1			
Jacque Lamishaw	1			
La Rae Littlefield				Excused
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims			1	
Rick Montaine		1		
Raquel Diaz	1			
Said Faal	1			
Totals	9	1	1	

Mr. Popowich announced the motion passes 9-1-1.

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

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) No report scheduled.**
 - Mr. Popowich announced that he didn't schedule one due to the transition phase.
 - Mr. Lace said he does not have the full details, but he would like to give a partial report. He will be getting the remainder of the email when he meets with the former Treasurer later in the week. He has received the quarterly deposit of \$12,500 in the account. He read off the balance that he is aware and will report on more.
 - Mr. Jurgenson asked for a ball park figure on what the WNC has.

- Mr. Lace said he's not sure. Maybe \$60,000.
- Mr. Popowich asked for an emailed report so we can begin posting it.
 - Mr. Lace said he would do that once he's got the details so it can be posted
- Mr. Sims said that he has a receipt to submit and so far it has come to about \$178.00 for the truck rental [this is for the Welcome to Winnetka Sign Beautification project]. Mr. Lee has not picked up all the flowers as some are back order.
 - Mr. Lace asked for clarification on whether this was approved.
 - Mr. Popowich said that it was at the Special meeting.
 - Mr. Sims said that Mr. Lee will be going back to get more flowers and asked if it was approved.
 - Mr. Popowich said it was all approved so it just needs to be submitted as long as it doesn't go over the \$1000.00.
- Mr. Lace said he has some expenses that he needs to be reimbursed for and detailed it. He went on to ask for volunteers for the Budget & Finance Committee. He said it's a Board member's only committees consisting of 5 members. This includes the Chair (himself), Vice Chair (Ms. Robinson). We also have two co-signers, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Popowich. He announced that he has had a few Board members volunteer to serve on the Committee: Ms. Chelebian, Mr. Sims, and Mr. Burgess. He announced why it was only for Board members as we are responsible for the money.
 - Mr. Popowich asked if anyone else was interested. No one stepped forward. He announced that there is no need to approve the committee members because there is no competition and per our last meeting no note is needed.
- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson) No report scheduled due to lack of quorum. Call for volunteers.**
 - Mr. Popowich outlined why we didn't have a meeting. He asked Ms. Robinson if she had anything she wanted to discuss.
 - Ms. Robinson said she did not have a report at this time.
- **PLUM Committee report: (Popowich)**

“WNC-091305-1: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the PLUM Committee report & recommendations with the addition to the resolution approving the CUB permit to state that no single alcoholic cans should be allowed for sale. The Secretary will also add “alcoholic” before he CUB. (Popowich)”

- Mr. Popowich read off the motion. He asked that we move forward.
- Ms. Chelebian asked if we can discuss it. She has something additional to request. She asked if we can limit the sale of alcohol to single cans.
 - Ms. Lamishaw said that single cans are not allowed by law.
 - Ms. Diaz asked if there was any need to bring it up to them as she's seen various stores do it.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked if we can still add it.
 - Mr. Popowich said he had no problem with adding it since it's part of the law we're just stressing the issue. He asked for a second on his motion with the modified statement.
 - Mr. Lace seconded the motion.

- Ms. Robinson served for 1.5. She served on Laura Chick’s planning council. She would like to see good things happen here. She referenced the median project and would like to continue to work on the bigger and better things.
- Mr. Faal said he would like to see the PLUM take a more active role in restricting and permitting some business. He’s seen the larger residences go in and he feels that we should limit it. He feels this affects traffic and parking. He would like to see us stop giving liquor licenses to the new stores that come in. He sees the area going down and he doesn’t think the residents like to see that.
- Ms. Lamishaw made a motion we take the five highest vote getters.

WNC-091305-4: The WNC Regular Board resolves that for the purpose of the vote for PLUM Committee members be decided by the five highest vote totals. (Lamishaw)

- Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.
- Mr. Popowich called roll for the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn Robinson	1			
Erick Lace	1			
Dwight Burgess	1			
Armineh Chelebian	1			
Josef Essavi				Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1			
Jacque Lamishaw	1			
La Rae Littlefield				Excused
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	1			
Rick Montaine	1			
Raquel Diaz	1			
Said Faal	1			
Totals	11	0		

- Mr. Popowich announced the motion passes 11-0.
- Mr. Popowich then read off the names of the volunteers for the committee while ballots were being passed out. He requested that they ballots be returned to him once they are finished voting.
- Ms. Robinson assisted in tallying the votes.
- Mr. Popowich read off the results

Sims:	9
Littlefield:	1
Montaine:	3
Schulte:	1
Haberman:	5
Valdez:	0
Essavi:	4
Lamishaw:	3
Faal:	8
Robinson:	9
Jurgenson:	9
Nali:	3

- Mr. Popowich welcomed the new PLUM Committee members and announced when the meetings are held.
- At this point Ms. Lamishaw stood up and said, “Being on the PLUM was my main interest for being here. Since I’m no longer on the committee I’m going to have to resign.”

- Mr. Jurgenson asked if she was sure that was all that mattered to her.
- Ms. Lamishaw didn't respond and walked out.
- At this point there was a general discussion among the Board members in free from whether we should vote tonight to fill her position.
- Mr. Popowich conducted a brief straw poll and it was decided that we would table it for the next meeting in order to give people time to consider if they wish to run.
- **Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich) No report scheduled due to lack of quorum. Call for volunteers.**
 - Mr. Popowich outlined why they didn't meet. He admonished those on committees to show.
 - Mr. Sims asked for clarification on what the Public Safety Committee does.
 - Mr. Popowich said that we deal with public safety issues, crime reports, police issues, Runnymede Park as an example, also things like the Emergency Plan he mentioned earlier.
 - Mr. Jurgenson asked if it has ever been full.
 - Mr. Popowich said no. He went on to comment that it is strange since the number one issue people cite is either street or safety issues.
 - Ms. Diaz asked what the committee deals with.
 - Mr. Burgess outlined some things like the Runnymede Park.
 - Mr. Popowich outlined what we have done so far in regards to that.
 - Ms. Diaz offered to work on that Committee.
 - Mr. Burgess said he would like to remain on the committee.
 - Mr. Montaine indicated he would like to remain.
 - Ms. Robinson said that Mr. Swartz has said he would like to remain.
 - Mr. Lace said we should approve the committee.
 - Mr. Popowich said since we have no competition the committee will be set.

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)**

“WNC-091305-2: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations.” (Popowich)”

Call for volunteers.

- Ms. Chelebian said that her committee had a good week with the groundbreaking. It's exciting. She said we had Ms. Espinoza from Councilmember Zine's office, and we even have our SLO drop by. She also said that a representative from the Department of Public Works was very excited about this project and seeing it get started. Thanked Mr. Sims for his dedication, and Councilmember Zine's funding, and the Public Works Dept. Beautiful example of team work.

She announced that we have dissolved the ad hoc committee and the main committee would be working on the issues for the next phases.

She also said that we had Mr. Robertson, and representative from the BOS. We had a wonderful presentation and for over 2 hours he was there answering questions. He is excited to work with us for the \$100,000 for street services and so on. We also appointed Mr. Sims to be the Chair of the Street Grading Ad Hoc Committee meetings. She also spoke about a representative from Valley Glen regarding the creation of a Director of Animal Welfare for the WNC. She said that we tabled it until the next time. She

said the DAW volunteer had actually made it to the meeting but was late and didn't want to interrupt the meeting. She spoke to him afterwards and it will be on a future agenda.

She addressed the issue of filling up the committee. She said we need five more members.

- Mr. Popowich asked to deal with the motion on the table first. He asked for a second.
- Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.
- Mr. Popowich called roll for the vote.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn Robinson	1			
Erick Lace	1			
Dwight Burgess	1			
Armineh Chelebian	1			
Josef Essavi				Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1			
Jacque Lamishaw				RESIGNED
La Rae Littlefield				Excused
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	1			
Rick Montaine	1			
Raquel Diaz	1			
Said Faal	1			
Totals	11	0		

- The motion passes 10-0.
- Ms. Chelebian called for volunteers for this committee. She said unfortunately we do not have any stakeholders.
- Ms. Robinson asked if all the existing Committee members in existence come to the next meeting.
 - Mr. Popowich said yes unless we get a new committee.
- Ms. Chelebian commented on the MTA Town hall and that we have the meeting date set and thanked Ms. Robinson for arranging the place. Now we need to do the outreach to get this done. She said Mr. Popowich and her would be working on that issue.
 - Mr. Jurgenson asked if this would be transitioned over to O&E
 - Ms. Chelebian tabled the issue on volunteers until the next time.
 - Mr. Popowich said the current committee will remain until it's filled.
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: No report scheduled.**
 - Mr. Popowich asked to table and then corrected himself as it's a Board only committee.
 - Mr. Lace said Ms. Robinson, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Sims has agreed to serve on that committee.
 - Mr. Durazo said that most people don't realize how important the By-Laws Committee is. He has spent over a year working with on particular NC that has had problems with people manipulating and interpreting the rules. He offered his time to work with the WNC.
 - Mr. Lace agreed we have seen these types of problems already.
 - Mr. Durazo said that he will review the By Laws and highlight issues he sees. He will bring that up and would work with us on correcting it.

12. Discussion and possible action to ratify the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress (LANCC) and appoint a representative.

“WNC-091305-5: I move that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council ratify the LANCC Charter and vote to appoint a representative and an alternate representative with a term of service of one year from the date of the first LANCC meeting.” (Lamishaw).

Meetings will likely be held on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month from 0900 – 1200.

12.1. Mr. Popowich said that even though Ms. Lamishaw is no longer on the Board he would like to deal with this motion. He provided the report on what had happened. He said he has been attending these meetings since we were not getting updates from Ms. Lamishaw who was representing Winnetka without explicit approval. He said that he did push and vote this time around on getting this document out to the NC’s to take it up from here and make decisions instead of the small group that was kind of doing it in the dark. He said he feels that this group is important and something that we should be involved in.

12.2. Mr. Lace said we should modify the motion and create an alternate for the position as well both for a term of one year.

“WNC-091305-5: I move that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council vote to appoint a representative and an alternate representative to the LANCC for a term of service of one year from the date of the first LANCC meeting.” (Lace).

12.3. Mr. Popowich seconded the motion. He called for a vote on the matter unless there was discussion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn	1			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	1			
Dwight Burgess	1			
Armineh	1			
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi				Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1			
Jacque				RESIGNED
Lamishaw				
La Rae				Excused
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	1			
Rick Montaine	1			
Raquel Diaz	1			
Said Faal	1			
Totals	10	0		

The motion passes 10-0.

12.4. Mr. Lace said that he feels it’s necessary to have a representative down there. He would like to ask Mr. Popowich if he wishes to continue to represent the WNC.

“WNC-091305-6: The WNC hereby appoints Mr. Popowich to serve as the official representative to the LANCC for a term of one year.” (Lace)

12.4.1. Mr. Popowich said he would continue if appointed.

12.4.2. Ms. Chelebian seconded.

12.4.3. Mr. Popowich called roll for the vote.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn	1			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	1			

Dwight Burgess	1	
Armineh	1	
Chelebian		
Josef Essavi		Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1	
Jacque		RESIGNED
Lamishaw		
La Rae		Excused
Littlefield		
Howard Sefflin		Excused
Art Sims	1	
Rick Montaine	1	
Raquel Diaz	1	
Said Faal	1	
Totals	10	0

12.5. Ms. Chelebian asked for an alternative.

12.6. Mr. Jurgenson said that he would like to be but he usually works on Saturdays.

12.6.1. Mr. Popowich said that while he really wants to have Mr. Jurgenson but if they can't do Saturdays, and then it won't work out.

12.6.2. Mr. Jurgenson brought up the Citywide Alliance and that he's been going and should continue.

12.6.3. Mr. Popowich pointed out that he has gone to the VANC and always brings back. Anyone who represents us should go to these and bring back reports.

12.6.4. Mr. Jurgenson pointed out that the mayor is going.

12.7. Mr. Lace asked Mr. Durazo if these are approved.

12.7.1. Mr. Durazo spoke about not being sanctioned.

12.7.2. Mr. Popowich said he will place it on the next agenda.

13. Discussion and possible action on the following request:

“WNC-091305-4: The WNC Outreach & Events Committee will purchase 2 boxes of pens and Halloween Bags for promotional purposes at the Oktoberfest and other WNC sponsored events.” (Robinson)

13.1. Mr. Lace asked if we really need to discuss this since we have a spending plan.

13.2. Mr. Popowich said we can just table it and she can submit it as an expense since we have it in the spending plan.

14. Discussion and action to sign up volunteers for the Mayor's Day of Service to Our Youth event on October 8th in North Hollywood.

14.1. Mr. Popowich explained the event. He offered to go if he can arrange it. He also said we should support this effort because one day they will get here as this is going to be an ongoing event around the city.

14.2. Mr. Lace said he would support it as the Education & Youth Sub-Committee Chair and he has a youth organization which he will get them to come.

14.3. Mr. Burgess said he and Ms. Robinson may try to go.

14.4. Mr. Durazo brought up Budget Day on Oct 1st. He said that Mayor Villaraigosa will meet one on one with the mayor about where the NCs feel the funds should be spent. He said the Mayor's focuses are Education, Public Safety, and Homeland Security. He said the event will begin at 8AM at City Hall.

14.4.1. Mr. Popowich asked for the info and he will distribute to the Board.

14.4.2. Mr. Jurgenson commented that he went last year and it was informative.

14.4.3. Mr. Durazo said that he thinks it's also a good idea for the NCS to come and meet the mayor and who will be overseeing the NCs. The Mayor thinks highly and he is going to expand his NC program and maybe even a budget later on.

14.4.4. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can get a bus.

14.4.4.1. Mr. Durazo said yes. If you can get a lot of folks to sign up then we can arrange it.

14.4.4.2. Mr. Jurgenson asked if NC people can be reimbursed for the cost of travel.

14.4.4.3. Mr. Durazo agreed that the NC could authorize that if they wanted to.

14.4.5. Mr. Sims, Mr. Lace, Mr. Burgess, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Popowich all indicated that they would attend.

14.5. Mr. Durazo invited everyone to come down to his new office and he would give a tour. Eventually they will even have CC meetings there. He's on the 4th floor. 14410 Sylvan.

14.5.1. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can get a group together and go down there.

15. Reports from any liaisons: DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC.

15.1. Ms. Chelebian said that she attended the first meeting of the Oversight Committee. There were representatives of the various committees. There was a lot of discussion on what was expected of a liaison and an oversight member. The liaison is the person who will be in contact with stakeholders and the NC on day to day issues regarding the DWP. The DWP has split up the city into 5 to 7 areas and they will meet with the department liaisons in that region. The Oversight committee is not involved in the day to day operations. They are there to make sure the MOU is adhered to. She said there was also a discussion about an Executive Committee within the Oversight Committee. This committee is made up of the former members who worked to create the MOU. There was a long discussion about the makeup of the committee and it has not been resolved. The Executive committee meets more regularly.

15.2. Ms. Chelebian said that the Service Cabinet meeting for Councilmember Smith's district attended. Councilmember Smith had several department reps there. She stressed the point for this group is to address issues within Smith's district.

15.3. Mr. Popowich announced that the VANC has had John Lauritzen from the School Board but due to illness he could not attend. He went on to say that the VANC PLUM Committee, which he Chairs, is taking up rent control issues to make it a bit friendlier to the landlords and the McMansion issue. He will bring the results for consideration to support once the VANC takes a position.

16. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

17. Board Business –

A. Comments on Board Member's own activities/ Brief announcements.

- Mr. Sims would like to make a motion. He said that now that the City Attorney has given a green light to the NC's participation to modify the DWP Union Contract. He said that we should go on record that the WNC wants to modify.
- Mr. Popowich asked what we would like to modify. He would like to be as specific as possible. He said that we would state that we want the percentage lowered and make it more in line with other city contracts.
- Mr. Lace clarified that we don't know a specific amount, but we support opening it up.
- Mr. Sims said he thinks we have to act fast and the union is out of line.
- Mr. Popowich said that we need to pass a motion to discuss this.

“WNC-091305-7: The WNC resolves to discuss the DWP employee contract renegotiation issue. (Sims)”

- Mr. Popowich seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn Robinson	1			
Erick Lace	1			
Dwight Burgess	1			
Armineh Chelebian	1			
Josef Essavi				Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1			
Jacque Lamishaw				RESIGNED
La Rae Littlefield				Excused
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	1			
Rick Montaine	1			
Raquel Diaz	1			
Said Faal	1			
Totals	10	0		

The Motion passed 10-0.

- Mr. Popowich asked about the article that he is referring to.
- Mr. Sims read the article.
- Mr. Sims made the following motion:

“WNC-091305-08: The WNC resolves to request Councilmember Zine & Councilmember Smith to vote in favor of renegotiating the DWP union contracts. Furthermore the WNC respectfully requests that the City Council bring the raises granted to the DWP in line with other existing contracts. Furthermore we specifically state that the current package is extremely detrimental to the city’s financial well being. The WNC directs the secretary to send the letter to all City Council representatives including the President. (Sims-Popowich).”

- Mr. Lace seconded the motion.
- Mr. Popowich opened the item for discussion.
- Mr. Jurgenson said as a union member he would like to suggest that the recent outage was a terrorist act by union people to try and promote the pay raise. He is familiar with the way unions work and it’s not beyond their capacity to make do something like this. He wants to support the motion.
- Mr. Montaine had no comment.
- Ms. Robinson had no comment.
- Mr. Lace had no comment.
- Ms. Chelebian had no comment.
- Mr. Faal had no comment.
- Mr. Burgess commented that’s an interesting
- Mr. Popowich called roll for a vote.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	1			
Marilyn Robinson	1			
Robinson				

Erick Lace	1		
Dwight Burgess		1	
Armineh	1		
Chelebian			
Josef Essavi			Excused
Chris Jurgenson	1		
Jacque			RESIGNED
Lamishaw			
La Rae			Excused
Littlefield			
Howard Seflin			Excused
Art Sims	1		
Rick Montaine	1		
Raquel Diaz	1		
Said Faal	1		
Totals	9	1	

The motion passed 9-1.

- Mr. Popowich said he had one additional issue. A former Board member, Ms. Conover has asked for authorization to conduct outreach at the Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival in October. He asked if we can consider this an emergency item.
- No one would second the motion. The motion dies without a second and no discussion was had.

B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

D. Requests for Board Members to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time.

18. Adjournment