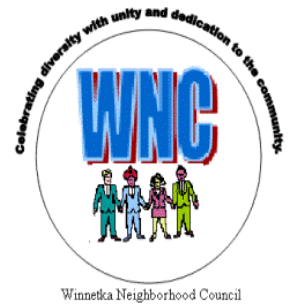




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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 9/14/06

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Erick Lace			Excused
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Chris Jurgenson	X		
Carole Ozanian			Excused
La Rae Littlefield		X	
Howard Seflin	X		
Art Sims			Excused
Rick Montaine	X		
Raquel Diaz	X		
Saeid Faal			Excused
Youth Position: Open			
Totals	9	1	4

2. **Explanation of Meeting Rules.**
3. **Approval of Minutes from June, July meetings.**
4. **Public Comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card is requested so that the Speaker’s names are complete and correct in the meeting Minutes.
5. **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.
 - 5.1. Mr. Rios represented Councilmember Zine. No new legislative issues since the Council was out of session for the summer vacation. He announced several community events.

5.2. Mr. Bwaire, representing Councilmember Smith.

5.3. Councilmember Smith apologized for not making it earlier but our normal meeting schedule falls on his LAPD Reserve mandatory meetings. He addressed the following subjects:

5.3.1.LA City Budget is in good shape. 5% of the General Fund is set aside for emergencies (average City in CA is 2%), plus another 4% set aside for other emergency events. The City has the highest credit rating that is issued in the county and this helps to lower the bond costs. We are a “Gold Star City” one of only 3 major cities in the US.

They have set aside funds to start a recycling program for apartments in LA. This not only earns the city money for the recycled products (\$15.00 per Blue Canister) as well as a huge saving in landfill costs by reducing what goes there. Over \$2 million in funds set aside for education. They will have “trash can” inspectors who will reward those that are doing it right and leave educational material to help.

5.3.2.Renew LA. 7 of 13, motions in this plan have been passed by the Council. A RFP will be issued this month to create the first trash to energy plant in California. Mr. Smith responded to a question regarding opposition. In the past the ecological groups were opposed because they were under the impression that it would be a smoke stack type of plant. These plants that are being proposed are non-combustionable and create very low emissions. There are no plans for where the plants will be. He envisions them being located throughout LA so that it makes economical sense and the city doesn't spend funds on long distance hauling, which also creates advantages on air quality. In addition, it also prevents the congregation of trash facilities in low income areas. Everyone will have to share the burden. He is optimistic that all 13 resolutions that will move the City through this green process will pass. In addition, it will meet 1/3 of the City's “Green Power” initiative.

5.3.3.Library hours will be extended so that all libraries will be open 52 hours a week. In addition, they have allocated \$3 million into books. This is historic because up until now there has been no more than \$1 million in a year.

5.3.4.Any person with a library card will now be able to swim for free in City pools.

5.3.5.City Council Video meeting at Van Nuys City Hall. The program has moved from a test phase to a permanent program and San Pedro will have a chance to participate. In addition, the City Council meets once a month at Van Nuys City Council.

5.3.6.Voted to increase in sanitation fees to support the expansion of the LAPD and new officers. This will increase the potential for 230 more police officers, yet the City Budget does not have the full 230 officers listed. This is why he voted against it.

5.3.7.Homeland Security funding has been increased quite a bit this year. The City has a program called Arch Angel which has identified the 6 major targets in the City. They have a coordinated plan in case of an emergency and they have had a number of terrorist drills to be as prepared as they can be. They have also made progress on the interoperability of the radios that are used by various agencies. The process is now being built out. They currently have a mobile trailer that can stand in and help out while this happens.

5.3.8.Cold Case funding has been created so that anyone who is arrested has their DNA taken and this can be compared against the cold cases. They are averaging about 1 hit a day. They are also opening this year the most advanced crime lab in the country in a joint project between LA City and LA County.

5.3.9.He is working hard to pave more streets. He will be bringing a proposal to the NCs for a bond measure to fund street maintenance. They want to bring this to the NC's first so that we can be involved in the process.

- 5.3.10. He addressed the proposal to have the NC's be able to place council items. He said the Daily News said he was against it. He said the problem he is really concerned about is the problem of lobbyists getting on Boards for the express purpose of pushing council items through.
- 5.3.11. Mr. Montaine asked about taggers and what the City is doing to control the problem.
- 5.3.12. Councilmember Smith said that they have added \$2 million dollars for gang abatement and \$500,000 for graffiti clean up.
- 5.3.13. Ms. Diaz asked about recreational vehicles parked on City street.
- 5.3.14. Councilmember Smith said that the Council passed an ordinance that any recreational vehicle over 20 feet can no longer be parked on the street between 2 AM & 6 AM.
- 5.3.15. Mr. Essavi asked about Taco Trucks and the increase.
- 5.3.16. Councilmember Smith said the problem is that it's illegal but only enforced by the Health Department and they have a problem.
- 5.3.17. Mr. Seflin brought up the dumping and shopping cart problem.
- 5.3.18. Councilmember Smith brought up a shopping cart ordinance that addressed the shopping carts. The program hasn't really worked as well as they hoped so they will review it in the Public Safety Committee. The dumping problem seems to be tied to apartments. They may have to go to system where the apartment owners will have to pay an extra fee that will allow the city to use the money to increase the bulky item pick up. If they go to a fee based system they would increase the crew from 2 to 13 throughout the City.
- 5.3.19. Ms. Diaz addressed boat trailers.
- 5.3.20. Councilmember Smith said that trailers are not covered. He mentioned that Zine has been working on this but was unable to get it passed a state level. He continues to work on it.
- 5.3.21. Ms. Chelebian commented that if we have a law that says we can't park or can't dump certain items in the trash the City should set up places or ways to deal with that.
- 5.3.22. Councilmember Smith said that they are building safe centers for the drop off of hazardous materials around the City that will be open for several days a week.
- 5.3.23. Mr. Seflin asked about advertising trailers.
- 5.3.24. Councilmember Smith said they did get a law passed that allows the City to post "no unhitched vehicle" signs and then they can cite and tow. He urged us to work with Councilmember Zine and his office.
- 5.3.25. Mr. Jurgenson addressed term limits.
- 5.3.26. Councilmember Smith said that the City Council did not write the ordinance. It was written by the League of Women Voters. He said that he believes that 3 terms make sense because too much institutional knowledge is lost.

6. **Discussion and possible presentation by Lee Ambers, representing AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian School, 6844 Oakdale Ave, Winnetka, CA for the approval additional buildings to support the expansion of the pre-school as well as the lowering of the age of students (3 years and older) who may attend the school.** NOTE: The Board previously met and heard from AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian School and agreed to support the project in general, but due to a clerical error we are re-posting for public comment and reconsideration.

WNC-09146-01: The WNC Board supports the project to reduce the minimum age from 3 years old to 2 years old, and the subsequent request to add a new building on the northeast corner of the property, as well as the addition of a storage unit as presented by the AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian School located at 6844 Oakdale Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306. (Chelebian-Popowich)

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace				Excused
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian	X			
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield				Absent
Howard Seflin	X			
Art Sims				Excused
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Youth Position: Open				Open
Totals	9	0		

Motion passed: 9-0.

7. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal to contract with an answering service for the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. Currently all calls are routed to the current President’s phone. With the change of each President, the phone number changes. This may include allocation of funds.**

WNC-091406-02: The WNC will allocate up to \$500.00 for an answering service that will allow the WNC to have single number. The system must include voicemail that can be sent to an email address for distribution, a fax service, and a suggested extension capability. (Popowich-Jurgenson)

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Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian	X			
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield				Absent
Howard Seflin	X			
Art Sims				Excused
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Youth Position: Open				Open
Totals	9	0		

Motion passed: 9-0

8. **Discussion and possible action on the following Committee reports & recommendations: These discussions may include a discussion on whether to hold regular committee meetings in October or wait until a new Board is installed.**

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report):**
- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson).** No meeting held.
- **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report:** No meeting held.
- **Public Safety Committee Report:** (Popowich) – No Meeting held.
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report:** (Chelebian)
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report:** (Lace) Update and discussion about any pending election issues.

9. **Reports from liaisons: LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)**

9.1. DWP Oversight Committee met and introduced additional liaisons. The MOU signed goes through April 5, 2007. The Committee is asking for ideas on how the MOU can be improved. Also they are asking for a motion to extend the MOU for 2 to 5 years. The Committee also is asking for support to increase the time period for the NCs to interact with the DWP and weigh in on the issues. The DWP has asked that we start to notify them if we discuss DWP issues so that they can determine if they need to have someone there.

10. **Board Business –**

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

11. **Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events**

(All meetings held at 20830 Sherman Way Winnetka, CA 91306, unless otherwise noted):

- Public Works & Transportation Committee: September 21, 2006 @ 6:30 PM
- WNC ELECTIONS: September 26, 2006 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM, Canoga Park Bowl, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka CA 91306.

12. **Adjournment**