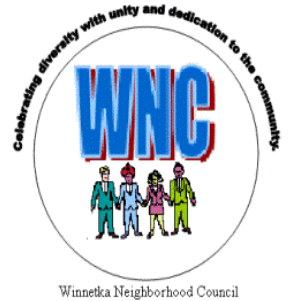




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To: Council Members, Public

From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary

Date: November 2, 2005

Subject: PLUM Meeting Minutes 11/02/05

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

Committee Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich	X		
Armineh Chelebian			X
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Saeid Faal		X	
Chris Jurgenson	X		
Lisa Haberman	X		
Art Sims	X		

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

2.1. Mr. Popowich asked for any changes to the minutes. None noted. The minutes passed as is.

3. Discussion and possible action on Case #: AA-2005-5709-PMLA & ENV-2005-5720-EAF, a preliminary parcel map to allow a 4 lot, single family division of land on 19,950 sq ft. of land in the proposed R1-1 Zone, 20302 Stagg St, Winnetka, CA 91306.

3.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item. He pointed out that there was one typo in the item which indicated it was a conditional use permit; it is a preliminary parcel map. He asked the presenters to discuss the project. Robert Friedman & Frank DeSantiz

3.2. Mr. Friedman presented drawings of the proposed houses. They are all two story houses. The corner lot will have a smaller presence then the other three. All will have a single story front and a two story back. The corner lots first floor will be fully accessible for the handicap with a master bedroom on the lower level.

3.3. Mr. Popowich asked where the houses face

3.3.1. Mr. Friedman said it faces Oso Ave.

3.4. Mr. Jurgenson asked if the set backs and if they were further.

3.4.1. Mr. Friedman said it was between the houses will be from 8 to 12 feet.

3.5. Ms. Haberman asked about the set back from the street.

3.5.1. Mr. Friedman said that they will have a varied set back. The corner house is further back and the others are varied so they are not in the same straight line.

3.6. Mr. Jurgenson asked what is at the location at this time.

3.6.1. Mr. Friedman said that it is a currently a single family house that is covered with vegetation.

3.7. Mr. Sims asked if the surrounding houses are single or two

3.7.1. Mr. DeSantis commented that they are mostly two stories with

3.8. Mr. Popowich asked if they are anticipating any additional use permits

3.8.1. Mr. Friedman said that they are not asking for any variances and those they should be getting an automatic variance for lot size, but it's less than 1%.

3.9. Mr. Popowich asked when they thought it would begin construction

3.9.1. Mr. Friedman commented it was probably April.

3.10. MS. Robinson commented she is very impressed with the handicap access.

3.11. Mr. Sims asked about the garage size.

3.11.1. Mr. Friedman said they are 23 ft garages with a 20 ft depth.

3.12. Mr. Popowich asked about driveway space

3.12.1. Mr. Friedman said they would be 23-29 ft of driveway.

3.13. Mr. Burgess asked about the homes in back.

3.13.1. Mr. DeSantis pointed out that the house in the back are a higher elevation and are all two story.

3.14. Mr. Friedman said they have from 20 – 26 ft of back yard space.

3.15. Ms. Haberman asked how big the houses would be.

3.15.1. All about 2300 sq. ft.

3.16. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PLUM-110205-1: The WNC approves the request for support for Case #: AA-2005-5709-PMLA & ENV-2005-5720-EAF, a preliminary parcel map to allow a 4 lot, single family division of land on 19,950 sq ft. of land in the proposed R1-1 Zone, 20302 Stagg St, Winnetka, CA 91306. (Popowich)

3.17. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

Committee Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
JJ Popowich	X			
Armineh Chelebian				X
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Saeid Faal				X
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Lisa Haberman	X			
Art Sims	X			
RESULTS	5	0		

4. Update and discussion and possible action on efforts to support a Wal-Mart in Northridge.

4.1. Mr. Popowich opened the item up for discussion and asked Mr. Sims to update everyone on the progress.

4.2. Mr. Sims said he has asked Ms. Littlefield to forward a letter that he would like to send to Councilmember Smith's office. He said the letter says that we support the project and wish it to continue.

4.3. Mr. Popowich asked the Committee if we can send another letter to support this project. The majority of the Board agreed to send another letter in support of the issue with the only objection being Mr. Jurgenson.

4.4. Mr. Sims seconded the motion.

Committee Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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JJ Popowich	X	
Armineh Chelebian		X
Marilyn Robinson	X	
Saeid Faal		X
Chris Jurgenson		X
Lisa Haberman	X	
Art Sims	X	
RESULTS	4	1

5. Discussion and possible action on reviving the Make Winnetka Sparkle Program.

- 5.1. Mr. Popowich explained the concept behind the original motion and asked if there was anyone who wanted to work on this program.
- 5.2. Mr. Burgess commented that this was done in the past with the LAPD.
- 5.3. Mr. Jurgenson asked if we have the funds to do it.
- 5.4. Mr. Popowich said that in the National Day of Service the Public Works Dept provided it.
- 5.5. Mr. Jurgenson suggested we not table the item, but move on it to create some type of promotional items like clean up rags with the WNC logo on it to make stakeholders aware of the program.
- 5.6. Mr. Sims suggested that we work with the CRA to find funds to work on some of the homes in the area that are in need of repair. We can use our money to help these areas. He's not sure if we can legally do this, but if we can work with CRA to work with the owners of the property and even make them aware of loans and grants to help them. He feels that these can be arranged in such a manner that they can be forgiven over time if they keep it up, or they pay if they can't keep it up. He feels we can identify these homes and that in itself will help it out.
- 5.7. Mr. Popowich said that he likes the idea and can't do private homes.
- 5.8. Ms. Robinson said she will contact Vicky from the CRA.
- 5.9. Mr. Popowich asked for her to let us know about facades as well.
- 5.10. Ms. Haberman suggested we email all the stakeholders that are interested in this project.
- 5.11. Mr. Popowich said he would like to see move ahead and get some of these rags printed up to promote the concept of a clean up Winnetka.
- 5.12. Ms. Robinson suggested Mr. Jurgenson look into the cost of these items.
- 5.13. Mr. Jurgenson will look into the cost of rags and report back to the Committee.
- 5.14. Mr. Sims suggested that in order to be cost effective we should target areas that we feel are in disarray and draft a letter informing them of what they can do to clean up the area.
- 5.15. Mr. Popowich said he would contact DONE to check to see if we can do this.
- 5.16. Mr. Jurgenson said that was his idea in the past.
- 5.17. Mr. Popowich said we would have to target an area and send it to the whole area to avoid any targeting of individuals.
- 5.18. Mr. Sims said it should be targeted and personalized so that they can be made aware of what is out there to help them. He doesn't feel that they would be offended.
- 5.19. Ms. Robertson said our goal it to get funds from the CRA?
- 5.20. Mr. Sims said it is more to let them know of the programs and if there is money available then we can do it. He said that years ago he was aware of a program where they would even furnish the paint as long as someone painted it.

- 5.21. Mr. Popowich confirmed he would check with DONE to see if we can do it on a targeted basis. He said he could see us doing this say in a 100 ft radius along with a booklet and a rag to promote it and letting them know we are here to help them arrange it if we can.
- 5.22. Mr. Sims stressed the personalization of the letters because that will have a greater impact. People will tend to pay more attention.
- 5.23. Mr. Popowich stressed he would like to clear it with DONE first. He is concerned about proud people who may be offended and say harassing.
- 5.24. Mr. Sims said it is all in the wording. He feels that most homeowners will appreciate it if we are identifying their needs and offering assistance. He said that he feels that most people who spend the money to buy a house would only want to keep it in tack. He commented that he wouldn't buy a home like they are building today, as they are like cracker houses. It's too small, but if that's all you can afford then it's nice.
- 5.25. Mr. Popowich summed up who would be working on what: Ms. Robinson would contact the CRA, Mr. Popowich will contact DONE, Mr. Jurgenson will work on the cost for the wash rags and he asked him to check on the water spray bottles.

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

7. Committee Business –

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

- Ms. Robinson brought up the building located next to Smart & Final on Sherman Way. She said she has received a few phone calls on the building. She has attempted to call City Council, but she has not received a response yet. She did speak to a real estate contact to look it up. The address is 19728 Sherman Way and it refers to the owner at 19722 Sherman Way which is Smart & Final. Stakeholders have spoken about the graffiti and even a homeless camp behind the property.
- Mr. Sims said that a few months ago someone started to tear it down. A few months ago they even had a festival there.
- Mr. Popowich said he would call the new SLO for Winnetka to see if they can sweep for the homeless.
- Ms. Robinson said she is waiting.
- Mr. Popowich asked about contacting Frank Bush from Building and Safety.
- Ms. Robinson did refer him and she will follow up on it.
- Mr. Popowich said he will also see if Chief Gaffney from the LAFD would look into any possible fire violations.
- Mr. Popowich announced that he will be placing the Planning Department MOU on the next agenda. This is a new effort headed up Ms. Lamishaw. He said that it is a huge conflict of interest for her and he feels we should be involved to ensure the integrity and stop any improprieties.

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 Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

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

8. Adjournment