



**WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 6:30 PM  
 Valley Village

20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306 (near Bar & ATM Machine); **Albertson’s Food and Drug Store**, 7224 Mason Ave.

1. **Call to Order & Board Member’s Roll Call**
2. **Explanation of Meeting Rules**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
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. Officer Maldonado reminded all of us that the second Thursday of every month is the meeting at the Topanga Station and every one should participate.
5. **Follow up on Chances Bar on Roscoe Blvd. and the Recycling Center on Cantara St. This is also one of the ten projects Councilman Zine will focus on this year.**  
 Per SLO Maldonado, there will be more police presence in this location as there has been an increase in crime. The owner has been very cooperative which will only make the situation better. The Recycling Center has been successfully shut down. If the Bar continues to be a nuisance, continue to call dispatch to file a complaint.
6. **Follow up on “No Restriction” signs posted on the 7200 Block of Quartz Ave.**  
 DOT has agreed to post the signs that will indicate “No parking between 2 AM-6 AM” on both sides of Quartz Ave. At this time, the signs indicate “No parking from 11 PM – 6 AM”; however, the residents did not request these particular hours and are very unhappy as it infringes on their parking abilities. Transients continue to reside in the area of St Joseph Church, near the storage box on Cantley St. Police presence continues to visit his location to remind the transients that they cannot reside in this area.
7. **Follow up on a residence on Wyandotte St. Winnetka.**  
 Tabled as there is no address.
8. **Discussion of resident who is having problems in her area.**  
 A suggestion is to contact either Devonshire Police Station or Topanga Police Station, depending on the location of the residence. Complain to the front desk no matter what the situation is. Do not hesitate to call the station even if you have a suspicion or bad feeling about anything you see in your area.
9. **Discussion and possible action on the increase in graffiti, shopping carts (parking lot of a liquor store on 20001 Roscoe Blvd.), trash diggers, and recycling centers in residential areas.**

These specific complaints need to be addressed by calling the Topanga Station. Report a nuisance regarding groups disturbing the peace and the SLO will follow up. If there is trash and furniture on the street contact 311 to have the items removed. Take pictures of the trash diggers as they are well aware that they cannot look through trash bins. Call the police station and demand that the trash diggers be placed in custody. Many of these people have prior arrests for other crimes they have committed in the past.

**10. Discussion and possible action on the increase in gang activity in the area of Winnetka Park and streets surrounding the park), Penfield Ave, Community Street, Chase St and Eccles St. (cul de sac).**

For many of these issues, contact the Devonshire Police Station, SLO 818/363.1726 to report these concerns. Illegal vendors as well.

**11. Discussion and possible action regarding a resident concerned about people stealing out of her recycling bin.**

Same response as item # 9.

**12. Discussion and possible action on doing a mass mailing to the area between Winnetka and Mason and Vanowen to Strathern.**

The committee members did not approve this item as they feel it is a waste of money and effort.

**13. Discussion and possible action on a mass mailing to the area between Roscoe and Winnetka and other streets discussed.**

The committee members did not approve this item as they feel it is a waste of money and effort.

**14. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events**

**15. Adjournment**

The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a **"Speaker Card"** will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 648-6219, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to [jedi.yoda@msn.com](mailto:jedi.yoda@msn.com).

**SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (818) 648-6219.**

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**PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION**

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

**PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE**

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board

pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.