



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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| | CHAIR Armineh Chelebian | VICE CHAIR Art Sims | SECRETARY Howard Seffin | |
| | | COMMITTEE MEMBERS | | |
| Joseph Essavi | Edwina Hollins | Annie Palai | Tess Reyes-Dunn | |

**WNC Public Works & Transportation Committee Minutes of
Thursday March 22, 2007 – 6:30PM
Valley Village
20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka CA 91306**

1. Call to order at 6:30 PM Committee member roll call:

| PWT Committee Member | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Armineh Chelebian | X | | |
| Art Sims | X | | |
| Howard Seffin | X | | |
| Edwina Hollins | X | | |
| Annie Palai | | X | |
| Joseph Essavi | | X | |
| Tess Reyes-Dunn | X | | |

2. Approval of meeting minutes –

Motion to approve, Art Sims; Second, Armineh Chelebian

Agenda Items:

3. Update, discussion and possible action on parking restriction signs on 7200 quartz Ave after the joint meeting of 9/21/06.

Per Octaviano Rios/Field Deputy Councilman Zine's Office, everything discussed at the 9/21/06 meeting (6 action items) has been completed. Letters were sent. Armineh Chelebian will check on the status of responses to those letters, if any.

4. Update, discussion and possible action on the second and third phase of the Welcome To Winnetka Sign Median beautification. The lights, the rocks and the landscaping, including selection of a professional to draft the design/plan of the project for submission to the appropriate City departments and implementation of the plan and all financial issues related to this project.

Art Sims contacted several landscape companies and they showed no interest in the project as there was not enough money to be made. Art Sims is going to research some more landscape contractors who will also do the solar project.

Councilman Dennis Zine sent a letter requesting assistance from the Office of Community Beautification, Bureau of Public Works with the Sherman Way Beautification Project.

5. Update on the traffic improvements suggested and submitted to Councilman Greig Smith and the ongoing approvals. Discussion and possible action for additional suggestions to improve traffic.

Letter received from Ken Feroozmand/Transportation Engineer West Valley District advising that a dedicated left turn signal will be installed Southbound Winnetka Ave to Eastbound Sherman Way. No date for installation was indicated.

6. Update on purchase of Kustom Signal Pole-Mounted 275 Radar Speed Display. WNC to share the cost of \$2,500 with Councilmember Greig Smith's office, along Mason Ave north of Roscoe Blvd.

Per JJ Popowich/President Winnetka Neighborhood Council, a verbal update was received from Jon Bwarie/Field Deputy Councilman Greig Smith's office that recommendation has been approved. No implementation date has been set.

7. Update, discussion and possible action on a joint project between the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles in order to establish, upgrade and beautify a business district, specifically the area around Winnetka Ave and Saticoy St., as well as other areas such as intersections along Sherman Way between Corbin Ave and DeSoto Ave and along Winnetka Ave between Vanowen St and Nordhoff St.

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council Public Works & Transportation Committee is on the agenda for the May 07, 2007 meeting of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Canoga Park Bowl. Further details will be Emailed to Committee members.

8. Discussion and possible action on DAW Program representatives, Animal Welfare Ad-Hoc Committee and issues related to animal welfare.

Armineh Chelebian left a message for Lisa Janes and has not received a response as yet.

9. Discussion and possible action on beautification of the North side of the intersection of Jumilla Ave and Enadia Way. (South of Smart & Final and the strip mall parking lot behind the church that is under construction)

Stakeholder, Mr. Gene Frank voiced concerns about the condition of this strip of land. The Committee concluded that it is necessary to determine if this strip of is publicly or privately owned. Octaviano Rios/Field Deputy Councilman Dennis Zine's office is investigating who owns the land behind the shopping center where Smart & Final is located. Currently shopping carts are being left there and illegal dumping of household goods is taking place. Armineh Chelebian will follow up with Octaviano Rios for a status on ownership. Mr. Frank also expressed interest in planting more trees on Jumilla Ave, South of Sherman Way. Howard Sefflin referred Mr. Frank to Mayor Villaraigosa's Million Tree Initiative. Art Sims is going to provide Mr. Frank with some referral information for the City department that can assist him and his neighbors.

10. Discussion and possible action with regard to improvements at Runnymede Park, other issues related to the park and a presentation by Ken Novak/Department of Recreation and Parks.

Ken Novak was not present. Armineh Chelebian will contact Mr. Novak to determine if he can attend the April '07 meeting of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council Public Works & Transportation Committee. Howard Seflin will forward an Email originally sent to JJ Popowich/President Winnetka Neighborhood Council with specific issues at Runnymede Park originally presented for consideration by the Winnetka Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee.

11. Discussion and possible action to request that Council Members Dennis Zine and Greig Smith support and assist the Winnetka Neighborhood Council in installing faux red brick motifs in the crosswalks at major intersections along Sherman Way and Winnetka Ave and at those intersections that mark the Winnetka neighborhood boundaries. (Popowich)

Motion Art Sims; Second Edwina Hollins

“The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to request that Councilmember Dennis Zine approve the installation of faux red brick motifs to provide crosswalk beautification and enhance the Sherman Way median strip boundaries at the following intersections:

Sherman Way / DeSoto Ave; Sherman Way / Corbin Ave

Furthermore, The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council recommends the installation of faux red brick motifs in the crosswalks of the following intersections for the beautification of the Winnetka Business District.

Winnetka Ave / Saticoy St; Saticoy St / Oso Avenue”

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | NOTES |
|-------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Armineh Chelebian | X | | | |
| Art Sims | X | | | |
| Howard Seflin | X | | | |
| Tess Reyes-Dunn | X | | | |
| Edwina Hollins | X | | | |
| Annie Palai | | | | ABSENT |
| Joseph Essavi | | | | ABSENT |

Motion passed 5-0

12. Discussion and possible action to join and support Sutter Middle School in participating in the Mayor’s citywide “Big Sunday” clean up and beautification project for schools and community based organizations. On the weekend of April 28-29, 2007, 50,000 volunteers are expected to come out and help plant trees, pick up trash, wipe away graffiti and much more. Discussion to approve funding for needed Big Sunday expenses in Winnetka; a joint project between the Winnetka Neighborhood Council’s Public Works & Transportation and Outreach Committees. (Chelebian, Hollins)

Big Sunday is scheduled to take place the weekend of April 28-29, 2007. Sutter Middle School is planning to clean up the campus, paint, fix plants, paint walkway arcade poles, plant approximately 50 shrubs and lower growing plants near the auditorium.

Motion Armineh Chelebian; Second Edwina Hollins

“The Winnetka Neighborhood Council Public Works & Transportation Committee moves to participate in Big Sunday events and allocate up to \$1,500 for refreshments for volunteers, supplies for clean up and beautification at Sutter Middle School and purchase of Winnetka Neighborhood Council promotional items. “

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | NOTES |
|-------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Armineh Chelebian | X | | | |
| Art Sims | X | | | |
| Howard Seflin | X | | | |
| Tess Reyes-Dunn | X | | | |
| Edwina Hollins | X | | | |
| Annie Palai | | | | ABSENT |
| Joseph Essavi | | | | ABSENT |

Motion passed 5-0

13. Update on DWP MOU Oversight Committee and CD 12 Service Cabinet Meeting

Howard Seflin provided an update on activities and successes at the DWP Oversight Committee. No update on CD 12 Service Cabinet Meeting.

14. Discussion, update and possible action taken for resurfacing and repair needs of streets in Winnetka and recommendations to the Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services. Updates on those streets that stakeholders have already brought forward to the PWT Committee and WNC; 7400-7500 block of Irondale between Covello and Valerio; 6900 block of Lubao St; The neighborhood around Hart St. on the other side of Winnetka Ave has been repaved; 20100-20200 block of Leadwell St between Winnetka Ave and Oso Ave; 19700-19800 block of Valerio St ; 7400-7500 block of Jumilla Ave and other streets as brought forward. <http://www.lacity.org/BOSS/index.htm>

No further action taken. Item tabled until April '07 meeting at which time discussion will take place regarding formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on street repaving.

15. Public comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.

Art Sims reminded Committee members about the Winnetka Neighborhood Council's participation at the Home Decorating and Remodeling Show April 21-22 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. There will be a barbeque at the home of Jacque Lamishaw on March 31 to prepare those volunteers for their role at the Home Show.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM