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Winnetka Neighborhood Council

March 30 2006

Public Works Transportation Committee Special meeting minutes

Prepared by Armineh Chelebian

1) Call to order and Committee member roll call

Mrs. Armineh Chelebian
Mr. Art Sims
Mr. Jozef Essavi
Ms. Tess Dunn
Ms. Marilyn Robinson
Mr. Dwight Burgess

2) Approval of minutes

Tabled

3) Presentation by our guest speaker Mr. Stan Horowitz P.E., Senior Engineering Manager Community Services, Bureau of Street Lighting Department of Public Works-discussing the “Sherman Way Welcome to Winnetka Sign Median beautification” Lights and the options available from the departments stand point, will update and inform and address the committee and attendees on street light related issues, programs, and also will respond to questions asked from the attendees.

4) Update, discussion, possible action on Second Phase of Welcome to Winnetka Sign Beautification Median-lights, the options, cost, vendor selection, and all other related issues.

Mr. Horowitz went on to explain about street lights and how some streets have lights and some don't, and the cost to LA City property owners. Also he indicated that they had started the process of replacing some of the old street lights with the new ones as they were getting old and not safe to maintain and therefore they were converting the lights to make them more reliable and more efficient, and also around some schools and parks they were doing some upgrading.

The discussion took place between Mr. Horowitz, the committee and Mr. James “Jamie” Cordaro who was invited to the meeting as Electrical Contractor /professional in regards with the lights for the second phase of beautification of the Median.

The details were discussed as far as types of lights, the available sources of electricity to hook in to or lack of and the access from existing power sources from the city, at both ends of the Median- at Sherman Way / De Soto and Sherman Way /Corbin. The work involved, the labor, the fee, the issues concerning the approval process by City, the Department of Street lighting and DWP. Who would have to pay for the cost of electricity used by the lights, the installation, digging of the street the meter, the rate to be charged by DWP and much more.

One of the suggestions was to use LED fixtures with solar panels and battery (Light Emitting Diots),

Mr. Cordaro stated that he was going to attend a big light show in June, where there would be many light manufacturing vendors and distributors, and he would look in to different products out there and would come back to the committee with his suggestions and recommendations. The committee agreed.

5) Update on the \$100,000 Street paving resurfacing project

The update was provided by Mrs. Chelebian and Mr. Sims, informing the committee that the 7200-7300 block of Quartz avenue was already resurfaced and the project was completed for that portion, leaving the Chase street still to be done.

6) Update, discussion and possible action on the cost component, vendor selection and choices of banner design, of already approved Single pull down banners saying “Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Winnetka Neighborhood Council”

which will be between De Soto and Corbin on Sherman Way where banners will be displayed annually between Thanksgiving and New Years and will be stored and reused annually.

Mr. Sims provided the update; he provided the committee with some sample designs of the banners from the companies he had contacted with. He shared the cost of banners from each one of the two vendors that he had contacted with. Nationwide a company which handles banners for the city had submitted cost of \$4,000.00 for putting up 40 banners and bringing them down, washing them and storing them for three years with no worries about replacements, after three years the NHC would have the banners, the second company Gold Graphics was asking \$4,000.00 for 25 banners.

The PWT Committee has reviewed the implementation plan for the prior approved motion for the Christmas/Holiday banners design and cost. And proceeded with the selection of design and vendor which was Nationwide.

7) Update, discussion and possible action on DAW program and Animal Welfare AD-Hoc Committee, Ms. Lisa Janes and Ms. Lisa Haberman

Ms. Lisa Janes went ahead and shared with the committee about how one cat in 7 years can reproduce 14,000 off springs, she talked about having community events where WNC along with other organizations and sponsors could have a pet adoption, pet education, and spaying and neutering day. How we could have animal information links on the WNC web site and quarterly news letter. Also the committee discussed the fact that animal welfare for Winnetka could be represented by DAW and other reputable groups and non-profit organizations. Ms. Haberman was absent

Motion

WNC-PWT-033006-01: Whereas the PWT Committee has agreed to establish working relationship with DAW and other Animal welfare rescue non profit organizations in order to service the welfare of animals within Winnetka. (Chelebian and Robinson) (6-0) passed

8) Update on DWP oversight committee and CD 12 Service Cabinet meeting.

Update was provided by Ms. Chelebian

9) Update on the status of already approved motion both by WNC-PWT and WNC Board in regards with RENEW LA Policy passed by Councilmember Greig Smith.

Update was provided by Mrs. Chelebian

City Councilman Greig Smith's RENEW LA policy was unanimously passed on 02-17-06 by the City Council. RENEW LA stands for "Recovery Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste of Los Angeles", and is a resource management blueprint to guide the city for the next 20 years. It leads Los Angeles out of land filling and uses the material that has traditionally been disposed of and recovers it for beneficial use in the form of green electricity, alternative fuel resources and manufacturing feedbacks.

10) On March 6th 2006 CD 12 Service Cabinet meeting Councilman Smith requested that , each NC to take up the issue and make policy recommendations on transportation issues relating to traffic flow in their neighborhood council area. This should be something taken up by the council and recommendations voted on to be sent officially to the Councilman. Discussion and necessary actions taken for the requested recommendations on transportation by Councilman Smith as stated above.

Motion

WNC-PWT-033006-02: Whereas The WNC-PWT committee recommends putting left hand turn arrows and synchronized traffic lights and use of smart technology in order to improve the flow of traffic on Corbin (East and West, North and South) and Sherman Way, Victory and Winnetka (North and South), De Soto (North and South), Saticoy and Winnetka, Mason and Sherman Way and other streets deemed necessary. (Essavi, Dunn) passed (6-0)

11) Update on the status of already approved motions both by WNC-PWT and WNC Board in regards with putting parking restriction signs on 7200 block or Quartz.

Mr. Sims provided an update, stating that despite the agreement of the WNC, the stakeholders, homeowners and businesses approving the no parking sign restrictions for the 7200 block of Quartz the St, Joseph church has not agreed to sign the petition, and sees no need for the restriction.

Motion;

WNC-033006-03: Whereas the PWT agrees to send a letter to Father Kevin Rettig, of St. Joseph the Worker asking him to cooperate with the community and WNC Board who have approved the restricted parking signs on 7200 block of Quartz between Sherman Way and Cantly and avoid hindering this community safety and quality of life project.

12) Discussion, update and possible action taken fro resurfacing and repair needs of streets in Winnetka and recommendations to Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services. Including updates on those streets that stakeholders have already brought forward to PWT committee and WNC. (7400-7500 block of Irondale, between Covello and Valerio, and 6900 Lubao Street)

Ms. Chelebian updated the committee by informing them that she had send an e-mail l to Mr. Biran Davis to find out the schedule of resurfacing and was waiting for response.

13) Update, discussion and possible action taken on matters brought forward to PWT at previous months, which needed further steps taken:

Mr. Robert Pertains request re: increased red curb length at 7640 Oso Ave, Changing the corner of Oso ave and Keswich street from two-way stop to four way stop, speed humps for Oso Ave between Saticoy and Stagg Street.

Mr. Essavi informed the Committee that Mr. Pertain would appear in front of the full Board in April.

14) Update, discussion and possible action in regards with State trash rules which went in to effect as of Feb-08-06 and Councilman Greig Smith introduction of a motion on Friday, March 17 directing the Bureau of Sanitation to report on what it has done to accommodate the diversion, recycling and eventual disposal of household waste containing toxic materials in light of new State ban on such items from the regular trash. “ For this law to be effective, people need to know about it and the city has to have systems to enable people to comply with the rules” Councilman Smith said.

Mrs. Chelebian update the committee.

15) Public Comments

None

16) Adjournment