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Winnetka Neighborhood Council

May 25, 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
 Ms. Marilyn Robinson
 Mr. Dwight Burgess
 Ms. Annie Palai
 Mr. Jozef Essavi-excused
 Ms. Tess Dunn -absent

2) Approval of minutes

Tabled

3) Discussion and possible action on a proposal for a joint effort between the WNC Public Safety Committee and the Public Works and Transportation Committee to hold a town hall meeting between Council members, LAPD traffic enforcement, and residents in the Roscoe/Mason Ave area to address speeding on Mason Ave. (Popowich)

Mr. Popowich shared with the committee the letter which was sent by Marcos Dasilva, the Vice President/Treasurer of Valley West Homeowners Association, and Valley West Town Home on behalf of the Board of Directors of Valley West Town Homes in Winnetka and the forty –eight resident families of the complex which sits on the south west corner of Mason Ave and Roscoe Blvd. In which the stakeholder had written about their concerns of possible loss of lives , damages and loss of property and public safety caused by speeding cars on Mason Ave. Mr. Popowich stated that one way to solve the speeding would be to bring more police patrol in CD 12, to have a town hall meeting to address the issue ... however during discussion it was indicated, if a town hall it should address the overall speeding and traffic safety issues, also to utilize the survey to come up with agenda items for the town hall meeting.

The committee agreed on the Town hall idea, and agreed on the joint committee effort and importance of the stakeholders concerns; however need to determine the topics and subject matter for the meeting.

4) Discussion and possible action on proposed plan to beautify Saticoy Ave, between Winnetka Ave and Mason Ave. The proposal is to place large planters along the sidewalk with drought resistant and low maintenance plants. The planters would be purchased by WNC. This may include a discussion on appropriation of funds, creating a plan of maintenance, and other ideas If this is successful the idea is to expand the pilot program to other side of Saticoy (East of Winnetka) and along Roscoe Blvd. (Popowich)

Mr. Popowich shared his idea and stated by doing as such we could uplift and beautify the business area, the questions raised were if WNC could get the planters, then if we could get the plants and soil from the City, if City could do the actual planting in the planters or the ground and donate the plants, if businesses would agree with the project, and would agree to water the plants, if Winnetka Chamber Of Commerce would join this project , if CRA would agree to join and get involved with the project.

Also the idea of matching community grants were brought up, and Mr. Sims agreed to look in to matching grants for community beautification, the environmental department, the Recreation and Parks for possible tree donations.

Mr. Popowich agreed to discuss the project with Winnetka Chamber of Commerce.

The committee liked and agreed on the concept of beautifying the business area mentioned however more needs to be researched and would be discussed in future meetings.

5) “Discussion and Possible action on a proposed plan to allocate WNC funds to identify and repair broken sidewalks. The proposal is to set aside funds to work with the Bureau of Street Services to fix sidewalks under the 50/50 plan. The WNC would pick up 50% of the cost for a section of side walk. (The standard cost as provided by Bureau of Street Services is around \$5.00 per square foot. Sidewalks would be picked based on stakeholder submission and WNC Board member observations .Sidewalks would be prioritized on the following scale:

- **Broken sidewalks along major thoroughfares with heavy foot traffic(ex. Broken sidewalk on Winnetka Ave, on north side of Winnetka Park)**
- **Stakeholder submitted sidewalks on side streets would be considered once each quarter where we will have set funds. Selection will be based on all submitted requests and will be determined by the height and severity of the broken sidewalk. The higher the raised section the higher the priority. All stakeholders would be notified ahead of time of the conditions for approval. I am proposing we set aside \$8,000.00 over the course of 2006-2007 fiscal years with \$2,000.00 to be spent each quarter. Submissions would be accepted for the 1st Quarter of the fiscal year from July to September of 2006, with the first planned repairs to begin by November (Popowich)**

Motion:

WNC-PWT-052606-01: Whereas WNC will plan to allocate funds to identify and repair broken sidewalks. The proposal is to set aside \$4,000.00 a year/\$1,000.00 a quarter to work with the Bureau of Street Services to fix sidewalks under the 50/50 plan. The WNC would pick up 25% of the cost for a section of side walk and the homeowner would pick up the other 25% (The standard cost as provided by Bureau of Street Services is around \$5.00 per square foot). Sidewalks would be picked based on stakeholder submission and WNC Board member observations and guidelines .Sidewalks would be prioritized on the following scale:

- 1) handicap residents
- 2) high foot traffic and high usage by children
- 3) height or severity of lift on sidewalk

(Popowich and Sims)

4 yes 1 abstain Ms. Palai Motion passed

6) “ Discussion and possible action on proposed plan to beautify the intersections along Sherman Way between Corbin Ave and De Soto Ave, and along Winnetka Ave between Vanowen Ave and Nordhoff St. The WNC will explore the feasibility of adding decorative paving to the cross walk area. Various other areas of the Valley and LA have simulated brick paving in the cross walk, or decorative artwork painted in the cross walk. (Popowich)

The item was presented and discussed and tabled. Mr. Popowich and Ms. Robinson agreed to check with Reseda NHC and CRA, as Reseda has many of those sidewalks, also if we could change the proposed locations to the same as business areas discussed in item 4.

7) Discussion and possible action on Hart St. Speed Humps Project (between Winnetka and Oso Aves.) (Olav Hassel)

8) Discussion and possible action on status of street repaving in Mr. Olav Hassels neighborhood. “In part we need to have this project classified as a “priority” so it stands some chance of funding. Steve Lew (head engineer at speed humps Dept. LADOT), has stated that it is not a priority due to fact –no school on street. As you know Fullbright Elementary is on Hart St., on the other side of the Oso stop sign. The neighborhood around Hart St. on the other side of Winnetka has been re-paved recently”.

Mr. Hassel shared with the committee about the multiple petitions that were required and signed and submitted by the homeowners to the City, the correspondence, the responses and the reasons given for not putting the street speed humps. Also some discussion went on in regards with repaving of the streets in general and the schedule by the City.

Motion

WNC-PWT-052606-02: The WNC Recommends and requests the 3-SH-West –Valley Heart St. between Oso Ave and Winnetka Ave to be designated as priority for installation of three type 1 speed humps, in order to insure the safety of the children attending and walking to Fulbright Elementary School on daily basis (Chelebian and Robinson)

(5-0 passed)

9) Discussion and possible action on a joint proposal by WNC Outreach and Events Committee and WNC Public Works Transportation Committee to purchase and display 40 red, white and blue WNC banners over the fourth of July. This will include discussion of allocating funds or and amount to be spend based on final costs by Nationwide.

Motion

The WNC – PWT Committee jointly agrees with the motion from the WNC Outreach and events Committee which recommended that WNC will allocate up to \$4,000.00 to purchase 40 banners to be placed along Winnetka Avenue between Victory Blvd. and Roscoe Blvd. The banner will be alternated (20 each) between the flag and eagle and flag and Statue of Liberty banner. The Outreach and Events Committee in agreement with PWT Committee recommend the banners state on the top of all banners “Welcome to Winnetka”; with the art work in the middle, and the bottom will say “land of Free” on the flag/eagle and “The most Diversified Community in LA” on the Statue of Liberty”. With the amendment to ad WNC on the bottom. Banners will be displayed from May 15 to July 15 starting 2007 and annually thereafter. (Robinson – Burgess)

(5-0 passed)

10) Update on \$100,000 resurfacing project

Ms. Chelebian updated the committee about the fact that the project was now fully completed, and explained to the committee that the cross section between Chase and Kelvin was left un repaired since that was technically considered Kelvin, and therefore was not part of the agreed resurfacing project. She explained how she had brought this to the attention of the Department and the Council office, yet was told nothing could be done, and that is why the department encouraged paving in grades which then would have covered the area.

11) Update, discussion and possible action on the second phase of Welcome to Winnetka sign Median beautification-lights.

The Committee was updated with the fact that on 04/05/06 Mr. Sims, Mrs. Chelebian, Mr. Horowitz and Mr. James “Jamie” Cordaro once again met in order to discuss further details of the project.

Mr. Popowich made the comment that he happened to be present at that same time in the meeting room and could overhear the conversations and stated that he could see that allot of thought was being given to subject matter in full detail by the committee.

12)Update on 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 updated the committee that the approval for purchase of the 40 banners for the cost of \$4,000.00 1st year for the next 3 years was signed and approved-The Banner company now would start the process ..

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

Tabled since none were present.

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

Updates provided

15) Discussion, update and possible action taken for resurfacing and repair needs of streets in Winnetka and recommendation to Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services. Including 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, and the 6900 Lubao Street)

Discussion took place and Mr. Sims agreed to write the letter.

16) 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 Keswick street from two-way stop to four way stop, speed humps for Oso Ave between Saticoy and Stagg Street.

No discussion took place both Mr. Pertains and Mr. Essavi were not present at the meeting

17) 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 of Quartz.

Update provided

18) Public comments

Ms. Donna Gooley addressed the Committee on behalf of the Bus Riders Union, and wanted to ask for the committees support to ask the Mayor and the MTA board for the extension of the 1996 Consent decree for another 5 years. The board asked Ms. Gooley to come back and agreed to discuss the issue in further detail while the item would officially go on the PWT agenda, also the committee wanted more information in order to get more educated on the issue and would like to hear the other side in order to make a fair and educated decision.