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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – 6:30 PM
 Valley Village at 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); **Winnetka Park** 8401 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306

1) Call to Order & Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Name	Jan-11	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-12	May-10	Jun-14	Jul-12	Aug-09	Sep-13	Oct-11	Nov-08	Dec-13
Eric Lewis	x	XL	XL	XL	X	XL	X	X	X			
Erick Lace	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Greg Sullivan	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
JJ Popowich	LE,E	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	AE			
Marilyn Robinson	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Mike Mikaelian	x	XL	A	XL	A	X	X	xL	X			
Natasha Somerville	x	X	XL	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Eric Yoonjae Lim	/	/	/	/	X	A	X	A	X			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x	X	A	AE	X	X	X	X	X			
Tom Sattler	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
William Hilliard	A	X	X	XLE	X	XL	X	AE	X			
Asadbaig Baig	x	X	A	X	X	X	AE	AE	XL			
Doug Schmidt	/	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Total	9	11 +1	9	9	11	9	11	8	12			
X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early Quorum is 8 members												

2) Explanation of Meeting Rules.

- 3) **Approval of Minutes for August: Tess moves to approve, Eric Lewis seconds; approved as written unanimously.**

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- 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.**

Anne, a stakeholder, is concerned about car sales along Sherman way and felt along with bicycles trouble can ensure. On Rinaldi and other places cannot have car sales on some streets. Erick asked SLO Maldonado to comment on the parking issue. Tom mentioned Sunday at noon many sales signs in Sherman way. SLO felt this was the first public complaint for the sales along this street. Not illegal anymore so no law to enforce. Can enforce the three day rule or cite if registration is expired. If a traffic hazard they can effect action. Octaviano Rios (OR) asks whether this is not an issue for SLO, but rather for parking enforcement. OR said there needs to be regular action by parking enforcement for expired tags, three day parking or no movement of parked vehicles. Feel free to give OR a call if there is trouble. SLO says they have the right to be there. The "rubber neckers" looking at the cars could be cited for causing a traffic problem. If the city puts up no parking sign they have to justify this as seen in the unhitched trailer ordinances. The neighbors and school would have to sign off on this method, too. If the same guy is parking many cars from commercial car sales then is this a problem. The stakeholder felt that there are regulations on this type of commercial activity. SLO felt this might be building and safety issue. SLO said there was another complaint on Corbin for this issue. Tess felt there were no houses across the street, but rather condominiums. Tess felt it might be hard to see who are the repeat offenders. The phone numbers on cars can be an indication of multiple sales by one entity for those that investigate

Sharon, a stake holder had never heard of this NC. She owns the shopping center at Winnetka and Saticoy. She said that a block west of her a subterranean garage pumps out water to the street. As the pump accumulates water this creates a muddy mess. Felt it could be dangerous. The owner of the condo told her the city told him to pump out the water this way and now all the city departments are passing the buck to avoid the issue. She felt this water was present about 300 days a year. Some felt that the West Nile Virus could be a problem. Several department were discussed to solve the issue.

Jeff Borenstein mentioned a building at Northridge mall and also wants a bridge over Victory Boulevard. He got upset and left.

Octaviano Rios said that Councilman Zine wants to help finish the Sherman Way median. CM Zine offers us \$12,000 if we put up 5,000 additional money for this project. WNC has already earmarked \$5,000 for the matching funds and this would make \$10,000 total from WNC coffers.

Greg suggests he put an agenda item for next month's meeting to consider Art and Octaviano's joint project. Erick says we need a budget committee to consider this issue and will call a meeting of the Budget committee to discuss and possibly act on finding the money (\$5,000) to match \$12,000 from CM Zine's office money to fix electrical problems in the median for plantings.

The median from De Soto to Corbin are the areas that are not working.

Tom asks why a private contractor is not doing this work? Mike says he has some information from public works committee to be brought up at the budget meeting.

Caroline Stevenson starting an internet program "My Neighborhood Council" starting with the ones closest to Pierce. Had a question while listening; She knows there are some discretionary funds around the city. She meets with other unemployed people. She felt there was a congress in the future and wondered whether there was an ability to help create jobs for people in the community. She was advised to attend the congress as well.

Another stakeholder asked whether there was a job fair.

Mark Reed spoke about his candidacy and said there are districts where 10% are telling what 90% should do. Mark spoke about places where we can have our voices heard. Some can be publicly funded campaign events. He wants to develop a contract with our district to get our interests furthered. Mark says he knows where the buck stops. Here at the WNC is where the buck starts. This is what we want from you, to get our voice heard. Invites the Winnetka Neighborhood Council to sponsor a residents forum. Less than 50% of people are registered to vote in our area. Felt the party politics has to stop and has deep concerns about where we are going as a city. Wants to sponsor a residents forum where peoples voices can be heard. Tom asks Mark about citizens right to vote and that when he voted you had to have a birth certificate to vote, now we don't need anything, "what of this?". Felt this inaction can lead to fraud. Marks' contact info is markreed@residentsforum.net

5) State and Local Government Representative Updates: Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, Councilman Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.

SLO Maldonado area is to cover Winnetka and his job is to suppress crime and deal with quality of life issues, also robberies and burglaries. Crime in category one crime had a little spike in the summer, small burglaries as kids are out of school and has seen a significant crime increase in areas along the service roads along Browns Wash and are going into the yards. Some say they are looking for work as a ruse to access yards. There was a pattern of crime noted along the wash a task force arrested 7 people; 2 were deported illegal aliens and almost all gave wrong names. Beware of solicitors and door to door salesman. If you see the solicitors, then report to the police as a person casing the neighborhood otherwise they won't act. Two other things; elementary schools are working with the Valley Traffic Division and gave 80 citations as people are not stopping for kids in cross walks. For every person he cites, 200 people get the message. Citations educate the whole public. Every citation he SLO said, got caused him to be more careful. SLO's job is to build bridges in the community. SLO requested an amber light to warn the drivers about the students crossing the street. SLO does patrol these areas. Illegal vendors on the street; this is not a third world country and so can't do this. Neighborhood Watch is the 2nd Thursday of the month. Grateful hearts burglary prevention tips. A lot of folks leave GPS in vehicle and this attracts some to break into car and steal these items. Doug asks re GPS and drilling into doors and finding home address'. If you buy a high end item or lap top and you go to another store people will follow you and then break into car when you are gone and steal computer. Be cautious and aware. The newsletter mentions a golf tournament to support a Sergeant of the Marine Corps who was killed in Iraq; he was an extremely competent man dear to LAPD Hearts. www Topanga police LAPD. SLO mentioned Children's Day and For the kids, etc. all kinds of festival items. Also, the SLO goes after disaster repair fraud.

415 is the penal code for vulgar language in public and it is not acceptable at WNC meetings; referring to a stakeholder's language earlier in the meeting.

Disaster preparedness Fair was mentioned by Janet Lustig from Faith Lutheran on Desoto street this Saturday. SLO Maldonado 's cell 818 731 2569

Octaviano Rios spoke about Councilman Zine's passion against tagging. Encouraged Posse members to fight with graffiti stings, call 311 etc. Promoted the graffiti bounty for a 1000 reward. Makes sure we know CM Zine has a passion against this crime and wants to eradicate vandalism and graffiti. Yesterday morning CM Zine was part of an LAPD sting operation to address and reduce incidents of children getting hit by drivers and others racing through the kids zone on way to school. Zine was doing a press conference to promote this safety concern. Some parents can cuss crossing guards to the last breath. Child seats can be taught on how to attach the seat see the Zine line which is now out. "Grateful Hearts" is Thursday at 6 PM when closing down Oxnard streets in front of the Marriot. Note the palm trees were trimmed along Sherman Way. Art asked about his speaking to the Zine's men about the median. Art wanted confirmation that this median issue was being handled to which OR complemented Art for all his work on Median. Erick suggests that Mike bring the Public works issue forward while Art and OR are present. Mike mentioned the spray can thing and that spray cans also be a problem. Mike says the CRA is moving on with the CRA project and that the painting to begin soon in January. The \$5,000 matching fund from

last year's budget. Mike had wants no more financial involvement, but this estimate was \$5000(already committed) we can forward now Mike suggests we forward another \$5,000 more to match \$12,000. This would be the Agenda item. Eric Lewis asks whether or what do we put the kibosh on the median and the tree trimming, Eric Lewis felt this was a travesty, as I understood him. Tess felt this should be handled as a budget meeting and public works. Mike felt this was a onetime event to match Zine's offer of \$12,000. Next Thursday the 22nd of September will be a public works meeting to take up this topic. Art felt the money should go to this repair service to visibly see this beautification. Budget committee could come to the next meeting with a result for funding.

Eric Richardson spoke for Councilman Mitch Englander. Mr Richardson spoke about a service cabinet to come in to meet. He serves 15 NC's and where we can garner a vote. Englander wants to improve on what CM Smith did. One issue is the graffiti start up kits which Aaron bros were selling. CM Zine's discouraged these kits. Some cameras are to be left up? This is not true the stoplight cameras are coming down. On the table there is other info. Mike Mikaelian, Bill Hillard, and Erick Lace meet at 3pm at Englander's office

- 6) **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by a Department of Public Works representative and Acting CFO of Financial Management Division and the Wastewater Division Manager, Lisa Mowery. She will need 20 minutes to present. Roger Shimatsu noted in his request for this presentation that** << **Last month in the San Fernando Valley area, there were six water mains reported to have burst -- four in one hour. Although this was a DWP water pressure issue, Sanitation was relieved it was only water as we are concerned with wastewater and sewage. We have an aging sewer system which needs to be, at least, inspected.**(Lewis) (The secretary notes that potable water is under pressure where as sewer's are not.)

This presentation noted that the average lifespan a of sewer is 80 years and it seems that many are aging. With the current budget we can replace the sewers only once every 168 years or so. 2% of a homes value is the average up keep cost per year for a residence. This waste water system is behind in a similar manner. They have been frugal and cutting of their costs, but any additional cuts will cause a further fall back.

Says the rates are adjusted for inflation 4% that of 1992 or so. The Department of Sanitation wants to propose a ten year series of rate increases incrementally; they wants a slow and steady approach. First three years up 17% then more averaging \$28 per year. 77% increase over ten years. Tom asks about his \$100 fee. LA is in the middle of the chart of sewer expenses in the list of similar cities. Agencies are expected to raise their rates 6-7% per year. Atlanta let their sewer fall apart and now a federal judge says that this is what you have to pay. Don't want to go back to the days when sewers begin to fall apart. Sometime in October the City Council will begin to consider and will put out the plan for increases. Possibly in January there will be a 45 day period for public comment. Sewer charge is calculated on lowest water usage from the previous winter, Jan Feb bill etc. Even in Winter you do use some water so the sewer charge sort of lags behind. Current water bill could reflect a higher bill. Can get a private water sub meter and the DWP can read it if the automated system doesn't work. Storm water charge is 28 dollars a year. Storm water (is on property tax bill) and waste water is separate. Stake holder asks about apartment building costs charged as residential, as I heard. Commercial customers have 90% of their water going into sewers. Anheuser Busch is their biggest customer. Rates are going up for everyone. This is the same all across the board. There are fees people pay who are new to the system, but they want to be fair to all. Ten year plan is so that it would be fairer to spread out over longer period. Was originally asking for 5 year plan as some felt the ten year plan is too long. They are still talking about 5 to 10 years plan period. Recommends that you call into sanitation and they can look at what your cost breakdown is... what is you payback period. Also another thing to offer to any community groups they would be willing to speak to them re approving costs increases and improving situations.

Revenue now is 480 million dollars; all revenue is 540 million. In the future the increase would be 940 million 4.5% first 3 years; the next 7 years is 7.5% with a 5.9% avg. overall annual increase. This would put projects in line with needed repairs and also have money to pay for repairs as you go and not have to borrow monies for projects. Earliest rates would take effect in March of next year. First 5 years is capital reduction program (pay off debt?) the next 5 years building is a program.

- 7) **Discussion and possible action that on a letter to Councilman Mitch Englander requesting consultation and resolution of the tree holes and planted Trees cut into side walk around Limerick**

Elementary as noted by Erick Lace. A paving solution may be needed as well as the question of who would care for the plantings. (Popowich)

Million trees issue. The trees around Limerick were approved by the School Principal. Erick was frustrated as many walk around the school several at a time and walk into the trees and holes. Wanted Eric Richardson to hear the complaint. Eric Richardson spoke to Urban Forestry, but they don't plant trees. Million Trees program plant their own trees. Greg asks about Building and Safety's involvement. Mike asks about the city owned parkway. One of the superintendants told him that anyone could plant a tree in front of their house and the neighbors can really have no say. Ron Lorentzen and others say there is a great relationship with them. In this instance the project is pretty far along. 4x4 sidewalk holes were cut by Limerick Elementary for the trees in a 12' wide sidewalk. Who decides what kind of trees will be selected? Million Trees select the trees. To have a tree removed need an inspector to approve. One example is a 50 year old blue gum got removed. In the old areas the developer will select the tree. Spoke to Ron about these trees, believes this is a spilt partnership between the school and the city. Erick said the maintenance man was told to water these trees. But he said he had no time for this as has three schools to deal with. Eric Robertson will look into this.

- 8) **Discussion and possible action of a complaint by the owners of the Food 4 Less Shopping Center regarding the pumping of water from the new condo complex onto the street. This is causing concerns about health and public safety. (Popowich)** Dealt with under public comment above.
- 9) **Discussion and possible action to make recommendations (if any) for the City's sign ordinance (currently under discussion). (Popowich)** Tabled until next month.
- 10) **Discussion and possible action to approve the construction of a two car detached garage located at 20601 W. Archwood St., Winnetka, CA. (Case #: ENV-2011-208-CE and ZA-2011-209-ZAA). This requires the approval of a reduced front yard area. This has already been taken to the Planning Committee who has sent the developer back to the WNC for our opinion. (Popowich)** Tabled until next month.
- 11) **Discussion and possible action to make recommendations/comments (if any) for the City's proposed amendments to the Residential Planned Development supplemental use district establishment provisions. The current ordinances allow only single family homes; this ordinance would allow mixed use projects. (Popowich)** Tabled until next month.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 12) **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report) (Popowich)**
- 13) **By-Law Review Committee: (Lace)** Eric Lewis has an email out to Grace.
- 14) **Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)** Tess asked whether any stakeholder's in the audience wish to get involved with Public Safety Committee.
- 15) **Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson)** Met and discussed the Children's Safety Program as part of the Bicycle Safety Fair. Will cancel tomorrow I understand.
- 16) **Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich)**
- 17) **Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian)** Mike gave report earlier this evening.
- 18) **Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace)**
- 19) **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)** Eric Lewis couldn't make it.

20) Good of the Order

Erick wants to call a budget committee, not to detract from what we approved, but see if the 5,000 to complete the median project can be found not at the expense of other projects. Wants Committee Meeting to be on next week. Erick wants this meeting on possibly the 19th of Monday 6:30 at Valley Village. Notify JJ and Erick will notify everyone. One meeting right away with a follow up vote in the general meeting.

Bill made a motion to automatically renew business cards as needed automatically, seconded by Mike. Some have asked for a limit none was considered necessary. A vote is consensus approved

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21) Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:

Public Safety Committee.

Outreach & Youth Committee.

Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday

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22) 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)

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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.

