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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – 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-10	Feb-14	Mar-13	Apr-10	May-8	Jun-12	Jul-10	Aug-14	Sep-11	Oct-9	Nov-13	Dec-11
Eric Lewis	x	x	X	XL								
Erick Lace	x	x	X	X								
Greg Sullivan	x	x	X	X								
JJ Popowich	x	x	X	X								
Marilyn Robinson	x	x	X	A								
Mike Mikaelian	AE	xL		AE	A							
Natasha Somerville	x	x	AE	xL								
Eric Yoonjae Lim	AE	AE		A	A							
Tess Reyes-Dunn	XL	x	X	XL								
Tom Sattler	x	x	X	X								
William Hilliard	x	x	XL	XL								
Doug Schmidt	x	x	X	A								
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x	x	X	X								
Total	10	12	9	9								

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 March 2012: Moved by Erick, Seconded by JJ; approved by consensus.

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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.

Fera Mehris spoke on the light rail up over the hill into Westwood. There is money set aside from the sales tax for this project. There are two segments of light rail that are being studied. The CEO of metro is looking at a public/private partnership to pay for the project. Why is it that the valley pays a toll and why doesn't the west side have to pay for this work? The Mayor may not be aware of this as they aren't paying attention. Has a sign up sheet passed around. A stakeholder mentioned that the city is paying attention to south central and the west side is getting attention. Nobody paid to do this so he is a gadfly for the San Fernando Valley as there are gadflies in Westside and South-Central. Another asked can any group legally charge us to toll to use previously paid for roads? JJ asked about the toll and wanted to see a copy of the resolution.

Mike Powelson spoke and he is running for Congress for the Green Party. He is opposed to bailing out Wall Street. Felt that so much that the rich are not taxed enough. The 1950's when the higher taxed paid a 90% tax and this was a prosperous time. Which countries have the higher rates of immigration? Felt this is a wealthy country. One stakeholder felt that we are borrowing too much money from china. In the 1950's we had a lower debt to income ratio, but today it is higher. He wants a 90% tax on the rich. Wanted a new 'New Deal' and felt that we could get money from a peace dividend.

Cary Iaccino is running in CD3 for City Council and is from Reseda and has found similar issues as we in WNC. Daughter is 4th generation, so he is 5th generation. Now is a full time candidate for this run. Web site is caryforcouncil@gmail.com

Kevin also from the Reseda NC.

Steven Fuhrman from Arminta Street and said that he did get a call from Carmen Goldman, who said that the city could help with the street issue and suggested that he call the Fire Department. Bill suggested that 311 would be good to call for graffiti. Steve felt that old paint could be used by neighborhood locals to remove graffiti.

Corazone on Quartz Avenue spoke about a rear neighbor breeding large dogs and now has 6 or more dogs; the dogs smell is so over-powering. Bill suggested animal services on Plummer. Corazon presents us with a letter of complaint and a petition. Erick suggests City Councilman Dennis Zine. Several Board members suggested that she speak to the CM's people to begin to follow through. Erick says he wants to see what we can do.

Dana Rosenstock, a Math coach, spoke of LAUSD at Sutter Middle School; 85 percent are hispanic and don't have the parents help. Wants us to help set up an incentive for Saturday school. There is a 740 API the state would like them 840 or so. They are fighting the population in the school., where Parents are not really supporting education as they might; education is not a priority to the parents. Seek prizes that we can donate to them; a few got CST scores of an exemplary grade. Bill felt that they are our foster kids and that we shouldn't. JJ felt that we might put this on agenda. Is Saturday school for the kids that are not proficient on their cst? Someone felt that the parents aren't helping.

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

Officer Maldonado, our Senior Lead Officer (SLO) has a neighborhood watch the 2nd Thursday of the month; next month will have guest speaker on earthquake preparedness. Be prepared. Have the Flockers who have a video tube of how to break into your home during the day; 'Knock Knock bandits' and take money jewelry and guns. Now we know about it and two people have been arrested for this crime. If someone pretends to be a door to door salesman is now a possible burglary suspect. JJ asked if they were males or females? SLO said always males could pose as DWP workers, tree trimmers etc.

SUV's third row seats are getting stolen. Now going into driveways and stealing off of the driveway. SLO is covering for Officer Padrone, as well tonight so needed to leave early. Have a 55 gal drum of water for preparedness. We should have this three weeks worth of water. Meeting this Thursday for the Neighborhood Watch meeting on quake preparedness.

Cliff Ruff spoke from CM Zine's office; was chief of staff, left to help his ill wife. Brief at city hall CM pleased that the self wounding police officer reimbursed the city for the police help for \$300,000; paid restitution. If the city defrauds the city you can't get money out of a rock. The city's fuel logs were inaccurate and this was due to the sanitation department, but was not stolen and not properly documented. Also Steve Lopez wrote how handicapped plaques are misused. CM Zine wants something on a pocket license, which notes that you are handicapped and so your relatives can't use the placard. Many were using the placards downtown inappropriately.

There is an interest in tightening up on the plaques. Now there is an alleged \$220 million dollar deficit. Cliff was with the city for many years. Cliff spoke as how the CM Zine wants to help the city, but the unions will have to step up. There were discussions on the districting which occurs every ten years. CD had to give up West Hills and CD 3 will pick up Winnetka north of Roscoe, which keeps the WNC entirely within CD3. LA owns the Van Nuys Airport. City of Ontario wants to take over the Ontario airport and CM Zine is for this change. CM trying to get money restored to the Fire Departments. 70% of responses are for medical situations. Westfield development approved and two people Gordon Wurley and Jeff Borenstein set up a law suit to delay the Westfield Mall. There was some money left over from the CRA; \$ 200,000 spent to use for emergency responses and \$700,000 for tree trimming for sidewalks and such. Octaviano Rios has the specifics for this.

'Travelen Tony', our Mayor, spends a lot of money for travel says Tom and some wondered why so much money is spent on his travel. Had a problem with Bill Bratten called by some, an absentee Police chief, who is now making megabucks in NY. Bill asked why we are paying for Villarugosa's security while he is gone as a democratic national convention "head". Cliff noted how active CM Zine is in attending events; not an absentee politician. Also noted that Dennis said "he's not frugal; he is cheap". CM Zine will leave unspent money for the city. A stakeholder asked about impounding cars for 30 days versus the mayor, who wants let them go free if don't have a license. If you don't have driver's license and can't get one, it is more humane to not give such a hardship... The rail line was built up to the airport. Bill asked about the census, 27% Caucasian... who is going to pay the taxes for the city bill asks?. It the councilman's feeling that some don't pay taxes. There are many opinions on this topic says Russ.

- 6. Discussion and possible action on Orange line bathrooms for the existing stops especially at Winnetka and along the new N/S section developing now. (Ross/Blumer)** Discussed previously and we have two neighbors from the area. No restrooms along the corridor along the new along Canoga Park Orange extension, either. Bettie says near Pierce college that the park and ride people are using the as bathroom; some also feel bus riders as well, use alley. Lee Montel, a neighbor, almost daily there is defecation next to his home where there is a large park and rides; there is a lack of a bathroom problem! People from Pierce have been parking for a long time, but once the park and ride showed up the bathroom problem started. JJ felt it is a problem. What can we as a neighborhood do in this case?. Greg suggested this is a community nuisance problem and Raffi the attorney or his replacement could look into a solution. Could put in the restrooms that charge small change. Bettie suggested a letter to CM Zine and the metro. JJ moves to write a letter to Zine and Metro. As well as another letter to the Sheriff's Department to request that they enforce these public health issues. Greg seconds motion. Tom asked whether supervisor Zev.(on metro board). Kevin Taylor suggests the VANC get on their agenda for this. Bettie is writing the letter. Approved by consensus.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on extending elected officer positions until August or until election certification. (Lace)** City council orders us to stay seated until elections. As board members have to until August elections, this supersedes the by laws. Do we hold our seats and offices as well? **WNC-2012-041012-07** Eric moves to extend the offices Term until elections. Tom seconds; Approved unanimously. Natasha asked whether she has to go longer? Eric suggests that she stay as long as she wants. David Uebersachs asked whether s he could be on the agenda for appointment for the next month put on the agenda for next month for voting. (The secretary neglected to put David on May meeting agenda)
- 8. Discussion and possible action on voting money for a debate; we need to vote an amount of money. JJ will provide numbers. (Popowich)** removed by JJ.
- 9. Discussion and possible action for a senior symposium at One Generation to consider a booth and review the \$1,000 we voted to support this event and obtain a booth; on May 19th 8:30 to 4 PM. (Robinson)** Erick says that this is in our budget; Denise Silesnick of the board of Tarzana NC. We get 'shafted' in the valley if our NC go to the City singly; we need to go in as a group to the city. The SF Valley has 250,000 seniors in the valley. If the taxes don't pass, the One Generation Center may have to leave. There are 6 people on staff. Denise is a trade show organizer. They took a look at the demographics some are from Winnetka. The elections could be on the same day. Can't forget the seniors. They thanks us for our support. Have another 4 meetings for planning the event. The focus is for living well. Thanks us for the money and wants a person that she can talk to. Marilyn is not in good health now. Erick asked if we could continue to speak on this. An invoice was presented for the \$1,000 and JJ will pay with a pcard.
- 10. Discussion and possible action for using the \$5,000, not used by the CRA, for the schools. Sarah and Daniel Andrati were at Sutter and developed a wish list. (Reyes-Dunn)** Yes this money was used says JJ so they are invited to the youth committee.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to discuss the Winnetka Post office closure and reorganization with Northridge Post Office. (Ross-Blumer)** <<From Bettie, "news about the Post Office move, from her postal worker; - The decision about what post office is moving where, will be finalized in May. - What's prompting the move is that the Porter Ranch office is closing. - Current plan is for the Porter Ranch office to move to the Northridge branch, Northridge to move to Winnetka, and Winnetka to move to Canoga Park. There might be other moves as well. - My postman is not happy with the plan as it will a) increase the time that the mail is delivered, and b) increase the cost of gas, as all Winnetka mail will be coming from Canoga Park instead of Winnetka. - He "thinks" (but not sure) that the Winnetka 91306 sign will remain on our building, as it IS Winnetka 91306. Not sure. I don't know why they don't just combine Porter Ranch with Northridge, and let the others remain "as is.">> Bettie said the postal closings may be finalized in May, her postman felt. If you have to pick up mail, Tom felt that you'd have to go the Canoga Park to pick up mail. Brad Sherman said this decision was not yet final. And so who are you going to write to and complain to? It is a federal issue, but not yet resolved. Erick said we could write a letter. Eric wants to send a letter to Brad Sherman, Bettie seconds; confirmed by unanimous consensus. **WNC-2012-041012-8**
- 12. Discussion and possible action on two motions from the Rules, elections and By-Laws committee (REB)**
 Reallocating up to \$6,800 for election mailings two post card mailings or a post card and a larger sheet mailing from Academy mailings. JJ will provide accurate numbers for this budget reallocation.
- Two motions; 1st; <The REB moves to take \$3,000 from general operating funds and from misc and allocate to Valley Village for a NGP. 2nd. The REB moves to take \$1,280 from gen funds, \$600 paper 500 Oktoberfest and other unused funds to be described by JJ and allocate this \$6800 for election funding for the two mailings.
- <<From Mr Lewis; NEW INFO: the Youth March has been expanded and they will be wanting all of the \$500 we originally allocated. So we will need to leave that item as is (at \$500 and not lowered to \$250) and add \$327 more from "Misc." to cover the new invoice total of \$6,877.>> (Lewis)

JJ wants us to change the \$1,280 from general funds to be \$1,607. JJ moves as presented to move money, as per JJ, for elections; Tess seconded, approved by unanimous consensus. **WNC-2012-041012-04**

- 13. Discussion and possible action to fund at least 2 WNC Election related outreach mailings through Academy Mailing for a cost not to exceed \$6,900. (Lewis)** Eric motions to allocate \$6,878 for academy for election. JJ seconds to “encumber funds for 2012-2013 board elections. This will be for printing and mailing of election materials” **WNC-2012-041012-05** seconded Bill; all approved unanimously.
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding working with DONE for the upcoming NC elections. This item may be sent to the REB Committee. Must be voted upon by the end of April. (Lewis)** Discussed and are cooperating with DONE.
- 15. Discussion and possible action on providing funding via a NPG for Valley Village for funding** “especially due to state budget cuts happening now, and why our disabled neighbors need help now. We would like to request a grant of \$5,000 from the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. Thank you for considering this request.” From Jenny Daniels Freese, Development and Marketing Director, Valley Village (818) 587-9450 x120
www.valleyvillage.org www.facebook.com/ValleyVillageLA **Natasha noted several additional items must be on the grant and she will take care of these things. (Somerville)** Natasha said they pooled together all the items required and JJ sent on to DONE; this is a NPG as is Natasha’s understanding. Natasha moves that we approve the \$3,000 for a NPG for VV, seconded by Tess. Approved by consensus. **WNC-2012-041012-7**
- 16. Discussion and possible action to move \$2,500 from advertising and designate for promotional items such as WNC labeled blankets. (Popowich)** Eric moves for purchase up to \$2,500 for items such as blankets and such as promotional items for Project Hope in September or senior symposium, etc. seconded by Bill **WNC-2012-041012-9** approved by consensus
- 17. Put on agenda to discuss and possible action on a motion to pay for the stickers on the blankets which we used for outreach with Project Hope. (Popowich)** Eric moves to allocate \$100 to pay for election, Tess seconded; approved by consensus. **WNC-2012-041012-06**
- 18. Discussion and possible action to move \$1,000 from school beautification money (CIP) and allocate to library books under the CIP, as well (Lace)** Erick moves to move \$1,000 from CIP for library books seconded by Tom, approved by consensus. **WNC-2012-041012-10**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer’s Report (Popowich)) JJ doing a treasurer’s report see online. \$30,000 left in change; DONE corrected the tree trimming error for another NC. See website for details. The same problem is occurring with the scanner vendor. Invoice made out to the wrong place and invoice sent to the wrong address. Demand Warrants must be in by the end of the month. Itemized deductions are available . Paying for the election, the REB committee for paying for elections; We decided to do two mailers and one is call for elections and the other is for specific candidates. JJ wants to encumber monies with an agenda item. Also add an agenda item to speak on VV support. JJ felt we could take \$250 from misc to use for Children’s March and have enough for the elections. Then we are left with \$1,000 for misc . moved by JJ to approve, seconded by Eric, approved unanimously. **WNC-2012-041012-03**

- 19. By-Law Review Committee: (Lace)** Eric found the by laws were coming along and Gracie was fine with them as they are written. No major changes intended. Tess felt WNC is tiny by strong (Like herself).
- 20. City Mayor's Budget Advocate Report: (Hilliard)** Bill says that they have been sending out the white paper budget recommendations. The Mayors budget comes out April 20th.
- 21. LADWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Committee and LADWP Committee (Ross-Blumer)** Report is from an email DWP is hiking our water and power greatly. We have a contract with Navajo and coal. Natural gas is the change and the plants are getting retrofitted. Natural gas is imported mostly a stakeholder noted felt it was from Sudan. Will be a doubling or rates over the next ten years. Rate payer advocate is installed. Was a big discussion on Owen's Valley as the DWP owns 400 sq miles!
- 22. Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)**
- 23. Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson)** Marilyn took a bad spill and is in a therapy place, doesn't know when returning. ☹
- 24. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich)**
- 25. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian)**
- 26. Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace)** had a meeting see above.
- 27. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)** Meet this Thursday.
- 28. Good of the Order Daily News** needs to have correct address. Erick Lim is no longer with us. He has officially resigned. Thank you Eric! Eric felt he helped with our work. Erick asked the local schools to offer up a student; perhaps a junior to participate with our group. Erick contacts the leadership consideration of a youth rep. Put on as an the agenda item that we consider possible resumes. There are 5 large high schools in the area from which we can pull student representatives.
- 29. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:**
- **Public Safety Committee.**
 - **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
 - **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
 - **PLUM**
- 30. 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.

