



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14th, 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	cncl	X	X	XL				
Erick Lace	x	x	X	X	cncl	X	X	x				
Greg Sullivan	x	x	X	X	cncl	X	X	x				
JJ Popowich	x	x	X	X	cncl	X	X	x				
Marilyn Robinson	x	x	X	A	cncl	X	X	x				
Natasha Somerville	x	x	AE	xL	cncl	X	XL	XL				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	XL	x	X	XL	cncl	X	X	x				
Tom Sattler	x	x	X	X	cncl	X	AE	x				
William Hilliard	x	x	XL	XL	cncl	A	XL	X				
Doug Schmidt	x	x	X	A	cncl	X	A	x				
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x	x	X	X	cncl	AE	X	xL				
David Uebersax	/	/	/	/	/	/	XL	x				
Sarah Andrade	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	AE				
MaryEllen Moreno	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	x				
Total	10	12	9	9	No meeting	9	13	13				
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 July: Marilyn moves to accept, seconded by Eric Lewis. David can't agree with item in 4th paragraph, wherein David noted that the bridge had the law on the side of the traffic. Approved by consensus.
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4. Our WNC election will take place on Sat., Sept. 29, 2012.

WNC Election Updates: Information and comments from the WNC Elections Committee and/or Alisa Smith, the Independent Election Administrator for Region 3, the Southwest Valley. The WNC will be a part of the Region 3 NC Elections, to be held Sat., Sept 29 from 2 - 8 PM at the Canoga Park Bowl/Winnetka Convention Center. Candidate and volunteer resources and additional details are available at winnetkanc.com and empowerla.org. Contact Alisa at alisa@empowerla.org.

Alisa came to speak re election. Two things on the Agenda and hopes we participate at the Canoga Park Art Walk; Team Winnetka loaned the pop-up tent; will be in Canoga Park on Owensmouth above Sherman Way. Music and closed street fair, Kevin Taylor will be there with the Valley Artists collective. Please come this Thursday from 6-10 PM for a nice summer evening. Eric sent out an email to all. Most people are walking from the Neighborhood National Day out and more applicants were had for NC's elections. Bill asked about groups such as the Neighborhood Watch as a source of members. It's important to get the NC election mailer cards out this week.

A candidate for the WNC board, Maria T Young, introduced herself. She has also volunteered for AYSO for two years and had worked for the census. JJ also worked on the census and he found it was good. Census was on paper in old days. For the election, The Daily News advertisement was done and well received; and there was a flap around a cover item. The article has got a lot of responses. There were responses from DONE's hotline, too. There will be a future article in the daily news. "Mandate" was to get two candidates to run per seat. Can shoot Alyssa an email and she can help with application to do an online application. Need ID, candidate statement 150 words, cut and pasted and a photo. Many wait to the last minute, which is not so easy for Alisa to help you or to process. Go work online and see what other people say. Mary Ellen applied recently and she had problems; Alisa didn't even get the info. Alisa can assist. PDF can also be mailed or faxed. No write in candidates. 15 days left! Will also be a candidate rally next week in Reseda, where we are all welcomed. We will have a candidate forum and this will be in agenda for the September meeting. JJ will be absent, he notes. All candidates should be prepared to speak at the forum.

Anyone can also get info about the board and the bylaws which we voted upon see WNC web site. September 29th. Elections for Region 1 were had on August 4th, which also included Sun Valley. Had a volunteer team from North Hollywood East NC so had a deal to swap volunteers crews. Alisa encourages us to see which NC we can partner with in order to have poll workers. Need two hours shifts to volunteer as in other Neighborhood Council. W She wants to catch people as they come out of voting in order to get people involved. Bill asked about a candidate's corral, which must be 100 feet away from polls. In the past, you can't campaign with-in the polling gates on the side walk. We are working on a side walk coral issue. This conversation will be offline to hammer out details. Signage will note, "No electioneering". And can also put an application to volunteer. Eric proposes to talk to Canoga Bowl owner, Gene, to put up pop-up tents and such for the corral. The money used last year can be used this year, if I understood correctly. Swept money from last year could be use for the election. Eric will call Academy regarding grammar details on the postcard. Mary Ellen will review the Spanish as she has language skills.

5. 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.

Scott Silverstein, of The Woodland Hills Warner Center NC spoke to Eric regarding election outreach; he is a candidate for the CD3 Zine's district; Mr. Silverstein is 9 years on NC chair, since last year and worked on the Warner Center specific plan and is also a commercial real estate broker. Need the government to do something; county getting destroyed by taxation. Wants to help the less served. Member of AYSO soccer. Wanted the gross receipts tax and even if you have no income and operate at a loss and you still have to pay taxes; felt this was wrong. We'd rather just reduce the tax. DOT sped up the streets and he feels it's getting even worse. Several ask

about the stops signs and speed bumps. Here he wants to be on the CD to get some action on things such as these noted.

6. 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.

Erik Rodriguez, from Bob Blumenfield's, State Assemblyman's representative noted they helped to "Salute The Kids" preventing the kids from getting into gangs and are providing some money. Assemblyman Blumenfield went out of the way to help at the "Back to School Resources Fair". WNC was presented with a certificate of appreciation as well. In August, AM Blumenfield noted that he would sponsor the Safety Fair that he would advertise in his newsletter. He can attend Oct 6th Meeting and he will swear in the elected candidates will be at WNC to give a 5 min talk.

Stakeholder, Joe Bancheek, noted that the cable lines are too low in the alley behind his house and the trash trucks are knocking down the wires with the cans. Joe hopes to get AT&T out to look at the situation and the sanitation dept, as well. It is a vicious circle; Erik will pass Joe's photo on to Senator Alex Padilla, who will get some action. Erick said we used to have a public works and transportation committee; JJ asks whether we should combine PLUM; Public Works and Transportation as this is possible combination. Erick and JJ suggest that this trash and cable issue go to PLUM. Eric says the issues are on the committee sort of...David is considering safety, but may go with PLUM for his committee work.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the PLUM Committee review of the parking restrictions that the LA DOT recently placed on Winnetka Ave. and the creation of rush-hour traffic lanes, instead of bike lanes, and the safety hazard they present to a street that is heavily trafficked by bicycles travelling to and from Pierce College. (Popowich and Sullivan)

<<This is a memo dealing with parking restrictions, bike lanes and bathrooms which the secretary wrote after discussing with Octaviano; there may be errors, but it is an attempt to describe the situation:

In an attempt to respond to the problem of the Winnetka Bridge parking and bike lane realignment problems, Octaviano Rios (OR) spoke to one of the Metro grant writers for the DOT Winnetka bridge improvement funds. The fellow is not on this project anymore, but he reminded Octaviano that the parking restrictions were to be in effect or the grant might not be accepted. Octaviano recalled that he fought (**the grant writer worked toward getting less parking restrictions approved, what we see now, rather than complete all-day parking restrictions as the grant requested**) Metro for no restrictions, but that the Metro grant-makers wanted full access all day long M-F (or Monday through Sunday). Metro's purpose was to increase capacity. The resulting restrictions were a compromise for a grant win in the millions, which at the economic time, seemed to need fast tracking. Note that there were many complaints about the length of time the upgrade took as well. Focus was on cars, buses and not bikes. (OR felt the WNC should check the minutes as he felt pretty certain that city staff presented project details more than once to the board)

With whom, at the DOT, was the Metro Grant writer negotiating? (**This is a question for them, but not uncommon for grantors and grantees to discuss project details along the way and modify/tweak projects**) This is the person with whom to review the assumptions and basis for the relaxation of the initial strict rules. This review would daylight the issues and would provides clarity that the restrictions are based on fact and not emotion.

If the restrictions along either side of the Orange line and bridge are important, then why are there no restrictions, as such, along the southbound lane just before the West bound 101? (**OR was told that restrictions there were on the table, but later reduced**).>>

JJ noted in his memo where he wrote up and outlined of the issues. JJ was trying to express that there is a law that the city can enforce to restrict parking as an anti gridlock parking zone. What criteria were used to restrict the number of cars to make a determination of restrictions? JJ responded to Bill asking about whether the federal law was a model for the law. The program was Federal Highway law based on the DOT law. The law and criteria are not transparent.

Resolution to write a letter to elected representatives asking for clarity on this issue. See JJ letters and notes on website; Mary Ellen seconds. Eric asks whether we also include Padilla and Blumenfield in the letter, etc.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis	x			
Erick Lace	x			
Greg Sullivan	x			
JJ Popowich	x			
Marilyn Robinson	x			
Natasha Somerville				
Tess Reyes-Dunn				x
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard	x			
Doug Schmidt	x			
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
David Uebersax	x			
Sarah Andrade				x
Mary Ellen Moreno	x			
Student Vacant				
Total	11			

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Also Octaviano Rios said that if people got parking tickets, the tickets could be reviewed. Olympic and Pico had the same problem. The city council member helped there. CM Zine didn't get involved here yet.

David notes JJ's is a great report. The bike lanes can WNC go and get some relief on the lane. Joe notes that up the street there is parking and bikes and at the bridge.

Agendize the two separate items; bathrooms and the bicycle lanes on Winnetka. Eric wants to consider in PLUM, JJ and Bettie are fine with this. David was reading about a city council, which held back the Metro from putting things into action as it would help ruin the neighborhood.

8. Discussion and possible action on appointing David Uebersax to be an alternative to Bettie Ross-Blumer as LADWP representative. (Ross-Blumer)

It was moved by JJ to appoint David Uebersax as alternative LADWP representative , Greg seconds. David goes to the meeting that follows her DWP meeting and can assist. Vote by consensus approved unanimously. Send these minutes to Eric Lewis that David was appointed. **WNC-2012-081412-04**

9. Discussion and possible action to rename the Public Safety Committee to the Public Safety & Welfare Committee. This change is intended to include animal welfare within the scope of this committee as well as safety for humans. (Lewis) tabled until next month.

Eric may want to expand committee and eliminate maximum size of committee.

Put in agenda to review Committee system so that there can be a reorganization of committee for best function.

Function of committees is described in bylaws. Each board member must be on a committee as should officers.

10. Discussion and possible action on a motion to consider funding the Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Program at a cost of \$1500. Mr. Paul Darrigo will present information about the program and answer questions. If the WNC chooses to participate, the RACO Program would need to select an interested volunteer to be the WNC Animal Welfare Liaison.(Lewis)

(Lewis) Paul Darrigo is here to speak on issue. Eric feels there is \$1,500 from public safety projects money for community improvement. Paul Derrigo is for the reserve officer training program. Only two officers and have no real coverage. The idea came as he was a special officer helping. The police were waiting for animal control to act, but hasn't yet. Do animal services have an animal reserve program? It's in the charter to have and fund such a position. Paul is still talking with NC's. Watts used to be a big rabbit eating area which is why there are many wild rabbits. Animal control teaches how to spay and neuter; trap and release. Asks for up to \$1,500 to train an officer to assist in training volunteers. LA Animal Services asking if anyone wants to be a reserve officer. After graduate have to commit for one year. Eric notes from a meeting 4 months ago, that Paul got involved with the problem pretty quick. Bill asked, had these contracted that GSP planned central committee; some of these people trained did not follow through. Bill has a hard time following through with this program. Paul wasn't aware of the problem. What happens if they violate the commitment? First group that went through were 11 graduates.

JJ asks about the training; what and when? They train two day a week and one weekend day. They are trained the same day all the general animal control people are trained. Then they go to the police academy and also get a uniform and a gun to use during their job. Eric asked whether if we gave \$ would we have someone focused on our neighborhood? Paul has found \$26,000 so far for this training. Find someone in our area to volunteer and since they know our area can follow through best. Eric notes that what helps the whole city helps us. Paul asks if we got 25 more officers whether that would help; have Reseda helping and will sent a spread sheet of donators. David wants to assist. Mary Ellen asks how they are getting recruits. Doug asks about a snapshot of what they do. Same duties as a regular animal control officers, but are volunteer. SMART, Small Animal Rescue Team. After the first year when commitment is up, they may be done. Natasha asked if they have a report for how many calls and for what categories of services are attended to in the past? the dept data collection system is not well set up; see website:

laanimalservices.com

Could call the local shelter and ask the watch commander for statistics. The shelter can get rid of animals after a specified time, but some breeds are put down quicker, if they are aggressive. Often there is a two or three day period.

Doug asks if there is some rehab effort taken with this program; Paul noted that rehab is not the scope of this program.

There are lessons that Animal Control give people which will help with training

Caesar Milan, the Dog Whisperer, trained Paul more than the dogs it seemed. If the NC has a liaison and people and kids can be taught. At a public safety events. JJ asks, about the \$1,500; when does the money get transferred to the city dedicated fund? Is there a critical mass point when this money gets used and kicks in? Brenda Barnett is the General Manager, and Paul is a 'thorn in her side' to get this done. The City issues 11 graduated, 5 council members, including Paul Koretz ask why did this not happen sooner. Paul Derrigo of RACO is pushing hard to keep going. Have pushed and how have \$26,000 for this funding. Got a letter in the mail for accounting for this money and the general manager is now putting out call for volunteers. JJ asks about whether our NC could ask this General Manager Barnett to appear at the meeting. The running of the shelter in Agoura let the volunteer's lapse and now they have another manager who is interesting to revitalize the program.

This is a volunteer group. JJ said the purpose of the NC is not to be a money giver, but NC is best if focused on being a city watch dog for city follow up. Demand that the city people downtown do their jobs is our best possible course. We should send an invite. The NC are to demand that the city provide services as mandated by the charter.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis	x			
Erick Lace	x			

Greg Sullivan	x			
JJ Popowich	x			
Marilyn Robinson	x			
Natasha Somerville	x			
Tess Reyes-Dunn				x
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard		x		
Doug Schmidt	x			
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
David Uebersax	x			
Sarah Andrade				x
Mary Ellen Moreno	x			
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Total	11			

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JJ moves to approve \$1,500 for the funding of the RACO with the stipulation that the WNC require a representative of the Animal Services Department to report to the Board within 6 months on the status of this project and animal issues. David seconds; approved.

Eric asks if there is an interested party to be the liaison. Erick asks if we are interested in letting involved with this topic. David and JJ note its nice to have a liaison and but can have a permanent agenda item to be reviewed as needed once a month. to follow up if there is something to report.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer’s Report)** Report will be on website. JJ stated \$36,549.22. See online report on website; Greg asks whether the reports are put online so that the record is clear. Eric moves to accept, Marilyn seconds; approved by acclamation. **WNC-2012-081412-06**
2. **City Mayor’s Budget Advocate Report: (Hilliard)**
3. **LADWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Committee and LADWP Committee (Ross-Blumer)**
David attended and listened to Dr Pickell. He went through a presentation and has copy of power point. The rate increase was held off until the RPA was installed and did an analysis. The idea was to have enough time to get enough info from previous reviews. There will be an opportunity to see his analysis. And he went through his process. Looking at August and September before things get started, trying to be more agile. Dr pickell is involved and will have time to review before he goes to city council
4. **Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)**
5. **Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson)** Have a huge outreach plan and Erick is glad to have an enlarged plan. Time to review with the principals the books and dictionaries and soon to donate. Lawn signs postcards are developed.
6. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich)**
The property on Roscoe, near Lurline Ave and Irondale Ave at the church. The developer has made changes to comply with WNC PLUM recommendations. JJ’s memo has some errors, not noted here. Wanted these neighborhoods protected so setbacks and things were made. Accesses to 96 units are only off of Roscoe; wanted no impact to Cantara, which is south of the project. They spoke to the fire department, who agree not to have access at Cantara... The first Phase will be the condos. Limit the parking only to garage. Traffic concern, but will have a turn around. Will be a limit on rentals for using guidelines for fanny and friends. Gated. No section 8 housing. Agreed to a request that residents will no parking restrictions on street cleaning day. Will have open space. There is a giant oak tree which will be saved as well as a little one. The over height wall is added for the homes on the

west side. After they heard the presentation, the neighbors were more accepting. JJ made a motion to accept the Plum Recommendation, Bill seconds. JJ will fix report errors. Who will maintain the oak tree? There will be a landscape plan and have an oak tree report. This is a park like place. Bill says no section 8 housing. Mr Chuck Francoeur spoke on the building. There is very good up to date green building code. On Lanark, Doug asks about the Lanark homes access to the SFR.

Wants to get funding and begin in early October so first quarter of next year to start. Project is so large; he can stage the project on premises. All will be ADA. And there is gated security. Start demo when they secure the debt. JJ asked about whether there was funding and debt via Calpers and pension funding... apparently no, this secretary understood. Capital was hard to get and now the banks are starting to look for places to use their money in spec building. David asked about the main entry which is 40 or so feet back from the street. Doug asks about the sales range; 'market value'. Low two's for the two bedroom unit's, maybe to start 3 bedroom mid to high twos. RD3 zone 23 units \$359,000 now only 5 left of 23. Now 379,000 price appreciation, homes along the Lanark was in 500,000.

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Natasha Somerville	x			
Tess Reyes-Dunn				x
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard	x			
Doug Schmidt	x			
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
David Uebersax	x			
Sarah Andrade				x
Mary Ellen Moreno	x			
Student Vacant				
Total	12			

WNC-2012-081412-03 Letter to be sent to Planning and will sent to Councilman Zines office.

7. **Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Vacant)**
8. **Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace)**
9. **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)** Eric couldn't make as an emergency meeting.
10. **Good of the Order** David's wife was kayaking down the LA River. Is promoting the nice landscape and the areas now in the Winnetka areas etc. The other side of the coin and a possible problem is security.
Eric notes that Monday the 20th is a meet and greet. Sept 8th is a "Salute to Kids" from 10 to 3PM need volunteers to run the booth. Sept 22nd NC congress all are invited. Come and see. Eric, Marilyn and Natasha thank the outreach for being helpful and the afternoon out while Eric was away. Please get your applications in!
11. **Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:**
 - **Public Safety Committee.**
 - **Outreach & Youth Committee.**

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
- **PLUM**

12. 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.