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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, 6:30 PM

Valley Village, 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 a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following locations: **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Blvd., **Gil's Barber Shop**, 20433 Sherman Way, **Winnetka Recreation Center**, 8401 Winnetka Ave.

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1. Meet & Greet and Refreshments. [10 min] # of Guests 27

2. Convene Meeting, Board Member Roll-Call & Introductions [3 min]

Board Member Name	Jan-14	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-8	May-13	Jun-10	Jul-8	Aug-12	Sep-9	Oct-7	Nov-11	Dec-9
Marilyn Robinson	A	X	x									
Erick Lace	X	X	x									
Eric Lewis	x	X	X									
JJ Popowich	x	ae	x									
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X	x									
William "Lance" Hilliard	X	X	xLE8:30									
David Uebersax	x	X	x									
MaryEllen Moreno	X	Ae	x									
Bettie Ross-Blumer	AE	X	x									
Trevor Owen	X	X	x									
Greg Sullivan	X	X	x									
Steven Fuhrman	X	X	x									
Victor Lerma	X	X	AE									
Tom Sattler	AE	X	x									
Madison Lamoreaux, student	X	X	x									
Total	12	13	14									

3. Explanation of Meeting Rules [1 min]

4. **Government Representative Updates:** The latest information from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilman (CM BB) Bob Blumenfield, Congressman (CMN BS) Brad Sherman, State Senator Fran Pavley, (ASM MD) State Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE /EmpowerLA), and/or any other local, state, or federal agencies that may be able to attend. [10 min/30 min total]

Jenny Portillo spoke for CM BB and is excited about the bridge, which is soon to open. The River Project, of planting along the storm channel, may open in April. Loan an F150 truck for CM BB deputies, from the Department of Sanitation, has been very helpful. There have been a lot of calls about Runnymede Park; which is not in the best conditions with thugs breaking windows and such. Want to field questions and solve problems about this park? Homeless problems and the homeless don't want to be bothered.

Jenny answered a question re a tree removal and said that there is no budget for trimming trees. Only 7 people to trim any trees; there is next to NO money for this type of thing. Sidewalks are also bad. Jenny will address the problem of bathrooms and a restroom with Joe Bancheek.

David notes there is a form to get things done at Bureau of Street Services. David has a list of needed repairs and address' for street issues. The 311 ap is for reporting and can GPS the information.

Christopher Ramsey spoke as the field rep for ASM Matt Debabneh; Said the State Legislature has strict structure to introduce some laws with a short time. Film tax credit co authoring with several members of our committee.

AB 2401 will introduce regulations on payroll companies due to LA Payroll CEO absconding with funds. The bill will introduce some new bonding for payroll companies.

Another AB2431 re animal rights and asks what these labs should be done with the animals. 90% of the labs use beagles; mainly it will be affecting state funded labs; they will be required to attempt to pass the animals on for a non profit to offer our for adoption. Matt will have West Valley Community Meeting on April 11th in the evening and another at the Boys and Girls club April 12th from 2 to 4.

5. **Introduction of WNC Candidates for pending Winnetka Neighborhood Council Elections.**

Candidates are invited to give a 2 minute introduction and candidate statement.

As of this meeting, we are **5 days before the election.**

WNC Election, Sunday, March 16, 2014, 11AM-5PM, Winnetka Convention Center, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka:

Updated information from the Citywide Election Administrator, Glenn Bailey, and/or Region 3 Independent Election Administrator Tony Wilkinson, and/or WNC 2014 Election Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Mary Ellen Moreno. [5 min.]

<http://empowerla.org/south-west-valley/>

13 people signed up:

Mark Anthony Capehart

Ran his kids in student council and wanted them to get involved. A father of 4 and its hard to be active without spending a lot of money, Sports expensive and he is from the east coast. Wants to get higher ups and elected off to get kids involved in recreation. Wants to get more activities for those of lower incomes. Can over look this issue, which affects our community. Mind works better with physical exercise.

Eulanda Marie Carter, got in LA traffic and got here anyway, fairly new to Winnetka Area and only here for a few months from Reseda. She was in the Baldwin Hills area. Real estate was tough after the recession. Joined a wonderful church here and is ministering to the incarcerated. "Get in where I fit in."

Tess Reyes-Dunn, was involved with daughter here and always involved with PTA, Canoga Park Womens club. With WNC since inception; Friends of Tasco; very community minded also helps with children's concerts. Some changes Tess doesn't like; nice police are present and help out. Don't be afraid to call police if they are casing the house; wants safety.

Paul Heere, not present.

William 'Lance' Hilliard, Lance been in community 4 years, if I heard correctly, no money in city; 95 Neighborhood Councils. Now a Budget Advocate working on the Mayors Budget. Worked on farms, traveled to Russia, is on budgets and boards. Lance is retired and wants others to get involved and join him. He also coaches.

Kevin Kanooni, not present

Erick Lace thanks all for coming. Run for board again served since founding with several since started to protect themselves from Canoga and Reseda who wanted us as part of their regions. Feels he can speak to city, state and area officials to help protect our area. Wants to keep area safe, chair of the youth committee. Speaks in and is on on three boards of schools and wants to keep active on the local parks dept. Erick wants to get more work here for us and sits on the Chamber of Commerce asks for everyone's vote.

Eric Lewis, been in Winnetka since 2004, from a volunteer family, and in 2009 discovered the WNC. Has gotten to be VP and now president, read a business card which listed the council principles; wants to run based on these principles. Help figure out planning issues, why the red-light system doesn't work. Why federal regulations affect our reservoirs. Please vote for him, Eric asks.

Kathleen Rupp Palaez, LA native born in Hollywood. Dad band teacher and she is a teacher in band. Dad involved with chamber orchestra and angels flight and she follows in his footsteps for volunteerism. Stay at home mom with 2 kids wants to instill local boosterism for our area. NC member will show her children, good things.

John 'JJ' Popowich, part of NC since day one, been on all seats and originally joined the WNC for safety issues. Someone put a gun shot in daughters window and so he got involved with safety issues. First activist board then and now wants to bring a voice to the local people. Wants our voice on what the LA City Council decides. Wants Winnetka to stay safe and prosperous.

Marilyn Robinson, in Winmetka since 1975, joined board after a gun fight in her neighborhood. Now important and wants smoke detectors in all homes; in outreach and safety and wants our vote to come back for another 4 years.

Mr. David Uebersax, is glad to be here he is a new guy and was appointed 2 years ago. Was involved in NC in Silverlake/Los Feliz area before. Gravitated to this NC system. Brings our issues downtown. 10-11 tears ago the succession birthed the NC system. Noted our Mission statement and is on the PLUM committee, which has had some big crowds dealing with new developments; also works with DWP.

Cameron Richter, youth representative not present and is an appointed position.

All seven board members are running with new candidates running too; there are 7 seats open.

There are interesting things going on in our city. Election is this Sunday from 10 AM to 4 pm. VOTE! The hours were posted up to 5 that was an error. Seeking volunteers to help at the elections this 9am until 6pm to help. Sign up on item 33 empowerla.org elections. We are self affirmations. Tony

amplified the requirements for living working, active in PTA for example or worship here for example.

Invite all candidates to sit at table in the front.

COME vote and come assist. Facebook and search has the newsletter on it.

Stakeholder asks how many positions are open. There are 7 "At large" positions.

Tony wants to add is there were 14 or 16 positions; there are so many things to do in this city so consider these candidates. What goes to the board starts in the committees. If there is a candidate that doesn't get a seat you can assist with the committee groups.

- 6. Public Comments:** Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members may not address or discuss these comments other than to direct any necessary matters to the appropriate WNC committee or other government agency. [3 min/20 min total]

Spike Wrad spoke on next door.com. Have 12 neighborhoods in Winnetka; her jobs is to get people onto this system. Verify you live in the neighborhood, but helps you develop trust in who is on the site, anyone want to post an extra bike for sale, lost dog etc. WNC can't peek into neighborhoods, but every time WNC posts you get the post too. Mary Ellen tried to send out a message through next door for WNC, but had trouble. Spike will help her figure out. Try log on to see your parameters and see if you like the neighborhood. One stakeholder notes he has three streets on nextdoor.com in Chatsworth which were willing to get involved.

Walker Foley, a community organizer with Food and Water Watch. Some have seen drilling rigs go up and felt they had illness resulting, felt it causes earthquakes; 10 voted on city council to push ordinance proposal to the attorney to draft an ordinance. Many Walker claims many have come to support the ordinance. Moratorium if not about Hydraulic fracturing this is pump HCL (acid stimulation encouraging more from old wells) with horizontal drilling well encouragement.

Inglewood Wells and Baldwin Hills are also fighting as they feel they are seeing geologic activity. Many areas are investing millions in this technology. Alison Canyon wells are storing natural gas and the acids are just being used to maintain these wells. For the County to get involved, all the cities must get together. County board said you can use prop a lands for drilling.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

7. President's Report (Lewis)

- VANC Mixer, 4/10/14 all are invited now at this date to include the bewly elected.

5-5:30 to 9:30

- Appointment of Bettie Ross-Blumer as the WNC's CD3 Beautification Liaison for Councilmember Blumenfield's new Beautification Action Team.

Eric appoints anew liaison as a part of this new team, a very worth candidate hereby appointed. (Trucks along Sherman way were fixing trucks along Sherman way median) Bettie will be a big point person for these areas of beautification. Eric reviewed the street issues; which Bettie has been assisting to help facilitate.

- The City's Gang Relations Committee also needs a liaison from WNC, if there are any interested board members, let Eric know.

Kevin Taylor is that for Reseda. Jenny notes a gang youth reduction.

- Please contact me if you are a stakeholder that is interested in volunteering on a WNC committee or at any of our future events. Many available committees that can use assistance.

Noted newsletter went out and many in room said they received a copy.

8. Vice-President's Report (Lace)

9. Secretary's Report (Sullivan/Ross-Blumer)

- Discussion and approval of WNC Minutes for February, 2014 [3 min] **WNC-2014-031114-01 Mary moves to approve, Tess seconded. Add in the missing digital tabs that were sub approved WNC-2014-031114-01**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson	x					x
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich			x			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard	x					
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno	x					
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					
Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler	x					
Madison Lamoreaux	x					
Total	13					

10. Treasurer's Report (Popowich/Uebersax)

- We will need to vote in March for April money. A reminder...
- Discussion and possible action of paying for the Storage locker, to pay monthly quarterly or annually. Action **now** is essential to avoid loss of entire contents.
Now in arrears by DONE meddling with past financial convention and resulting in a lack of procedural clarity.
- Motion to approve up to \$100 for snacks and refreshments for the general board meeting in April, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit for this transaction. (Lewis) 2 min. (let's use the \$50 from March in April as there should be lots of people then with possible new board members and the big Williams Homes item again)
- **WNC-2014-031114-04 Erick moves to approve, Marilyn seconds**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x

Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					X	
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno					X	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					
Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						X
Total	9				3	3

- Update, discussion, and action regarding WNC finances. (Popowich) [6 min]

JJ presented a huge paper consuming report to the WNC board due to new reporting requirements required by DONE; which also, included the audit reports. The monthly expenditure reports for storage and pizza report. Supposed to submit a copy of the Minutes for each expenditure item such as February and March vote record as well. We voted on a motion for every item. Now we have to submit a copy of budget submission. JJ wanted to show us. Have \$30,356 currently. Need to talk about Nationwide displays. .

Rally at the lodge nobody got paid.

Martin is the bus benches or the vests.

The Daily News sent to DONE; Glenn had a stern talk with Mr Ruiz. Daily News may not get paid; Submitted for cc extension. Extra Space Storage will charge extra 15% for being late. No contracts have been approved by DONE yet. There is, in addition to the minutes, we need to submit Bank Statements. On the monthly report as our domain name. JJ wants to move from Melburne IT to Web Host for Life.

JJ moves to approve, Trevor seconds the motion. The WNC Board has reviewed the February 2014 monthly expenditure report including the US Bank statement for the month ending February 21, 2014.

“The WNC Board has reviewed the February 2014 Monthly Expenditure Report including the US Bank Statement for the month ending February 21, 2014. The Board recognizes that the charge from MelbourneIT is not authorized and will be disputed with the company. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE.”

WNC-2014-031114-03 all approved by consensus

- Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing any necessary new business cards for new and potential incoming board members and officers from the City of LA. G.S.D. Publishing, at a cost not to exceed \$300. (Lewis) 3 min.
- **WNC-2014-031114-05 Lace moved; Fuhrman seconded. Approved.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno					x	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					
Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						x
Total	9				3	3

- Discussion and possible action to respond to audit findings from the DONE funding team. This will include a review of the audit findings including a discussion about previously unknown requirements from DONE as well as taking action to approve monthly bank statements, and other possible minor discrepancies.

AGENDA ITEM FOR A RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDIS AND WHAT WE WANT TO DO FOR EACH QUARTER 1, 2, 3, 4TH 4 DIF ITEMS

Audit found Meeting minutes should be attached, but no copies of fliers were submitted. In April JJ will come back with his response to the budget audit. Trevor offered to print copies.

JJ wants a better adobe program put under software PDF 995 will help.

AGENDA ITEM for MORE INK AND TO BUY INK FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JJ notes that we need to change business practices here and now. JJ said DONE is actually auditing things for once. Lets not have late actions by turning in paperwork later and fighting with DONE. We will need to have invoices in when we vote on things and don't delay.

- Discussion and possible action to determine what the WNC wants to do with two vendors, Extra Space Storage and Moore Business Results. Recent actions by DONE are indicating we may have problems with continuing to be able to reliably pay the vendors.

Need our stuff out of storage space and if this is costing too much we may run up against this all the time and we may lose our stuff as we did before. Erick wants to add that twice we had to go into the Storage company's office and make nice. JJ recommends that we locate a tough shed at Winnetka Park. AYSO has a storage locker, buy the locker in Long Beach and store at Winnetka and stakeholder suggests we also store our stuff. Outreach can look into this option.

Wendy Moore JJ feels we need to review issues with Wendy \$750- per quarter. DONE has not yet reviewed her contract. No more advance payments. JJ feels they don't want to pay her in advance. Andy Gump for example can't pay them until delivered. Can't pay until banners are put up. Need an invoice. Need to invoice a long time in advance. Check card will need to be submitted, then when they say ok, then they will pay.

11. Parliamentarian's Report (Robinson/Owen)

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following Committees' reports. [2 min or as noted]

12. Outreach & Public Relations Committee Report (Robinson)

- PR Cmte meetings: 4th Thur of each month, 7:30PM, Valley Village.
- Grant writing update Working on the NPGs that are being worked on per WNC budget: Valley Village, Junior Blind Olympics, TRUE Project (LAPD Topanga), Hope Chapel, One Generation Senior Symposium

Erick speaks on these grants in process, none are ready yet. JJ notes this is March and they have to go through these; have to be done for April meeting. JJ asks whether VANCC needs a NPG? Graycie is familiar. Tess asks why One generation hasn't been paid. Marilyn will follow up.

- Discussion and possible action to approve allocating \$500 from the Neighborhood Purposes Grants budget item "School Projects" to help pay for needed items for the upcoming local public school culminations. (Lace) 5 min. TABLED until next month.

Lace felt that we aren't specific enough for these

Elementary and Sutter Middle school. No invoice and no grant yet and so we can't vote yet.

May 15th have to get all funding requests turned in to DONE and be complete.

ABC Plastics asked about payment, they never ran the card. JJ had talked to them twice. They didn't know the order number. The next Federal holiday. JJ suggests we submit as a demand warrant, so don't need to vote on it. Nothing now can be done so we will go with demand warrant or Erick will go in and JJ will handle card over the phone.

13. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich)

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 1st Tue of the month as needed, 6:30PM, Valley Village. Bettie wants to speak on the specific plan. JJ furthers that Winnetka has a General and Specific plan which is from the 1960's and so developers try to change the general plan to work with currently possible options, and some may not. They want to set up the community for the way the neighborhoods want to develop today. JJ couldn't make the PLUM committee due to personal reasons.

David notes he was part of the Hollywood plan and saw there was a lot of density that some did not want. Warner Center's general plan can guide development. Good thing to be involved.

JJ notes a fellow is in urban farming and that we can carve out that method for maintaining option in this plan writing. Northridge can remain horse property, so some can have horses. Specific plans can refer to certain types of architecture. Start on ground floor. Step one is to get educated. Tap into the Warner Center plan. Area of Winnetka has unique architecture and make some areas Historic perhaps. It's a process for us to take greater ownership of our community. Winnetka is pretty collaborative to developers. Stevens Homes wants new developers not to develop walls that turn their back on L.A. Some of the Williams homes neighbors might become liaisons in committees to follow up on these topics. **Eric wants formalize and task the PLUM to get started in the May PLUM meeting.**

14. Public Safety Committee Report (Lerma)

- Safety Cmte meetings: 3rd Tue of each month, 6:30PM, At Valley Village. Victor was ill, wanted to come, but was encouraged to stand down. CERT, if anyone interested to join and help with event now has 7 people involved. To be held at the National Guard Armory for two days. Get it done. Warren Holgren is a certified teacher and will bring and earthquake kits and things to stop the bleeding. Shaving cream can stop bleeding and keeps things clean. Tess found out there are extinguishers have on the house and in kitchen. Shake frequently and lay them on side. Bottom may be caked. Keep moving it around. Marina Del Rey event was pretty large recently. Teaches you triage. To be in April from 8 until 5 in evening, with gourmet dinner at night. Also has Ham radio operation. Marilyn said it was excellent training. Schools have their own training.

15. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Uebersax)

- PWT Cmte meetings: 4th Mon of each month, 7PM, Limerick Ave. Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
- **Discussion of the list being assembled by PWT to incorporate suggestions previously submitted as priority items for street and sidewalk improvements (as part of the Mayor's Pothill Blitz in September, as well as other items that have been brought to the attention of the Board and committee. This is being conformed to the format the form (<http://bss.lacity.org/NeighborhoodCouncils/RequestFormNC.pdf>) posted by the website for Bureau of Street Services (<http://bss.lacity.org/NeighborhoodCouncil.htm>). Following prioritization of items submitted (and any additional suggestions), action will be taken to work with CD3 liaisons and City Staff as appropriate, in order to utilize the funding of \$50,000 provided by previous Councilmember Zine, to be used in the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2014.**

Formalize it at the next meeting. Needs to finalize now, if possible, with a month from now April. Many of these topics David prioritized these things with color codes. Mason had 9 sidewalk issues.

Adds David, "note here, when submitted" listed many projects worked on. Mary Ellen asked whether the tree removal might be included. Steven notes that we are going in grid methods. David notes priority by school and such would encourage.

- Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the committee's ongoing efforts to revitalize the Sherman Way median in Winnetka. (Ross-Blumer) [2 min]
- Spring Clean Winnetka Event of The PWT Cmte is setting goals for an annual event starting in 2014. The target date is Saturday, April 26th (the weekend *after* Passover/Easter and following **Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22nd**!). Venues and target areas: Quimby Park or Orange Line parking lot as focal points for volunteers to meet, organize, and pickup materials. We hope to have Outreach tables at both locations, but towards the end of the event, things will centralize at Quimby Park for a wrap party for celebration and recognitions. Teams: Discuss participation of other committees, neighboring NC's, other organizations, and possible sponsors.

Wants to do an event in Quimby Park to improve and clean up along Mason Ave and Winnetka and focus on cleaning up and these facilities are open and ready for use. **Saturday the 26th** is the current day considered if the trails are opened. Erick wants a tent set up. WILL need April agenda ITEM WITH RECEIPTS FOR VOTING. David has had teams where groups can compete for trash picked up; get service clubs, boy scouts and house of worship, etc.

Quimby Park now has graffiti and the groups who do graffiti cleanup can be there along with any clean up...instruction, etc.

Looking for possible sponsors for food and water; please make suggestions.

- Discussion, and possible action relating to the Committee's Motion regarding the proposal for the State to pursue a \$20-\$50 Billion water project that would include the construction of tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River under the Delta, which could have an impact on costs for water in Southern California, and therefore DWP rates. LA DWP, along with the Metropolitan Water District, (which manages multiple infrastructure resources to provide water to client agencies throughout Southern California) has continued to provide information, including websites and presentations focused on the project; which would seek to secure Water Supply Conveyance systems (as well as flood control protection and storage development), proposing conservation measures such as Habitat and ecosystem restoration as well as Actions to reduce/eliminate stressors:

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Home.aspx>

<http://www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com/go/doc/1643/1802027/Bay-Delta-Conservation-Plan-June-1-NC-Presentation>

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/yourwater/supply/Delta/index.htm>

Additional information has been provided by the organization which first sought to have this issue discussed by WNC, expressing concerns that the conservation aspects were disingenuous, the diversion of water would be primarily benefitting corporate agriculture, fracking interests, and real estate developers at the expense of ratepayers and taxpayers, whereas the environmental goals, conservation, and mitigation of possible earthquake impacts could be achieved with significantly less expense.

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/California/>

<http://www.stopthetunnels.org/>

<http://deltatunnelboondoggle.com/>

Motion Passed by the Public Works and Transportation Committee

“The Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council recommends that the WNC Board oppose the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan to build twin tunnels or any such conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River. The project, estimated to cost up to \$67 billion, is unnecessary and would benefit corporate agriculture at the expense of ratepayers in Los Angeles. We urge you to pass legislation to prohibit the use of ratepayer money to finance this project and to support investment in local water projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply.”

Rates will be passed along as Metro raises their rates. A lot of money will be incurred, if we support these proposals. DWP was asked to attend DWP didn't attend or was un able to do so.

WNC-2014-031114-02 David moved and Mary Ellen seconds, Greg supports the water tunnels. JJ is against the water transportation. JJ feels this will harm agriculture. CA and Florida support .

Bettie notes that two 40 foot tunnels are under the delta. Bettie wants desalination and aquifer recharge. Likes grey water use at home use; washing machine water for yard. Most washing machines have a pump. Tom notes that a second meter can help. Also wants to dredge the silted dams. Steven echos things said and likes desalinization. Feels that water needs to be put into aquifers and reclaiming that water. Desalinization works and is expensive. LA River goes past the reclamation areas. Tess concurs. Has a sister in SM who stores water. David feels there are a few points about DWP and a cost analysis and about what we spend on water. This goes back to the 1980's. Feel we are spending too much money on bond issues people are tired of the bond issues. Felt the plan was a cover for the water grab. Walker notes that many felt that DWP had no additional water that would be brought into our area.

Also, addressed a couple of concerns Conner Everetts and sat on board of directors for the water. Felt the water use in smelt is a PR tool he said. That the smelt are a canary in the coal mine, which are evidence that there is fresh water. Salmon reestablishment, an interest.

WNC-2014-031114-06 approved

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson	x					
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis			x			
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax		x				
Mary Ellen Moreno	x					
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen			x			
Greg Sullivan		x				
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler			x			
Madison Lamoreaux			x			
Total	7	2				

Walker suggests we write the letter which would go to City Council Member Blumenfield. And may be attached to City Council issues

- Discussion about Bicycle Lanes to be considered in Winnetka. Jojo Pewasong has researched examples of Bike Paths, Bike Boulevards, and Bike Lanes, and has evaluated potential streets where

those might be considered, as well as designations of streets where 'Sharrows' could be applied (graphics on the streets similar to crosswalks and lane markings...but with a bicycle silhouette with chevrons, that call attention to potential bike uses on the shared roadways). Tabled

- Update re the Vanowen Bridge just east of Mason.

16. Youth Advocacy Committee Report (Lace) Youth Cmte meetings: 4th Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Valley Village
Looked at Marijuana issue and she voted to support to vote on enforcing marijuana laws, but the city is actively enforcing the pot dispensaries.

ADDITIONAL NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

17. Discussion and possible action on a Specific Plan for Winnetka. What would we and all Winnetka stakeholders like Winnetka to be like in 10 years, in 20 years? Let's get specific and create a plan. Neighboring Woodland Hills and Northridge, to name two, have new Specific Plans.
18. Discussion and update on the current status of Williams homes project on Winnetka. No action planned; will be referred back to PLUM committee in April. At the regularly convened PLUM Cmte. meeting on Tuesday, 3/4/14, there were over 70 stakeholders in attendance in addition to the 5 members of the PLUM Cmte and 2 from Williams Homes. Williams Homes presented their updated plans for the proposed development of 68 detached single-family homes (townhome style) located at 8544-8654 Winnetka Ave. The presentation and discussion between the stakeholders, the Committee members, and the developer lasted over 3 hours. The Committee unanimously passed the following motion:
Motion to support the Williams Homes project at 8544-8654 Winnetka Ave. upon the following stipulations: 1) the development remains within the Low Density Zoning designation of the General Plan, which is up to 7 units per acre (perhaps Low II or whatever the Community Plan allows); and 2) the five homes along Penfield Ave. will not be part of the townhomes but be regular, single-family homes, fee simple, which would create a separate zone, and would create a 6-lot subdivision: the five Penfield Ave. homes, and one larger lot for the remaining detached, single-family townhome-style homes. (Ross-Blumer) [3 min]

Bettie chaired meeting and wrote above summary. The whole idea of the specific plan was brought up by the Williams homes to improve the specific plan and Bettie thanks Joesph Yoon. David Straus lives on Community Street and on board of directors; several issues brought up; 1, what is affordable housing? In real estate 33 years and not connected with Williams homes answered is \$300,000 to \$550,000. (41 currently available; 39 sold in time period) Some said the area has \$900,000 houses. If these aren't sold the tax base is affected. In Winnetka area are homes of \$500,000 and up there is one; sold in price range. Give consideration surrounding Williams homes is church and daycare center. Felt someone will come back and build an apartment there. 2, property owners in area canvassed for their support found 80 people and nobody spoke to 18 people he personally met.

Holly Poer lives directly adjacent to the property private home with livestock as well. Read letter from Williams homes and regards the lives stock. Williams homes would take steps in purchase and sales agreements to waive rights against code compliant animal use requirement. The roosters and residences should be 100 feet away from each. Felt that since she is now 9 feet from the new house, then animal control may simply take her roosters from her home. The zone change may not protect her.

Gail Pearson, works with Fab girls a childrens dance group. Is from Winnetka and will be moving back to Winnetka soon. Felt it's good they are doing this development and that Williams homes will help fund a new dance studio.

John Parker, president of the Winnetka chamber and supports the development. Likes the single family homes and not another assisted living which are going up all over the place. Liked the city to help mitigate the traffic problems. Felt the condos going up around him were not such a problem.

Craig Ruggless felt that there is a municipal code that empowers animal care that you can find online, but is in writing and findable at animal shelters as to how far these animals can be from a neighboring property and this is available and Bettie noted this. The list of animals permitted and their required distances from residences, etc.

Joesph Yoon notes that there are distance requirements and if their homes are there she would have to move, but if she is there first then she can keep her animals when this exemption is put in writing. Joesph also notes that if animals kept, that the zoning people can still complain if someone throws a party.

Item will be continued on April 1st (no really!). Three weeks from tonight. Minutes will be extensive at committee meeting. CM Blumenfield and Williams homes asked for a delay so plans can be furthered for next meeting.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing any necessary new WNC polo shirts for new and potential incoming board members from the board's current clothing vendor at a cost not to exceed \$200, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min. AVO's is the vendo

WNC-2014-031114-07

Lace moved Tess seconded; approved

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno					x	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					
Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						x
Total	9				3	3

20. Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing additional plastic name plate holders for all committees and any necessary new badges for incoming board members from Standard Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$200, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.

WNC-2014-031114-08 Lace moves, seconded by Bettie; Approved.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno					x	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					
Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						x
Total	9				3	3

21. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$150 to Carla's Cafe for the VANC Anniversary Mixer, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.

WNC-2014-031114-09 Lace moves, seconded by Trevor. Approved.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x
Erick Lace	x					
Eric Lewis	x					
JJ Popowich	x					
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x					
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax	x					
Mary Ellen Moreno					x	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x					
Trevor Owen	x					

Greg Sullivan	x					
Steven Fuhrman	x					
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						x
Total	9				3	3

22. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$4969.91 to MP Printing & Mailing for the newsletter, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board, but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min. Already approved, therefore withdrawn
23. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$500 to Daily News for the NC Election ad, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min. Good to go, sayeth Eric.
24. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$14.72 to JJ Popowich for treasury printing costs, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board, but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min. Previously approved
25. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$50 to American Legion Hall in Reseda for the recent Election Rally that was held on 1/17/14, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min. Not needed
26. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for water and food for the election/candidates' tent volunteers on Election Day, 3/16/14, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.
27. Discussion and action to approve payment in full of all monies owed by the WNC to Moore Business Solutions for outreach services, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
28. Discussion and action to approve payment in full of all monies owed by the WNC to Extra Space Storage for the board's storage locker rental, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
29. Discussion and possible action to assign up to two City Hall parking passes for any board members that need to actively use one. (Lewis) 2 min. TABLED

Below is an initial voting format sought by JJ; used when voting on things financial:

WNC-2014-031114-xx AUTHORIZES \$x FOR THE PURCHASE: OF ----STUFF----- FROM WHOM---

-VENDOR-----

MOVED, SECONDED APPROVED

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Marilyn Robinson						x
Erick Lace						
Eric Lewis						
JJ Popowich						
Tess Reyes-Dunn						
'Lance' William Hilliard					x	
David Uebersax						
Mary Ellen Moreno					x	
Bettie Ross-Blumer						
Trevor Owen						
Greg Sullivan						
Steven Fuhrman						
Victor Lerma					x	
Tom Sattler						x
Madison Lamoreaux						x
Total	9				3	3

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports. [2-4 min or as noted]

30. Budget & Finance Committee Report (Uebersax)

31. Executive Committee Report (Lewis) Need to have a combination Finance and Executive meeting

32. Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee Report (Lewis)

- Discussion and possible action regarding the REB Committee's recommendations to revise the WNC Bylaws and Rules, including an update to the committees. TABLED
- Update to the committees, officer positions, attendance rules, and agenda posting locations. (Lewis) 6 min.

33. 2014 N.C. Elections Ad-Hoc Committee (Moreno)

- Congratulations to the WNC! We have 12 candidates running for 7 open seats on the board for the upcoming elections. We also have a candidate for the youth representative position. All 15 candidates (including youth representative) are invited to give a 2 minute introduction and candidate statement tonight.
- We are asking for volunteers to work at our polls on Election Day (March 16). Anyone who is 16 years or older and who is not a candidate is eligible to work. This includes current board members who are not running for office. Please register online at empowerla.org/elections. You may sign up for all or part of the day. The volunteer hours will be from 9 am to 6 pm, which is one

hour before the polls open and two hours after. Our polling place is at Canoga Park Bowl/ Winnetka Convention Center. It is located at the corner of Winnetka and Vanowen.

- Motion to approve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to conduct a new board orientation (an hour and half) to educate and train all new board members. The training will be an hour and a half and will cover the board basics, ie. Brown Act, Funding, PRAs etc. We “wanted” to do this training during the first meeting so all board members will know the rules and go in the right direction. (Lewis)

WNC-2014-031114-10 MOVED LACE to have board orientation above, SECONDED BETTIE APPROVED UNANIMOUS

34. LA DWP Committee Report (Uebersax)

- LADWP Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each odd month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood
- New billing by the DWP: As the DWP is short of meter readers, they have been estimating ratepayers' bills (!). They are hiring new and rehiring some retired readers to correct this situation. If you have issues, please use the DWP online email system. There is a new personal call-back feature when phoning, so you don't have to wait on the phone. There are new billing dates. Meter reading routes recently have been revised and optimized.
- Our Ratepayer Advocate spoke, and said that he has objected to the solar feed-in tariff program since Jan. 2013. We are paying 15-cents while Edison is paying 6.7 cents. Suggests that we speak up to the City Council about this issue. A motion was made and carried by the LANCC attendees that the DWP Committee strongly supports that Ratepayer Advocate's advice regarding the rates of the Fit 100 Program to more accurately reflect market price.
- The Ratepayer Advocate continued about Delta Bay Project (the proposed multi-billion-dollar tunnels in the San Fran. Bay area): This water would not aid Los Angeles in dry years other than to help fill our ample water storage in wet years.
- Drought solutions: We need to look into recycling water (grey water) and into storm water capture.

35. LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Committee Report (Uebersax)

- LADWP MOU Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each even month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Ave.

36. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Report (Uebersax)

- LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10AM, 6501 Fountain Ave.
- Presentation for drought plans for L.A., the recycled water program, by Evelyn Cortez-Davies (LADWP). Our Governor declared a Drought Emergency in Feb. The plan is to 1) maximize conservation, 2) grow recycling, and 3) do storm water capture, and 4) clean up the San. Fern. Vly. groundwater basin.
- DWP has a Ca\$h In Your Lawn program, paying \$2 per square foot of residential turf removed, and \$1 per sq ft of commercial turf removed. Go to www.LADWP.com/CF
- Reminder re your Watering Days for outdoor sprinklers: Street address ending in 1,3,5,7 & 9: Mon., Wed. and Fri. Street address ending in 0,2,4,6 & 8: Tues., Thurs. & Sun. See www.LADWP.com/WaterConservation
- Our Councilmember, Bob Blumenfield spoke on his City-wide broadband/WiFi proposal. It would be a City & private company partnership, and light posts would be used. There will be fiber optics going to the posts, and WiFi emanating from the light posts. The basic signal would be free, and the private company would offer a premium service to whoever chooses to subscribe.

- He spoke about the existing 35 Community Plans need to be reviewed every few years, and now is the time for the current ones. Announced the Dept of City Planning is having 7 Community Planning Forums to give feedback on 3 Citywide Initiatives: Plan Re:Code, Mobility Plan 2035, and Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles. South Valley forum is Sat., April 5th, 9am-Noon, Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys.
- Deputy Major for Budgeting, Rick Cole, gave a talk on Mayor Garcetti's administration structure and goals: 1) Safety; 2) a Prosperous City; 3) a Profitable City; and 4) to Restore City Services. He spoke about the City budget, and explained the meaning of "deficit" (spending more than what one has) and "shortfall" (a projection that one will have less than one will spend). Spoke about how our infrastructure and facilities (streets, sidewalks, public buildings, etc.) are in need of repair or rebuilt. Also spoke about the long-term obligations, like the Fire Dept. pensions. His goal is to maintain 10,000 LAPD, to have no City lay-offs, not to cut City services (pot holes, tree trimming, sidewalk repair), and to balance the budget.

37. Neighborhood Watch Representative Report (Hilliard)

38. Mayor's Budget Representatives' Report (Hilliard & Lerma)

39. Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Report (vacant)

40. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Report (Lewis/Hilliard-alt)

- VANC meetings: 2nd Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1st fl. Conference rm. The next VANC meeting will be on Thursday, Mar 13.
- The Winnetka NC voted in February to request that the mayor fund the operation of video teleconferencing at the Van Nuys City Hall. This item was submitted to the VANC for consideration this month.
- City updates presented: Councilwoman Martinez has presented a motion (CF 11-1017-S1) requiring mandatory workplace, sexual harassment and adult-bullying training for all NCs; DWP representatives presented the proposed projects for the next six years.
- The Dept. of City Planning has setup forums across the city in March and April to gain public feedback. For more info visit these websites: la2b.org, recode.la, healthyplan.la .
- DONE updates presented: The Van Nuys DONE office will be reopening soon, DONE will be arranging for training of board members after the upcoming NC elections
- There is a new group working on a LA Parking Freedom Initiative to sponsor a municipal ballot initiative that will mandate a reorientation of public policy with regards to parking enforcement in LA. Jay Beeber, the Sherman Oaks NC board member that is responsible for having the red-light cameras removed is part of this group.
- The VANC Anniversary Mixer, April 10, 2014, CBS Radford, Studio City. This free event is open for all current and newly elected board members. It is a good opportunity for NC members to meet other Valley NC members as well as various city officials and elected representatives. The Winnetka NC is a sponsor of this event.

41. Good of the Order [2 min] Canoga Park bowl has free concerts

42. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events: [1 min]

43. Adjournment Time: 11:17

44. Attendance

Members of the public may request and receive, without undue delay, copies 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)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at 818-718-0629, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to gsullivan@winnetkanc.com.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (310) 562-3268.

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 to 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 panel's 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's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or 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.



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