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To: Council Members, Public
From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary
Date: May 14, 2004
Subject: Meeting Minutes for 05/11/04

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM, with Jacque Lamishaw acting as chair.**
- 3. Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance.

Jacque Lamishaw	Ken Molock	JJ Popowich	Armineh Chelebian
Dwight Burgess	Wayne Schulte	Chris Jurgenson	Bob Basch
Ralph Cherry	Cynthia Conover	Roland Gilbert	
Marilyn Robinson – Excused Absence			

4. Review and Approval of Minutes for 04/13/04:

- 4.1. Ms. Chelebian requested that a correction (previously sent to the Secretary) be made to the order of events that surrounded the nomination and election of the additional Board members. Ms. Chelebian pointed out that the previous minutes stated that Mr. Cherry was nominated and voted on and then Mr. Rosenberg was nominated. The correction was to show that Mr. Cherry and Mr. Rosenberg were nominated before the vote was held.
- 4.2. Ms. Lamishaw disagreed and said she believed the minutes were correct as written. She also asked the Board if anyone remembered nominating Mr. Rosenberg.
- 4.3. Mr. Basch stated he believed the Mr. Rosenberg was self nominated.
- 4.4. Ms. Chelebian explained her version again including the events that ensued regarding the disagreement on whether Mr. Rosenberg could be voted on and Mr. Durazo's

comments. She continued to state why she felt we couldn't take the vote at the time and wants the minutes to reflect that both were immediate candidates.

- 4.5. Mr. Popowich asked if he could get a show of hands on the order of the events so he could correct the minutes to meet the Board's opinion.
- 4.6. Ms. Lamishaw stated it was a moot point because we are in the process of revising the By-Laws.
- 4.7. Ms. Chelebian stated this is an important point and wanted to correct it.
- 4.8. Ms. Lamishaw asked if anyone else agrees with the revised minutes. No one stepped forward. Ms. Lamishaw advised the secretary to revise the minutes per Ms. Chelebian's request.

5. Councilman Zine's presentation of \$20,000 funding check to the WNC.

- 5.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced Councilman Zine.
- 5.2. Councilman Zine thanked the Council. He stated he had a presentation to make. Here is a summation of what he had to say:

His office supports the Councils in his district and is here to assist them. He introduced Marisol Espinoza and Marianne King as deputies that are in constant contact and work with the Councils to serve the community.

He also stated that he was instrumental in getting the neighborhood council system going and has been a supporter of the WNC since it started its formation process. He went on to say that anytime someone wants to do something in his district he always makes sure that the councils have considered the matter first. All developments must go through the Council before coming to him so that he is aware of the community's views.

He referred to the recent Winnetka vs. LAUSD school issue and said that it was a good example of how he listens to the community and will speak out and work for what the community wants. In short he is here to assist the community.

- 5.3. Councilman Zine then presented a certificate of congratulations to each of the Board member present. Thanking each for stepping up and serving their community.
- 5.4. Councilman Zine then took time to let everyone know that he listened to his constituents and voted no on the recent DWP rate hike request. He also announced that the motion for an 11% rate hike approval did pass. He explained that he felt the DWP and the city should look at why there is a transfer from the DWP to the city general fund in roughly the same amount as the 11% increase.
- 5.5. A stakeholder asked why the DWP was not audited and why the DWP salaries are not lowered since they are higher than the other city agencies.

5.5.1. Councilman Zine responded by explaining why they were higher in his opinion.

5.5.2. He also explained that he felt the DWP needed to justify the rate hike first. He understands that infrastructure work needs to be completed but that the DWP needed to first justify the increase in relation to that work and other needs. In his mind they didn't do that.

5.5.3. He also suggested that stakeholders look into a separate device (a second water meter) that measures how much water is used for irrigation purposes (lawn care) vs. household use. This device can save homeowners money on their sewage charges (a part of their water bill) because it shows that not all water used is discharged into the sewer system. In effect it deducts the lawn care water from the household water for sewage billing.

5.6. Councilman Zine then presented a \$20,000.00 check to the WNC. He announced that this check is provided for the WNC to make improvements to the community and not for use as operational expenses which he reminded everyone is funded by the City through D.O.N.E. Councilman Zine explained that the funds for this check are the result of the street furniture generated funds and that he promised these funds would go back into the community as he's doing today. He explained that these funds are generated from contracts like the Viacom bus benches which are on tonight's agenda.

Councilman Zine also announced that his district has 6 elected neighborhood councils. He encouraged everyone to stay involved through the next elections. He said he understands it's tough as it's all volunteer work. However he said that the Board can not do it alone.

He closed by reminding everyone that we have made a lot of progress in the west valley. He referred to the two new police states and the new libraries which are coming on line shortly.

6. Per the W.N.C. By-Laws Article 7 B. 1. a coin toss was performed between Ms. Chelebian and Mr. Burgess who tied for 4th place at the February 24, 2004 election in order to determine which shall serve a two-year term and which shall serve a one-year term.

6.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained why the coin toss was being conducted.

6.2. Councilman Zine agreed to do us the honor of tossing the coin.

6.3. Mr. Burgess announced he would accept the one year without a toss.

6.4. Ms. Lamishaw thanked him but stated that we would have to adhere to the By-Laws and perform the toss.

6.5. Ms. Chelebian was given the option to choose head or tails and chose tails.

6.6. Councilman Zine performed the coin toss and Ms. Chelebian won. She will serve the full two year term while Mr. Burgess will serve the one year term.

Before Councilman Zine departed a stakeholder asked if the LAPD will ever do more bike patrols. He referred to an increase in homelessness and the issues it's causing.

Councilman Zine agreed with the stakeholder that transients need to be eradicated from an area quickly. He said that the LAPD is doing its best with the resources it has. He suggested that anyone with this type of problem contact their Senior Lead Officer who will work with them to address the issue. He said that the SLO can be contacted either directly or through 311 the city's information line. He concluded by stating that the issue needs to be acted upon quickly before they become entrenched in the area.

7. Report by the Grievance Committee and discussion and possible action on the committee's recommendations.

7.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced this committee's report was postponed due to scheduling conflicts that prevented the volunteers from meeting. It would be rescheduled.

8. Discussion of and possible action on a motion (Lamishaw-Basch) to amend the WNC By-Laws to include the following language under Article 6, Composition of the Board of Directors:

"If within 90 days after the "Election Day", and after the Directors have exerted their best efforts, representatives from the Neighborhood Watch organizations in Winnetka cannot be appointed due to lack of nominees, those chairs shall be deemed to be 'at large' and open to any stakeholder desiring to be nominated."

8.1. Motion was introduced by Ms. Lamishaw who advised it was meant to address the Board's inability to find enough Neighborhood Watch (NW) members to volunteer to be on the Board. The By-Laws were written with specific group representation to ensure they were inclusionary. However it has been hard to interest the smaller NW groups some of which meet on the same night as we do. She pointed out how we are inclusionary by pointing out the ethnic and religious diversity of the Board. She concluded by opening it to the stakeholders for comments.

8.2. A stakeholder commented that the Board needed a Latino representative.

8.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that a few have recently stepped forward an indicated interest. They would be considered once the proposed motion was approved.

8.3. Mr. Durazo, our D.O.N.E. representative, announced that the By-Law changes would have to be approved by D.O.N.E. and that some of the wording may change as a result.

8.4. Ms. Chelebian was recognized and asked if we were going to have another time period for this resolution. She referred to the 90 days in the By-Laws. She suggested we have 120 days to fill these positions.

8.4.1. Ms. Lamishaw answered we would keep the position open as long as it took us to find a candidate to fill the position. She went on to say that we can't put a time limit on the vote because we would need a candidate before we voted.

8.4.2. Mr. Schulte agreed with Ms. Lamishaw that we needed to find the people who are willing to serve. He went on to say we want interested people and we can't force people to step forward.

8.4.3. Ms. Lamishaw announced we have some candidates that have stepped forward and shown an interest in serving the Board:

James Valdez (former candidate – in attendance)

Louis Rosenberg (former candidate – in attendance)

Al Gonzalez who was going to attend tonight will submit his statement to the Secretary

She concluded that with 42% of our population being Latino it would be a black eye on the Board if we didn't have some representation from that community.

8.4.4. Ms. Chelebian commented that every committee has a deadline. She asked how we could leave these seats open? She suggested we might want to increase the number of elected officials. She is concerned about preventing open ended seats that never get filled.

8.4.5. Ms. Lamishaw responded that we can't put a time frame on the motion. We need to find the people first. She continued by saying we have done due diligence and it may still be hard to find the number of people we need. Ms. Lamishaw then opened the public comment period on the item.

8.4.6. A stakeholder asked about contacting local Latino organizations.

8.4.6.1. Ms. Lamishaw said that we had and that some were involved but have not continued to stay involved with the Board.

8.4.7. Mr. Popowich agreed. He also stated we can't limit the time we spend looking for new members. We have to find the people. He also pointed out that he believes the By-Laws state that the appointees are only appointed once and after that all seats are up for election.

8.5. Ms. Lamishaw instructed the Secretary call the roll.

8.6. The Secretary called the roll and the item was passed 11-0.

9. Discussion and possible action on a motion (Lamishaw-Basch) to amend the WNC By-Laws to include the following language under Article 7, Election of the Board Directors:

“If any of the Neighborhood Watch organization chairs are declared ‘at large’ in accordance with Article 6 of the By-Laws, those candidates who are elected shall be appointed to serve for an initial one year term.”

9.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced this item as a companion item to the last resolution.

9.2. Ms. Chelebian asked for clarification on what the NW seats have to do with this motion.

9.3. Ms. Lamishaw clarified that this was needed because it describes how long the appointed members from the previous resolution would serve.

9.4. A stakeholder suggested that we strike the word “initial”.

- 9.4.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Basch if we could do that.
- 9.4.2. Mr. Basch replied that it would only be their first time that this would apply to and after that they would serve a full term.
- 9.4.3. Ms. Lamishaw agreed. She also stated we need to see whether we can have staggered elections based on the date of appointment.
- 9.4.4. Mr. Basch said he believes these seats would be appointed seats.
- 9.5. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote.
- 9.6. The Secretary called for roll and the motion was passed 11-0.
- 9.7. Ms. Lamishaw directed the Secretary and Parliamentarian to submit the motions to D.O.N.E. for review.
- 9.8. Mr. Basch asked for clarification from Mr. Durazo on whether these need to be submitted via email or hard copy.
- 9.9. Mr. Durazo advised that they should be submitted both ways and those they would need to be signed by the President and Vice President of the Board.

10. Discussion of and possible action on the nomination for Treasurer.

- 10.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we had any nominations for Treasurer.
- 10.2. Mr. Popowich asked if anyone was interested in running.
- 10.3. Mr. Gilbert expressed interest but advised he has some travel and business commitments coming up and he's not sure if he will have enough time to commit to this.
- 10.4. Mr. Basch offered to run. He stated he has the time.
- 10.5. Mr. Popowich asked for clarification on who is running.
- 10.6. Ms. Chelebian stated she nominates Mr. Gilbert since he wants to do it.
- 10.7. Mr. Schulte commented that if Mr. Gilbert wants it and Mr. Basch is already serving as Parliamentarian he would go with Mr. Gilbert.
- 10.8. Mr. Basch said he has offered to do it. He is interested.
- 10.9. Mr. Schulte asked Mr. Gilbert if he does want to do it.
- 10.10. Mr. Gilbert stated he does want to, but just isn't sure how much time it will take and he is concerned about anything that comes up while he might be absent.
- 10.11. Ms. Lamishaw stated she thinks it can be done with the time that Mr. Gilbert has available. She did advise that there are some required classes and programs he would have to take and learn.

- 10.12. Mr. Durazo clarified that the position is a bit more involved. He said there are reports which must be filed and that a person does have to be available to sign checks as it takes two signatures, the Treasurer and the President. He also advised that the city may call for audits and they would have to be available for that as well.
- 10.13. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we the Treasurer could have an assistant.
- 10.14. Ms. Conover asked if we can have a Finance Committee.
- 10.15. Mr. Durazo indicated we could have a Finance Committee.
- 10.16. Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Gilbert how long he would be gone at one time.
- 10.16.1. Mr. Gilbert answered 2-3 days generally.
- 10.16.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated we would have to be informed in advance by D.O.N.E of any audits or reports needed so it was possible.
- 10.16.3. Mr. Durazo stated they would usually have 72 hours to a weeks notice.
- 10.17. Ms. Conover asked if we could form a Finance Committee tonight.
- 10.17.1. Ms. Lamishaw said we could not because it was not on the agenda.
- 10.17.2. Mr. Popowich said he will place it on the next agenda.
- 10.17.3. Ms. Lamishaw stated this was a good time to announce that she may call a special meeting before the next regular meeting to form committees since we've waited so long.
- 10.18. A stakeholder asked if we would define the parameters of each committee.
- 10.18.1. Ms. Lamishaw assured everyone we would do that.
- 10.18.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if we could get a longer notice for the Board members for any special meetings.
- 10.18.3. Ms. Lamishaw stated yes. There is a required 24 hour notice for all special meetings. Last time there was a glitch with email and that is why we didn't hold it as a meeting but as a town hall type of format since we had posted it already we had to be there.
- 10.18.4. Ms. Chelebian asked again if we can get more notice then 24 hours.
- 10.18.5. Ms. Lamishaw responded that we will send out a note to the Board asking for a range of dates that work.
- 10.18.6. Mr. Schulte commented that his PC is down due to a virus and requested he be called.

10.18.7. Ms. Lamishaw assured him we would do that.

10.18.8. Mr. Schulte commented that this reminds him of when our country's government was formed 200 years ago. We are doing the same thing he said. We'll have some up and downs but we're doing it.

10.18.9. Ms. Lamishaw expressed we need the difference of opinion on the Board. The worst possible type of Board is one that thinks alike.

10.19. The Secretary conducted a roll call and asked the Board to state the name of the candidate they wish to fill the Treasurer's position. The Board voted and elected Mr. Basch Treasurer 9-2.

11. Discussion and possible action on a motion (Popowich-Lamishaw) to approve the placement of bus benches by Viacom at the locations outlined in their request. (Copies of the original request will be available at the meeting and upon request)

11.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced that we need to act on a this matter which was already heard by the full Board and that we needed to have a resolution to Councilman Zine's office this week since it was going before the City Council.

She described the benches and assured everyone that they were built to discourage homeless people from sleeping on the benches and setting up camp.

She also referred to Councilman Zine's comments earlier that the money from these types of contracts are put directly back into the community through the funding his office provides the WNC.

She opened it to the public for comments.

11.2. A stakeholder asked who maintains these benches.

11.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated that Viacom is responsible for maintenance.

11.2.2. Mr. Popowich agreed and stated that they are responsible for cleaning, emptying trash, and have a strict policy on the types of advertising they will place in these shelters.

11.3. Mr. Molock said he had a request from an elderly lady to support this project. He said she really appreciates the shade and shelter.

11.4. Mr. Basch pointed out that it still has to go through the city committees before they are finally installed.

11.5. A stakeholder asked if these locations are existing shelters or new ones.

11.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated they are existing.

11.5.2. Mr. Basch referred to the pictures for the stakeholder's convenience.

11.5.3. Mr. Popowich clarified they are existing locations.

11.5.4. Mr. Jurgenson asked if the locations near the 7-11 are correct or has it been moved.

11.5.5. Ms. Lamishaw answered they may have moved it over to be in front of the auto repair shop to address concerns over the taco truck that parks there every night as well as to prevent the auto shop from parking cars in need of repair on the streets.

11.6. Ms. Conover stated that half the people she works with say they feel safer and that people generally act better near the bus shelters. She commented they advised her they would even walk farther to use a shelter vs. a non-sheltered bus stop. She feels it improves the area and how people feel about it. It brings order to the area.

11.7. Mr. Schulte commented it was good for children too.

11.8. Ms. Lamishaw called for the vote and asked the Secretary to call roll.

11.9. The Secretary called roll and the resolution was passed 11-0.

12. Discussion and possible action on a hearing notice received of a request by the California Market, 20500 Sherman Way, Winnetka CA 91306, (corner of Sherman Way & Mason Ave) to upgrade their liquor license.

12.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the motion and described the location.

12.2. Mr. Burgess pointed out a typo in the location of the store.

12.3. Mr. Popowich apologized and clarified the location.

12.4. Ms. Lamishaw opened the matter to public discussion.

12.5. A stakeholder asked for clarification on the issue.

12.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw clarified by stating there is a new owner who has had the location for about one year and wants to sell higher end liquor. She went on to say that she has contacted the SLO for the area to find out if there have been any problems with those locations and no complaints have been made.

She went on to say that the only reason a location like this wants a liquor license upgraded is to increase their prices. She said that Albertson's holds a full liquor license and Walgreens does not.

12.6. A stakeholder stated if it's available at Albertson's then why should we have this store as well. The stakeholder was concerned about limited parking in the strip mall. Do we really need one more?

12.6.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded by stating the location is within code and its all short term parking.

12.7. A stakeholder commented that he doesn't usually shop at stores that sell full liquor. However he likes the owners of this location and shops there regularly. They are good owners. Asked if we can table this until they can attend.

12.7.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that we have received short notice on this issue and the hearing date is coming up before our next regular meeting.

12.8. Ms. Chelebian stated that the notice for the hearing shows 5/24/04. She stated she is concerned that there doesn't appear to be any people representing the area near the store. She would like the Board to abstain from voting on this.

12.8.1. Several Board members commented that they live in the area.

12.8.2. Ms. Chelebian reiterated that she would like to postpone any action until the public could be here. We should allow time for the public to hear about and attend our meeting because they may not know about what's going on.

12.8.3. A stakeholder commented maybe we should pass on voting.

12.9. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote on the matter.

12.10. Ms. Chelebian started to object because she wasn't finished.

12.11. Ms. Lamishaw stated the matter has been called and we need to vote on it.

12.12. The Secretary conducted a roll call and the motion to send a letter of support was passed 6-1-4.

12.13. Ms. Lamishaw instructed the Secretary to send the letters.

12.14. Mr. Basch requested that the letter include the vote totals.

13. Discussion and possible action to create a Planning and Land Use Committee and an Outreach Committee.

13.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened the discussion on this and asked if any stakeholders had any comments.

13.1.1. A stakeholder asked what the difference was between planning and finance.

13.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw explained that planning deals with construction and land issues while finance deals with expenditures.

13.2. Mr. Schulte asked if he could chair the land use committee or if that would be a conflict of interest since he was a contractor.

13.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw said she didn't think it would be a conflict as long as he recused himself if anything he was involved with should come before the Board as she did last week with the LAUSD.

13.3. Mr. Schulte asked to be considered for the chair of the Planning Committee.

13.4. Ms. Conover asked if the public can serve on the committees.

13.5. Ms. Lamishaw responded that they could as it was written in the By-Laws.

13.6. Ms. Chelebian asked to confirm if the committees were subject to the 24 hour rule for posting meetings.

13.6.1. Mr. Popowich responded that all meetings are public.

13.6.2. Ms. Lamishaw responded that the meeting posting requirements were 72 hours for committees.

13.6.3. Ms. Chelebian said she thought it was 24.

13.6.4. Mr. Basch responded that it was 72.

13.7. Ms. Lamishaw said she would like to eventually follow the example of the City Council which has 15 committees each chaired by one of the 15 Council members. She referred to a list on the Council's web site. She said it's generally good to have one Board member on each committee.

13.8. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote on the committee formation. The motion was made by Mr. Cherry and seconded by Mr. Schulte.

13.9. The Secretary called roll for the vote and the measure passed 11-0.

14. Motion (Lamishaw-Popowich) to accept and have each member sign the Code of Civility provided by D.O.N.E. Copies of this document will be available at the meeting and can also be viewed www.winnetkaneighborhoodcouncil.org.

14.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained the Code of Civility was provided by D.O.N.E. to help ensure that Council meetings were productive and respectful. She further stated that any changes to the document had to be submitted to D.O.N.E. She then opened the floor for comments.

14.2. A stakeholder asked for clarification on who D.O.N.E. was. Clarification was provided.

14.3. Mr. Popowich stated that the Code is there to show we have respect for each other. He said it stresses team work and that it allows us to agree to disagree. The main issue is that we respect each other.

14.4. Ms. Chelebian asked if we are going to listen to each other as the document states. She then went on to explain that she objects to the time when she was cut off from making her statements earlier tonight. She feels that the same thing happened to her during the last meeting.

14.4.1. Mr. Molock responded that any time a question is called then Roberts Rules says a vote needs to happen without further discussion.

- 14.4.2. Ms. Chelebian expressed that she feels that's not a valid reason. Some issues need further discussion for her to feel comfortable.
- 14.4.3. Ms. Lamishaw said the Chair will now take the floor. She admonished that when an issue is being discussed we need to stay on that matter.
- 14.4.4. Mr. Schulte said that we had just cut off Ms. Lamishaw as well.
- 14.4.5. Mr. Popowich said that he had spent the afternoon watching Congressional committees on MSNBC. During all of those committee meetings each member gets a prescribed time to ask questions. They go around the room one at a time. When their time is up the Chair cuts them off. This way it's organized.
- 14.4.6. Mr. Basch agreed that Mr. Popowich was correct. Each Board member is supposed to get 6 minutes on the first pass and 3 minutes for follow up after everyone has spoken. He went on to say if a member can't do it in that time, then they need to learn to do it. We just need to stick to the rules.
- 14.4.7. A stakeholder said that a motion hasn't been called.
- 14.4.8. Mr. Popowich explained that the motion was made and seconded in the agenda.
- 14.4.9. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote.
- 14.4.10. The Secretary called roll and the measure to sign the Code of Civility was passed 7-0-4.

15. Motion (Popowich-Basch) to send a letter of support to the L.A.U.S.D. for their decision announced at the April 22nd community information meeting to select the Adult Occupational Center on the corner of Winnetka and Victory as the preferred site for the new high school.

- 15.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained that item and opened it up for public comment.
- 15.2. A stakeholder commented that she had worked at Taft for 18 years under the LAUSD. She felt that there was no need for another high school to be built in the area. She referred to a plan the LAUSD had to convert existing elementary schools and build new elementary schools. This was never carried through.

She has major opposition to the project being placed on Winnetka and Victory. She pointed out that this is one of the worst places for accidents and that it is already too congested.

She requested the Board go ahead with the letter only if they outline her objections in the letter. She closed by stating that Taft used to have all the facilities for vocational training but it's all been taken away.
- 15.3. A stakeholder agreed the traffic is very bad. This stakeholder said it takes a half hour to get up the hill to the 101 as it is. With additional traffic it will be even worse.

15.4. A stakeholder commended us for listening and for Mr. Popowich speaking out on behalf of the citizens during the recent hearings. He went on to state that he felt the project's location was ok, but that they definitely need to work with Pierce to share resources. He has spoken to the LAUSD Board member and they are in discussions to do this.

15.5. A stakeholder asked what was going to be done with the adult education center that is there now.

15.5.1. Mr. Basch responded that there is supposedly a shortage of seats and desks and this is why they want a new high school in the area. He also stated there is a limit of one story for elementary schools so they can't be converted. The adult education school would remain and the high school was being built on the same property.

15.6. A stakeholder commented they should build them where they need them. Pointed out that the bond measures were passed and everyone expected the schools to be built on the other side of the hill.

15.7. Mr. Popowich offered his position for offering this motion. He explained that the school board is going to build a school no matter what. He felt he needed to take a stand on where it's going to be placed because we can't stop it, but at least we can say don't take the houses.

Mr. Popowich further stated he was against the LAUSD and thought it needed to be broken up. He was for education, for books, and students. He explained the Daily News ran an article earlier in the week or last week that states we don't need the schools. He also stated he agrees we should look at the language of the letter, and that if they people were really unhappy with the process then the way to change the LAUSD is to find a person who shares their views and elect them to the LAUSD Board.

15.8. Ms. Conover excused her self at this point and said she couldn't vote on this matter since she was part of the LAUSD advisory board.

15.9. Mr. Schulte commented that he supports education. He also supports the vocation training at the adult school. He often patronizes the vocational school and is concerned they will wind up tearing down one school for another. High school is important, but so is vocational training.

15.9.1. Ms. Lamishaw commented that the vocational training was not going to be taken away.

15.9.2. Mr. Schulte said he really wants to see the entire plan to be sure.

15.10. Mr. Jurgenson stated that most people he's spoken to are against another school in the area. He is concerned that we are inviting the LAUSD into the community by agreeing with their choice and this sends the wrong message and will only encourage them further.

15.10.1. Ms. Lamishaw pointed out that it's really located in Woodland Hills and not Winnetka.

15.10.2. A stakeholder asked why we were considering it then.

15.10.3. Ms. Lamishaw responded that it affects Winnetka resident homes.

15.11. Mr. Bach stated he agreed with the stakeholder's comments. They are very valid. The bottom line as realists we need to have a say in this matter. The state will run it the way they see fit. The reason for this are: to thank the LAUSD for not tearing down houses, to let them know it's wrong to take homes by eminent domain, and that this is not a blanket approval. The letter should state that traffic should be addressed because the intersections are a nightmare and the Orange Line is coming through.

15.12. Ms. Chelebian asked who would write the letter.

15.12.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated she would add to the motion that the letter be written by the Secretary and Parliamentarian and then distributed to the Board members for input before being sent.

15.12.2. Mr. Basch stressed that there is a time limit on this letter.

15.12.3. Ms. Chelebian wants everyone to agree on the letter.

15.12.4. Mr. Popowich offered to define points that must be included in the letter within the motion and asked if that would be OK.

15.12.5. Mr. Basch asked how quick we could get everyone to get their input on the letter.

15.13. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote on the item.

15.14. The secretary called roll on the item and the resolution was passed 6-0-3 with two recusals (Ms. Lamishaw and Ms. Conover).

16. State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon's representative, Assemblyman Levine's representative, Mayor Hahn's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, and Councilman Zine's representative.

16.1. Ms. Lamishaw pointed out that due to the hour most of the representatives have left. She introduced the President of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council.

17. Public Comments

17.1. A stakeholder invited the members of the Board to attend the Rotary's meeting and speak to the group. They meet on Thursday afternoons. She also announced that she had brought some information on the Valley Symphony.

17.2. A stakeholder is concerned that this council feels like they need to be a rubber stamp for City hall and the LAUSD. We should state what the public states and should not be afraid to say are against the school. He is concerned that Mr. Popowich feels it was necessary to say we had to approve the location when some disagreed with it.

17.3. A stakeholder commented that it would be a good thing if they negotiated with Pierce College and both helped each other out.

17.4. A stakeholder announced the Canoga Park Chamber of Commerce was holding the Memorial Day Parade again this year.

17.5. Ms. Chelebian asked what about the other candidates that were mentioned earlier.

17.6. Mr. Popowich reminded her that we had to wait for D.O.N.E. to approve the changes to the By-Laws first.

18. Meeting adjourned.