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**From:** J.J. Popowich, Secretary

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**Subject:** Meeting Minutes for 07/13/04

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM, with Jacque Lamishaw acting as chair.**
2. **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
Marilyn Robinson	Cynthia Conover		Roland Gilbert – Excused

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes for 06/08/04 and Special Meeting Minutes for 6/29/04:**

3.1. Deferred until the next meeting to provide everyone enough time to read them over.

4. **State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon’s representative, Assemblyman Levine’s representative, Mayor Hahn’s representative, Councilman Smith’s representative, Councilman Zine’s representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.**

4.1. Marisol Espinoza, from Councilman Zine’s office attended. She announced the new Zine’s Line was available. Announced that Councilman Zine has introduced a Mini-Motorbike motion to the Council. Currently the mini motorbikes are not street legal but the LAPD is reporting an increase in use on city streets and sidewalks. The motion will ask the LAPD to provide a report outlining how these bikes can be regulated.

Ms. Espinoza introduced the issue of Cyber Café's to the WNC. She reported that there are numerous Cyber Café's throughout the city which have had problems recently including three shootings in the last six months. The City Council has passed an ordinance requiring all Cyber Café's to have on-site supervision at all times (which must be 18 or above), security monitors, and a curfew for minors. Minors will not be allowed during school hours or after 10 PM.

She announced a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup on 7/17/04 – 7/18/04 at Pierce College.

The Canoga Park Library is set to open on September 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Councilman Zine has been instrumental in getting this project going and it's a huge benefit to the area.

Ms. Espinoza also announced that there were some changes in Councilman Zine's Valley Office. She will remain a Field Deputy and she will be picking up responsibility for Canoga Park and West Hills Neighborhood Councils in addition to WNC.

- Ms. Lamishaw asked Ms. Espinoza to let Councilman Zine know that we also distribute his Zine Line newsletter to our constituents via email.

- 4.2. Ms. Alycia Seaman, from Assemblyman Lloyd Levine's office attended the meeting. Ms. Seaman updated the Board on the status of Bill 1780 which was written to regulate advertising trailers. The Bill has been dropped due to a recent court case in Santa Barbara in which it was determined that the cities do have the authority to regulate these trailers. Since the courts decided the issue there was no need to pursue the legislation any further. Councilman Zine and Councilman Smith are now working together on an ordinance for the City to state how they will be regulated.

Ms. Seaman announced that the state legislature has passed AB2207 directing the state to set up a Valley Statistical District. This will create funding to gather data on transportation, health services, business, and other items for the greater San Fernando Valley. This data is used by businesses and government organizations to help them make decisions. The bill is awaiting Governor's signature. She has asked anyone interested in supporting this bill to write the Governor: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

She also advised us about ABx416 which is a bill before the Assembly requesting the establishment of a temporary process through which the State Insurance Commissioner could guarantee the benefits of the measures already signed into law actually get passed on to business owners.

- Mr. Popowich asked Ms. Seaman to forward information on this bill to him so he could in turn forward it to our stakeholders.

Ms. Seaman concluded with an update on the Budget process. At the time she stated that there is a lot going on behind the scene and she is hoping for a budget by mid July.

**5. Discussion and possible action on selecting three additional Board members. Under consideration are: Mr. Jim Valdez, Mr. Louis Rosenberg, Mr. Richard Montaine, and Mr. Alan Wolfe.**

- 5.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced that we have three open seats on the Board. She explained that now that DONE has approved our By – Law changes we can proceed with filling the open seats. She announced the candidates:
- Louis Rosenberg (who was not in attendance)
  - James Valdez
  - Richard Montaine
  - Alan Wolfe
  - Herbert Schwartz

Ms. Lamishaw explained that we know several of the candidates who have either submitted a candidate statement in the past or who have attended meetings regularly. She also announced that Mr. Schwartz was a write in candidate since he expressed his interest tonight for the first time. She requested Mr. Popowich to read the candidate statement submitted by Mr. Schwartz.

- 5.1.1. Mr. Popowich read the statement.
- 5.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw asked if any of the Board members had any questions for Mr. Schwartz.
- 5.1.3. Mr. Basch asked if we could give each candidate a minute to address the Board.
- 5.1.4. Ms. Lamishaw agreed to allow them to address the Board.
- 5.1.5. Mr. Schwartz addressed the Board first. He stated that he was a NYC Police Chief for the Tunnel Authority. He also spent 23 years serving in another NY city. He has worked with many youth organizations and would really like to be involved with the Council.
- 5.1.6. Ms. Lamishaw asked if Alan Wolfe submitted anything to the Board.
- 5.1.7. Mr. Popowich advised that he had not received anything other than the request to be considered at the last meeting.
- 5.1.8. Ms. Lamishaw stated he can have one minute.
- 5.1.9. Ms. Chelebian stated that she would like to hear from all the candidates present.
- 5.1.10. Mr. Basch pointed out that we have a limited time so we should limit their comments.
- 5.1.11. Mr. Wolfe introduced himself and explained what he does for a living. He went on to state that he has attended the meetings for over a year. He feels this is a format to hear the concerns of the residents of Winnetka and liaison with the City departments. He will work to create a better Winnetka.
- 5.1.12. Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Montaine to speak.

- 5.1.13. Mr. Montaine introduced himself and what he does for a living. He stated he has been a long time resident of the Valley. He has worked on a few campaigns including one for the 37<sup>TH</sup> District. He concluded by stating he hopes to get our vote.
- 5.1.14. Ms. Lamishaw introduced Mr. Valdez who she said we have known for awhile.
- 5.1.15. Mr. Valdez introduced himself as a life long resident of Winnetka. He said he hopes to be a voice to bring up the problems that he city does not see.
- 5.1.16. Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Wolfe if he would be bringing his child to every meeting.
- 5.1.16.1. Mr. Wolfe responded that he wouldn't be doing it on a regular basis. Maybe once in awhile though.
- 5.1.16.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated it has never been a problem but we would be concerned for her sake as we tend to go long.
- 5.1.17. Ms. Lamishaw went on to stress the time commitment this position takes. She stated that sometimes a council person can have four meetings a month that they need to attend. She stated there is a lot of work that some of us do and sometimes it can be more then four hours a week. She stated that you can't just come to one meeting a month.
- 5.1.18. Ms. Conover asked to be recognized. She asked if anyone was not on email.
- 5.1.18.1. Mr. Schwartz stated that he does not have a computer. He did say he has access on his son's computer but doesn't know how to use it.
- 5.1.18.2. Mr. Molock stated that the City sends a lot of info on issues and classes that Council members should attend. He stressed that it's not just a once a month situation.
- 5.1.18.3. Ms. Lamishaw stated that if you're on three committees then it's 3 times a month.
- 5.1.18.4. Mr. Bach commented that the City is expecting us to provide more and more input and information to the City Council members. We are becoming a real force. He spoke about the Mayor's budget meeting as an example of how we are now asked for real input. He stated he gets emails from all parts of Los Angeles government and City Council members.
- He advised Mr. Schwartz to talk to his son and have his son teach him how to use the computer as it's a necessity due to the time he'll spend reading and responding to emails. He stated it's not mandatory but it will be a deficit to him.
- 5.1.18.5. Mr. Schulte asked if any candidates felt like they wanted to back out in light of what they heard.

5.1.18.6. Mr. Popowich commented that it was a good sign no one ran for the door.

5.1.18.7. Ms. Lamishaw announced we are going to have an official Board ballot. She stated that the ballots would be available to the public to review if they wished. She announced that the actual votes would be secret and that we would ask two stakeholders from those in attendance to read the ballots and they will mark a board with the tally.

5.1.18.8. Mr. Basch reminded everyone that the seats are only to be filled for the remainder of the term, which means they will be up for re consideration in February.

5.1.18.9. Ms. Lamishaw asked everyone to vote and then pass the completed ballots down to Mr. Popowich who will provide them to the stakeholders to count. She went on to ask Ms. Espinoza and Ms. Seaman to count and mark the ballots. She continued to announce that after the agenda items have been discussed we will swear the new members in and they can take a picture.

5.1.18.10. The vote was carried out.

5.1.18.11. Ms. Lamishaw announced that we would continue with the agenda as the votes were counted by Ms. Espinoza and Ms. Seaman. As soon as the votes are tallied then we will stop and announce them.

**6. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Amy Schulenberg, project coordinator for EAD a City program which offers free trees for neighborhood improvement projects. We will be determining whether we want to set up an ad-hoc committee to identify areas and work on planting and installation of these trees.**

6.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced that Ms. Schulenberg had called earlier and could not make it tonight. She stated that Ms. Schulenberg has asked us to create an ad hoc committee to identify streets which are major corridors, where we feel street trees should be planted. She continued by stating the major intersections in our Council boundaries. She said the committee would have to do some outreach and speak to people in the community to get their support and feedback. There would be knocking on doors involved in this process. She asked if anyone wished to make a motion on this.

6.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if this would be part of the Public Works Committee.

6.3. Ms. Lamishaw stated that it wouldn't be part of their work, but instead would be set up as a separate committee.

6.4. Mr. Schulte asked who plants the trees.

6.5. Ms. Lamishaw answered that the trees are planted by the EAD. They will even cut out side walks if necessary and provide information on how to maintain the trees.

6.6. Mr. Schulte stated he believed we would need a consent form from the property owners.

6.7. Ms. Lamishaw agreed and said they would. She then called for a vote.

- 6.8. The Secretary asked for clarification on who made the motion. Ms. Chelebian made the motion and Mr. Jurgenson seconded. The Secretary called the vote. The item was passed 10-0-0.
- 6.9. Ms. Lamishaw asked anyone interested in being a part of this committee to contact Mr. Popowich.
- 6.10. Mr. Schulte asked if this meant anyone at all.
- 6.11. Mr. Basch stated that it would have to be posted if any stakeholder was included.
- 6.12. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we had to discuss this now.
- 6.13. Mr. Basch stated that we didn't have to discuss it; it would just have to be posted.
- 6.14. Ms. Lamishaw agreed.

At this time the Ms. Espinoza and Ms. Seaman announced they were finished tabulating the votes. Ms. Lamishaw asked for the votes to be read. The results were as follows:

Richard Montaine (9)  
James Valdez (7)  
Alan Wolfe (7)  
Herbert Schwartz (5)  
Louis Rosenberg (1)

Ms. Lamishaw announced that the ballots would be available to view and then would be destroyed after this meeting.

Mr. Popowich asked the new members to provide their information to him via email.

Mr. Schulte announced we have a full Board.

Mr. Basch pointed out we still have a youth seat available.

**7. Discussion and possible action on pursuing talks with Rickey Gelb for a meeting space to be located at 20045 Saticoy St., Winnetka. This includes a proposal to have Mr. Schulte sign off on plans to install a new handicap access ramp, JPL Zoning to file the plans for the new ramp, and the Board's volunteering to help construct the ramp in return for a break on the per foot cost of the location.**

- 7.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the office space item. She announced that there was a monkey wrench in the proposal as we have received a Hearing Notice regarding the same property. Sprint PCS is requesting a conditional use permit to place three cell phone towers on the top of the building. She stated that normally this item would be heard by the PLUM Committee and we would request Sprint to make a presentation. However she stated that it could be considered a conflict of interest if we acted on this notice. She stated that we should discuss whether we should take a position tonight.

Ms. Lamishaw described Sprint's proposal. She stated the building has a 5 ft. fence on top of the roof to hide the air conditioning units. The cell towers would be placed behind this fence but would extend an additional 3 feet above the fence line.

She stated if we take no position any stakeholder or Board member could take a personal position and notify the City.

7.2. Mr. Burgess asked for the address.

7.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw provided the address.

7.3. Ms. Chelebian stated we have not made a decision to pursue the agreement. She went on to say that so far we only have your recommendation to pursue.

7.4. Mr. Popowich clarified the agenda item is for a vote to agree to pursue negotiations. HE offered the alternative to let the PLUM Committee hear the proposal for the cell towers and take a straw poll of the stakeholders who attend and then let that be the Boards position.

7.4.1. Mr. Basch stated we could do that.

7.5. Mr. Schulte stated that there is no reason not to vote. He said he would vote for the project since it's a communication tower for our area.

7.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated that there are the condominiums in the area to consider.

7.5.2. A stakeholder commented that no one would see the towers anyway.

7.5.3. Mr. Lamishaw a stakeholder suggested that we should first vote on the agenda item. He went on to say that if we decided to enter into negotiations for a lease then you legally should not take a position.

7.5.3.1. Mr. Basch stated that no position is still a position. He also agreed we should follow the agenda.

7.5.4. Ms. Chelebian stated she would like to vote on the agenda item and then hear the developer.

7.5.4.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked if she heard a motion.

7.5.4.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if we were going to discuss the proposal.

7.5.4.3. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we are going to have a discussion and stated that everyone else is ready. It's your choice.

7.5.4.4. Ms. Chelebian stated that she would like to have a discussion about the item and made a motion to discuss.

7.5.4.5. Mr. Basch said we don't need a motion but we do have to address the item.

7.5.5. Mr. Schulte asked for more details on what is required to do this. He said he would be happy to do whatever he can.

7.5.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated the property needs a handicap ramp in order to make it fit our needs. She stated that Mr. Schulte would be asked to sign off on the plans, her office would file the plans with the City, and the Board would be asked to donate their time to build the ramp. The landowner would pay for all materials. In exchange for our building the ramp we would receive a break on the per foot cost.

7.5.5.1.1. Mr. Schulte asked if he would need to supply a crew.

7.5.5.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated no.

7.5.5.1.3. Ms. Chelebian asked for clarification on what the discussion was about and how this plan was arrived at.

7.5.5.1.3.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained that this was discussed at the location before she arrived and no decision was made. The only thing discussed was that we would provide items to lower the cost of the space.

7.5.5.1.3.2. Ms. Chelebian stated that we should bring this before the Board.

7.5.5.1.3.3. Ms. Lamishaw commented that we are tonight.

7.5.5.1.3.4. Mr. Popowich read the motion on the agenda and advised that this is the proper forum for this discussion and the agenda is to discuss this and make a decision.

7.5.5.2. A stakeholder asked what the cost to them was.

7.5.5.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw explained that we are getting a cost of \$1.00 per foot.

7.5.5.2.2. The stakeholder restated his question.

7.5.5.2.3. Ms. Lamishaw answered that the cost is about half of what everyone else is paying.

7.5.5.2.4. Ms. Basler, a stakeholder, asked what the total cost is expected to be.

7.5.5.2.5. Ms. Lamishaw stated that it would be between \$500-\$1200 dollars depending on the final square footage agreed on.

7.5.5.2.6. The stakeholder asked what this had to do with beautifying Winnetka's neighborhoods.

7.5.5.2.7. Ms. Lamishaw responded that the Council needs a place to meet and conduct business so we can deliver on promises to the stakeholders. She said that Valley Village has been gracious enough to allow us to meet here several times a week for no charge.

7.5.5.2.8. Mr. Jurgenson stated that the Council needs a place for a communications hub, voice mail, email, etc.

7.5.5.2.9. Ms. Lamishaw agreed and added a place to hold meetings.

7.5.5.2.10. Mr. Popowich explained that each Council member is currently using all of their own equipment, tools, and supplies. This includes paper, printers, our own phones and email addresses.

7.5.5.2.11. Ms. Conover pointed out that there are numerous documents that need to be stored for historical purposes. It's a matter of necessity.

7.5.5.2.12. Ms. Lamishaw pointed out we also need a home for the Stars & Stripes with currently rides in her van.

7.5.6. Mr. Schulte asked if a motion was called.

7.5.6.1. Mr. Molock made a motion to approve the WNC to move ahead with negotiations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conover.

7.5.6.2. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote.

7.5.6.3. The Secretary called roll. The motion to engage in negotiations passed 10-0-0.

7.5.7. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we needed to discuss the item regarding the cell towers and hear from the stakeholders.

7.5.7.1. A stakeholder stated it didn't matter as it can't be seen from the street.

7.5.8. Mr. Basch stated that he felt we can not take a position.

7.5.9. Ms. Lamishaw stated that we didn't have enough tie to vote on it and not enough time to act.

7.5.10. Mr. Popowich asked for clarification on whether we were to have a PLUM hearing on this matter or not.

7.5.11. Ms. Lamishaw advised him we would not.

7.5.12. Mr. Popowich confirmed he would send a letter stating we were not taking a position on this item due to a conflict of interest.

## **8. Discussion and possible action on a request to select a WNC representative to serve as a liaison to the Department of Water and Power.**

8.1. Ms. Lamishaw announced next item was up for discussion. She explained the agenda item.

8.1.1. Ms. Conover asked for confirmation on where the meetings would take place.

8.1.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated that the meetings would be held downtown at 101 Hope St. She went on to say the meetings can be called at any time of the day. She stated that we have two people which would be attending the next meeting on Saturday. She also announced that Mr. Lamishaw has expressed an interest in volunteering for this position.

8.1.3. Ms. Chelebian asked if it was open to anyone.

8.1.4. Ms. Lamishaw answered that it was open to anyone. She then asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Lamishaw.

8.2. Mr. Basch made a motion to approve Mr. Lamishaw as the WNC Liaison to the DWP. Ms. Conover seconded the motion.

8.3. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 10-0-0.

**9. Discussion and possible action on a request to select a WNC representative to serve as a liaison to the City Controller's Office. Mr. Popowich has previously expressed an interest in this.**

9.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item and stated that Mr. Popowich attended the most recent meeting and has already formed a relationship with Ms. Chick.

9.2. Mr. Popowich provided a quick synopsis of the position and what was discussed. The group meets about every 6 months and reviews city wide issues that Ms. Chick believes she can help address. The action items from the last meeting were to work on improving the Early Notification System, set up a meeting between the Planning Department and Neighborhood Councils to improve communication, look into delays in processing of check requests by NC's, and to provide more information if possible on the Inclusionary Housing issue.

9.3. Ms. Conover made a motion that Mr. Popowich be the WNC Liaison to the City Controller's office. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

9.4. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 10-0-0.

**10. Discussion and possible action on a request to select a WNC representative to serve as a liaison to the Valley Industry and Commerce Alliance (VICA). Stakeholder Mr. Robert Lamishaw has offered to fulfill this position.**

10.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item and explained that VICA was the major business group in the Valley. She went to compare them to a Valley wide chamber of commerce of sorts. She stated that Mr. Lamishaw is a member of VICA and has volunteered to represent the WNC.

10.2. Ms. Chelebian stated that she would also like to volunteer for this.

10.3. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we could just do a name vote to see which one would be the representative.

10.4. Mr. Basch stated that we could even have two.

- 10.5. Ms. Basler, a stakeholder, pointed out that the liaison needed to be a member of VICA to attend the meetings.
- 10.6. Ms. Lamishaw agreed and stated that the volunteer would have to pay for membership.
- 10.7. Ms. Chelebian stated she just felt we needed to get more people involved.
- 10.8. Mr. Lamishaw stated that he goes anyway so it's not additional cost.
- 10.9. Ms. Basler reiterated that you just have to be a member.
- 10.10. Ms. Chelebian asked if we could have more time to consider this.
- 10.11. Ms. Lamishaw agreed and said that she could visit the web site to find out more about membership.
- 10.12. Ms. Basler said that she thought membership was rather pricey.
- 10.13. Ms. Chelebian asked what would happen if there was no member on a Council, would they be excluded.
- 10.14. Ms. Basler stated that almost all NC's do have at least one member.
- 10.15. Mr. Schulte stated he thought it was wonderful that Mr. Lamishaw had volunteered do to this.
- 10.16. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can vote on the item and she would look into possibly attending later.
- 10.17. Mr. Basch made a motion to have Mr. Lamishaw be nominated as the WNC Liaison to VICA and that Ms. Chelebian could attend later if she wishes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jurgenson.
- 10.18. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 10-0-0.

**11. Discussion and possible action on a request to select three WNC representatives to attend Mayor Hahn's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Budget Day. This discussion will provide an overview of the priority budgeting process along with a review of lessons learned from past years.**

- 11.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item and asked if we had any volunteers to represent us. She pointed out that this was a request to help define what the NCs' felt were important to focus on in the City's budget.
- 11.2. Ms. Conover asked if we had a date.
- 11.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw stated that she believed it was on a Saturday.
- 11.2.2. Mr. Popowich stated he believed it was on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 11.3. Ms. Conover volunteered to attend.

11.4. Mr. Popowich volunteered to attend.

11.5. Mr. Jurgenson volunteered to attend.

11.6. Mr. Basch volunteered to attend as he is the Treasurer.

11.7. Mr. Molock made a motion for Mr. Basch, Ms. Conover and Mr. Jurgenson to represent us. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

11.8. There was some discussion about Mr. Popowich's volunteering and whether he should be discussed. Mr. Popowich clarified that the motion didn't include him and that it was fine. We need to vote on the motion.

11.9. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 10-0-0.

**12. Discussion and possible action on a request by Councilman Zine's office to have the WNC participate in the construction of a "Welcome to Winnetka" monument. Mr. Basch will be presenting the details of the proposed project along with artist's renditions. This item does require the approval of funds for the project.**

12.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the discussion on funding the "Welcome to Winnetka" signs. She turned the floor over to Mr. Basch for details.

12.2. Mr. Basch provided the historical background for the signs. He explained there were two signs involved, one for Winnetka and one for Canoga Park. The Winnetka sign would be placed at the intersection of Sherman Way and Corbin, while the Canoga Park sign would be an archway over Sherman Way at De Soto.

He explained that his was an old proposal that was made long before the WNC by the Community Redevelopment Association and the areas local Chamber of Commerce organizations. The decision was proposed and passed by those groups and a contract was drawn up. However all parties involved eventually backed out because funding could never be arranged. The CRA and the City kept interest and a new company was later found to replace the original contract owner. This was at a new price.

The Chambers had decided not to fund the project.

12.2.1. Ms. Robinson commented that he Chambers were never asked to fund the projects.

12.2.2. Mr. Basch announced that the cost of the projects were \$42,000.00 for the Winnetka signs and \$75,000.00 for the Canoga Park signs.

He went on to say that we were advised about 3 – 4 weeks ago when he was given a letter which specified how the funding we had received from Councilman Zine (\$20,000.00 presented in May) could be used. A letter was faxed to him on June 24<sup>th</sup> referenced the street furniture fund and how we could use the money provided by Councilman Zine.

He concluded by stating that the contracts have been signed and work on the signs has begun already. They will be installed within 3 – 4 weeks. The CRA has informed all parties that they expect someone to pay for these signs.

Mr. Basch stated that in his opinion the letter he has received imposes restrictions that mean there is not much we can really do with the funds.

12.2.3. Mr. Popowich asked to be recognized.

12.2.4. Mr. Basch said he is not finished.

12.2.5. Mr. Basch went on to say that he asked Councilman Zine's Deputy Michael Besem what he would like the WNC to do. He wouldn't comment.

Mr. Basch then presented pictures and diagrams for the signage. The picture shows a sign about 6 ½ wide.

12.2.6. Mr. Popowich commented that it was a joke.

12.2.7. Mr. Basch stated that the new price is because the contractor backed out and that we have little choice as it's already been built. He went on to say that Canoga Park has already given back their \$20,000.00 that Councilman Zine had provided.

12.2.8. Mr. Molock asked if it was lighted.

12.2.9. Mr. Basch stated it was not.

12.2.10. Ms. Lamishaw said the City is being taken from her opinion as someone in who works in the construction business.

12.2.11. Mr. Schulte agreed.

12.2.12. Mr. Jurgenson wanted to know if we could discuss the location.

12.2.13. Ms. Espinoza, from Councilman Zine's office, stated that this was discussed a long time ago and that it will go in.

12.2.14. Mr. Basch announced that he wanted to read the four items that the letter from Councilman Zine's office states the funds he provided can be used for:

- Transit related services.
- Purchase of transit related equipment.
- Consultant studies on design or beautification of public transportation.
- Repayment of money borrowed for transit purposes.

12.2.15. Mr. Popowich stated that he had said that we could use it for the beautification of Winnetka.

12.2.16. Ms. Lamishaw stated that this isn't the way it is.

- 12.2.17. Mr. Popowich stated Councilman Zine stated here in front of us what it was for. He went on to say that while I love him as a Councilman and he's a wonderful person, but we should hold him to his word.
- 12.2.18. Mr. Schulte said we should keep the money.
- 12.2.19. Mr. Molock stated that this all before we came along. We should let the CRA pay for it.
- 12.2.20. Mr. Basch said we just have to vote for it or against it.
- 12.2.21. Mr. Schulte said he suggests we make a motion to think about it for some time.
- 12.2.22. Ms. Robinson said that when it was originally approved it was to come out of Councilman Zine's pocket <budget>.
- 12.2.23. A stakeholder commented that if it's going to be put there we should use the funds to beautify the area around it.
- 12.2.24. Mr. Michael Cortez, the Vice President of Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, said that they voted for it because we didn't know where to put the funds we were given considering the restrictions placed on them. We took the funds to a committee who decided how to use it.
- 12.2.25. Ms. Lamishaw said that the letter states it has to be related to public transportation. It could be used for public benches, waste containers, and lots of other things. \$20,000.00 will not go very far.
- 12.2.26. Mr. Molock asked if the remainder of the \$42,000.00 would have to come from our \$50,000.00 budget.
- 12.2.27. Mr. Basch said no.
- 12.2.28. Mr. Schulte made a motion to sit on it for a month.
- 12.2.29. Mr. Popowich asked if anyone would second this motion. No one did.
- 12.2.30. Mr. Popowich made a motion to say no to giving the money back to Councilman Zine for this purpose.
- 12.2.31. Mr. Basch said we could modify it to give \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$15,000.00, or \$20,000.00.
- 12.2.32. Mr. Popowich clarified the motion was to give no money back to Councilman Zine for this project.
- 12.2.33. Ms. Chelebian wanted to amend it to say that it should have the WNC name on it.
- 12.2.34. Mr. Popowich stated we couldn't do it.

12.2.35. Mr. Molock 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

12.2.36. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote.

12.2.37. The Secretary read the roll and the motion passed 6-1 with 3 abstentions.

**13. Discussion and possible action on the PLUM Committee recommendation to send a letter stating we are not in support of the Inclusionary Housing ordinance under consideration by the City Council. This will also include an update on the other PLUM item which does not require any Board action at this time.**

13.1. Ms. Lamishaw briefly explained what the Inclusionary Housing ordinance (IZ) was about.

13.2. Mr. Popowich read the letter.

13.3. Ms. Chelebian asked for more explanation on what the IZ ordinance was about.

13.4. Mr. Popowich briefly outlined the main points.

13.5. Mr. Jurgenson stated that it is an important issue and everyone should take time to learn more about it.

13.6. Mr. Popowich said that the vote was not unanimous and there was some discussion about it.

13.7. Mr. Molock made a motion to approve the letter. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Jurgenson.

13.8. Ms. Lamishaw called for a vote.

13.9. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 7 - 0, with 3 abstentions.

13.10. Mr. Popowich briefly explained the other item that was on the PLUM agenda. This item was to create a "Make Winnetka Sparkle" ad hoc committee. He went on to explain this is a very rough idea and that it just needs some volunteers on the committee to define it and see whether it can work. Mr. Valdez volunteered to serve on this committee.

**14. Discussion and possible action on setting a meeting date for the Public Safety and Public Works committees.**

14.1. A discussion was had to set dates and times for the Public Works Committee which would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and the Public Safety Committee which would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

14.2. Mr. Popowich explained the committee structure that was voted on previously and the number of members in each. There was some discussion about whether the newer Council members could serve.

14.3. Mr. Schulte stated this was off topic.

14.4. Mr. Popowich agreed and said we can add to another agenda.

14.5. Ms. Lamishaw advised that those interested should attend the committee meetings first and then join later. She also brought up the issue of Ms. Grinley who has not been at the past two PLUM meetings.

**15. Discussion and possible action to create a proposal to team with Canoga Park and Northridge Neighborhood Councils to create a Valley Cultural Fair.**

15.1. Mr. Basch asked to post pone this topic.

15.2. Mr. Domine, a stakeholder, commented very loudly that this was wrong and that we should stick to the agenda and then got he got up and stormed out.

15.3. A motion was made by Mr. Schulte to form the committee and seconded by Mr. Jurgenson.

15.4. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 8 – 0, with 2 abstentions.

**16. Discussion and possible action to create car signs for the WNC Board members as a way of advertising and encouraging participation in the WNC. (Schulte-Popowich)**

16.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened up discussion on this item.

16.2. Mr. Schulte explained the idea was to show who we were when we were out and about.

16.3. Ms. Chelebian asked who would pay for them and why not just have a badge.

16.3.1. Mr. Popowich said we could pay for them individually. He cited his CERT program where the Battalion Coordinators paid for their own.

16.4. Ms. Lamishaw asked who would voluntarily drive around with them on their cars.

16.4.1. Mr. Popowich commented that he would. He said he thinks that we have a problem with stakeholders not knowing who we are and this would help.

16.5. Mr. Molock asked who would assume the liability.

16.6. Mr. Schulte commented that we hadn't thought about that and rescinded the motion.

16.6.1. Mr. Popowich also rescinded the motion stating he would not do anything to impact the City.

**17. Public Comment Period**

17.1. A Stakeholder said he would like to see flowers around the monument and to make it look nice.

17.1.1. Mr. Basch commented that is part of the cost of the sign.

17.1.2. Mr. Michael Cortez, from Senator Alacorn's office and the Vice President of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, said he wanted to congratulate the new members of the WNC.

He also commented that he wanted to thank Mr. Popowich for all of his communication and work.

In regards to Senator Alacorn's office the introduced a business bill which Senator Alacorn worked on to allow state agencies to tap into more federal and state funds for micro-businesses.

He announced that the Senator would be speaking at an upcoming Valley Vote meetings about his legislation and why he is running for mayor.

## **18. Announcements**

18.1. Mr. Jurgenson announced that he had heard of an alliance of Neighborhood Councils which was meeting at the Los Angeles City College this weekend. He did not have any further details and asked if anyone on the Board had heard anything. No one had.

## **19. Meeting adjourned.**