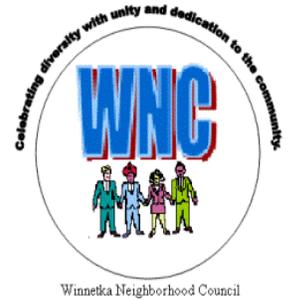


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Sergeant At Arms
<b>JJ Popowich</b>	<b>Art Sims</b>	<b>Mary Ann Smiley</b>	<b>Erick Lace</b>	<b>Jozef Essavi</b>
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<b>Armineh Chelebian</b>	<b>Nina Essavi</b>	<b>Nalini Natarajan</b>	<b>Edesa Aghakhanm oshabad</b>	<b>Tess Reyes-Dunn</b>
<b>TJ Martens</b>	<b>T. Alan Schweizer</b>	<b>Steve Zeldin</b>	<b>Open Seat</b>	<b>Youth Position-Vacant</b>

## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 01/08/08

**1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich	X		
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace		X	
Mary Ann Smiley	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
TJ Martens	X		
T. Alan Schweizer	X		
Steve Zeldin	X		
Open Seat			
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	X	0

2. **Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.** All present, with the exception of Erick Lace, Treasurer
3. **Explanation of Meeting Rules.** .
4. **Public Comments-** Community member spoke up regarding the deterioration of the front of Fullbright Elementary School. The principal was informed to maintain the property adequately. For a brief time, the school had improved in appearance; however, it is currently deteriorating. Additionally, the generator was kept outside of the property and near the sidewalk in front of the school. The employees of generator have been found to be working at odd hours of the early morning. Arminah will add to her PLUM committee agenda and will review this issue. Parking maybe a concern as well as having a generator in front of the school.

5. **State and local government representatives' updates:** Mayor Villiraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, Council Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and any other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.
6. **Discussion and presentation by Mr. Greg Monfette, Superintendent I of the Urban Forestry Division of the LA Public Works Department:** Mr. Monfetter reported that the main issue is that the irrigation in the area where the "Winnetka Welcome" sign is located, is old and deteriorating. It is difficult to get the electricity to the island and to coordinate with DWP. The piping is old, as a sample of the pipe was passed around the table.
7. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Mr. Bernie Cristwill, from Applied Power Tech regarding a plan to illuminate the two : Welcome to Winnetka" signs using solar lighting:** Mr. Cristwill gave a very thorough presentation on the two signs that would replace the existing "Welcome to Winnetka" signs. However, he did not have the documentation of the cost or breakdown for both signs. He estimated approximately two to four weeks from beginning to end of start time. He assured the board members he would have a more detailed cost and a design of the signs at another date. Mr. Cristwill informed us that his company works with generators and must be maintained one time per year. The sign itself is self contained and will last twenty to thirty years. The battery will need to be changed within ten to fifteen years.
8. **Discuss and possible action on whether to accept the verbal resignation of Board Members Marilyn Robinson:** Arminah spoke to Marilyn and heard her report that she no longer wanted to participate in the council.
  - 7.1 Ms. Reyes-Dunn motioned it.
  - 7.2 Mr. Sims seconded the motion.
9. **Discussion and possible action on whether to appoint interested candidates to the 3 vacant appointed positions at this time or wait one month:**
  - 8.1 Mr. Steve Zeldin gave a ten minute speech as to what he would like to add to the WNC. He reported his findings and diligent research on an event called "Earth Day" in April 2008.
  - 8.2 Mr. Alan Schweizer also gave a ten minute speech as to what he would like to add to the WNC. He reported that he believes the community is in great need of mental health stability and due to his experience with a plethora of Mental Health Agencies, he would be an asset to WNC.
  - 8.3 All board members voted and decided that the WNC would benefit from having both Steve Zeldin and Alan Schweizer.
10. **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Lace was absent.
11. **Interfaith Committee Report:** New year and new meeting will take place
12. **Outreach & Events Committee Report:** No Report, as it is a new year and first meeting has yet to begin..
13. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee:** No Report.
14. **Public Safety Committee:** No report as the first meeting will be held on 01/21/08.
15. **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report:** No report.
16. **Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee Report:** No report
17. Committee Business –

- A. Comments on Committee Member's own activities/ brief announcements.
- B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.
- D. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

18. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events (*All meetings held at Valley Village, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306 unless otherwise noted*):

19. Adjournment

**PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION**

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

**PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE**

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.