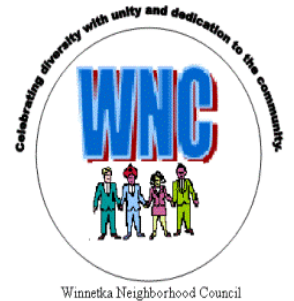


WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 02/12/08

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	1	

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. **Moment of silence for the LAPD SWAT Officer who lost his life protecting our community and for his partner who was critically wounded.** A moment of silence was held. A letter was drafted for the family of Officer Simmons and for the wounded Officer. All board members approved of these letters.

4. **Public Comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card is requested so that the Speaker’s names are complete and correct in the meeting Minutes.

Mary Ellen Moreno, principal of Limerick Elementary spoke of a recent break in at her school. Items were stolen and a need for a new security box. The school is fifty years old. The principal requested that she receive donations of plants and tools to paint a mural for beautification of the school. The Youth Committee was asked to review this request and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

5. **State and local government representatives' updates:** Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, Councilman Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.
Octaviano reported that LAPD will increase the number of officers by 1,000 during the year of 2009. Zineline was discussed as well as a report that West Valley Occupational Center was having a Job Faire June 5th from 9:00 AM-noon, and on 02/12/08, there will be free Tax Preparation. Additionally, he reported that Councilman Zine is resolving the issue with fencing the Winnetka House as it is barely standing. He was unsure if Officer Simmons funeral would be for the public. If anyone was desirous of donating any money to the fallen LAPD SWAT Officer send it to Attention: Randall Simmons Ribbon Trust PO Box 10188 Van Nuys, CA. 91410. Megan reported that the issue with Las Lomas needs to be addressed as it will create a lot more San Fernando Valley traffic. The PLUM Committee will address this on the next Agenda. Additionally, LAPD is planning to have a bomb squad unit in Granada Hills.
6. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Captain Sherman and/or Lt. II, Thomas Zak regarding the new West Valley Police Station.**
This discussion was not heard as there were no representatives from any of the police stations. City Attorney reported that it appears the station continues to be on track as far as the grand opening is concerned.
7. **Discussion and possible action on the Neighborhood Self Assessment project required by DONE. This is a survey that must be completed by a minimum of 100 stakeholders on our performance as a Neighborhood Council as required by the Charter.**
Thomas Zoong reported that on February 23rd there are two events taking place. The Mayor's Budget and the New Member Training should be attended by board members. Also, an explanation of the new election provisions as the bylaws for the election need to be defined for stakeholders.
8. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Scott A. Hayman, Community Outreach Volunteer for Blood Services, Woodland Hills Donor Center.**
No one present to speak on this issue.
9. **Discussion and possible action on providing feedback, or choosing one of the three designs for our new logo created by Moore Business Results per our request.**
The three different WNC Logos were voted upon and Logo #3 won. A few minor modifications were discussed as board members agreed that the font above the Logo needed to be larger.
10. **Discussion and possible action on planning for the next WNC Election.**
The DONE representative, Thomas Zoong, discussed this issue when he spoke on issue #7. The provisions for the next election was explained and a need for an ad hoc committee should be developed.

Discussion and possible action on the following Committee Reports.

11. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report)**
Mr. Lace passed a handout to each board member and explained the total amount allotted for each committee.
12. **Interfaith Committee Report: (Chelebian)**
No report.
13. **Outreach & Events Committee Report:**
No Report. Youth Committee needed to be added for the next agenda as it is not on this agenda.
14. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee:**

14.1. Discussion and possible action to approve the following PLUM recommendation:

WNC-PLUM-020808-01: The WNC PLUM Committee recommends that California Home Builders be granted a zone change from RA to R1 and any necessary tract divisions to build 8 single family homes on the property located at 855 Lurline Ave, Winnetka as presented. . (Essavi-Haberman) (Approved 4-0)
All board members approved of this action, with the exception of one. Mr. Popowich motioned it and Mr. Martens second it.

14.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the following PLUM recommendation:

WNC-PLUM-020608-02: The WNC approves the plan to place a large cross like antenna in the location specified with a setback of 15 feet (a variance of 10 feet). This will include the addition rock landscaping at the bottom antenna and continuation of the landscaping scheme to cover the equipment facility. (Essavi-Haberman) (Approved 3-1)
All board members approved of this action. Mr. Popowich motioned it and Mr. Simmons second it.

14.3. Discussion and possible action to approve the following PLUM recommendation:

WNC-PLUM-020608-03: The PLUM Committee recommends the approval of the parking plan approval. In addition we recommend that the front of the church facing Saticoy be improved to increase graffiti prevention (i.e. some type of creeping vine). (Popowich-Essavi) (Approved 4-0)
All board members approved this action. Mr. Popowich motioned it and Mr. Simmons second it.

15. Public Safety Committee Report: (Smiley)

A letter will be drafted by Ms. Smiley regarding the 7200 Block on Quartz Ave as the “No parking restriction” signs were not completed on the entire block. The second letter will be addressing Chances Bar on Roscoe Blvd and the Recycling Center behind the bar. Committee members will review the two letters at their next meeting and will make the necessary changes.

16. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report: (Chelebian)

The beatification issues for the Sherman Way median was briefly discussed

17. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee Report: (Popowich)

No report.

18. Discussion and possible action on having a Cultural Family Earth Day. (This was an added agenda item due to a “Special Meeting Agenda”).

Mr. Martens discussed the plan for this event and described what he day would look like. Booths of various workshops, a band, and plants will be donated to the public as well as music and food for the visitors. Advertising this event will assist in getting the word out to the public. The approximate cost is \$12,500 for this event. All board members approved this action. Mr. Popowich motioned it and Ms. Reyes-Dunn second it.

19. Discussion and possible action on appointing a member to attend the Mayor’s Budget Day. (This was an added agenda item due to a “Special Meeting Agenda”).

This issue was reported by Ms. Chelebian.

20. Discussion and possible action to appoint / re-appoint Liaisons for the various organizations we interact with including the LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith’s Service Cabinet, and VANC.

Not discussed.

21. Reports from liaisons: LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith’s Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils). This may include a discussion on re-appointing liaisons or setting a process/date to appoint liaisons.

Not discussed.

22. Board Business –

- A. Comments on Board 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 Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.**
- D. Requests for Board Members to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time.**

23. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events

(All meetings held at 20830 Sherman Way Winnetka, CA 91306, unless otherwise noted):

- Public Safety Committee: TBD
- Outreach & Events Committee: TBD
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD

24. Adjournment