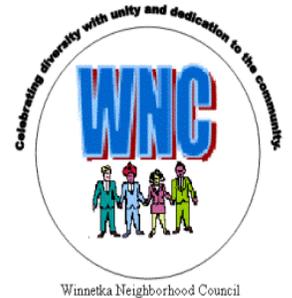


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 04/10/08

### 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 Aghakhanm oshabad		X	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
TJ Martens	X		
T. Alan Schweizer	X		
Steve Zeldin			X
Open Seat			
Youth Open Seat			
Total	10	1	2

### 2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

### 3. Public Comments-

Ms. Palai reported that the senseless act of gang activity has increased in the Winnetka area and more attention is needed to resolve this issue.

Mr. Popowich reminded the stakeholders that Councilmen Dennis Zine will pay half of the Radar Signs as a deterrent in Zine's district and WNC decide to have a camera in areas where there is a continuous amount of graffiti. The location of the cameras must be in an area where there is high demand of tagging. Transients were addressed as the stakeholders continue to email the board members about an excessive amount of "homeless" in the community.

Recreational Parks have the funds to improve in many areas of safety. The PacBell building on Vanowen St and Winnetka Ave., which is no longer useful, will be torn down and a park may replace the dilapidated building which currently is a common place for graffiti.

4. **State and local government representatives' updates:**  
Octaviano (Councilman Zine's representative) reported the following: The new police station "Topanga Police Station" will be up and running in January 2009 21501 Shoenborn St. Canoga Park – west of Corbin; concerns of the Sherman Way median regarding funding sources and beautification will be addressed if necessary; Councilmen Zine's main campaign is coming up and he will be very busy campaigning; Pierce College will have its annual "Farm Walk" on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM for a donation of \$5.00.
5. **Discussion and possible action on changes to the LANCC Charter.**  
Postpone this issue since the first meeting will be held on April 12, 2008. This will be added the May agenda.
6. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal by Robert Amond on a modification to an already approved Zone Change for 20354 Roscoe Blvd. Winnetka, CA to modify the approved map for a smaller subdivision.**  
Postpone this issue until May.
7. **Discussion and possible action to finalize the "Winnetka Neighborhood Council" logo.**  
Revisions are not quite ready so this issue will be postponed until May.

### **Discussion and possible action on the following Committee Reports.**

8. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report)**  
8.1. Second request for Budget Proposals for the 2008-2008 budget year. All Committee chairs should be prepared to discuss their budget needs.  
Mr. Lace distributed the "Financial Report" for the fiscal year of July 2008 – June 2008 and explained the total amount allotted for each committee. He is requesting that each committee discuss the 2008 finances at their next meeting. It is imperative that each committee decide the amount needed for the next fiscal year.
9. **Interfaith Committee Report: (Chelebian)**  
No report.
10. **Events Committee Report: (Martens)**
  - 10.1 **Update and progress of the flyer/poster, donations, give aways, and Green bike prize for the August Earth Day Event.**  
A sample of the flyer was distributed and well liked by all board members. A sample of several different fans was distributed and reviewed by the board members. Mr. Martens will provide a cost for the fans at the May Board Meeting. Mr. Popowich motioned to approve up to \$3,000.00 for total cost of the fans to be handed out during the Earth Day Event. Mr. Schweizer seconds the motion. All board members approved.
  - 10.2 **Update regarding T.Shirts for the Board Members to wear during the event.**  
Mr. Martens had three samples of the pullover/jackets that the board members would wear while volunteering at the event. A cost of each pullover/jacket as well as the total cost for the entire board will be provided at the May Board Meeting.
  - 10.3 **Committee commitment for the event and attending the monthly meetings.**  
Mr. Popowich discussed the importance of being completely committed to each agenda that one is assigned to.
11. **Youth Committee Report: (Schweizer)**
  - 11.1 **Discussion and possible action on donating books to the Multicultural Learning Center in Winnetka.**  
Mr. Schweizer began by introducing Mrs. Anderson (librarian of the MLC). Mrs. Anderson described what MLC is and how effective it is for her students. She then requested that the board donate books to the children in need of

encyclopedias and dictionaries for the school. Mr. Popowich motioned to approve up to \$2,500.00 to assist MLC's library with books for the deserving students. Mr. Essavi seconds it. All members approved.

**12. Planning & Land Use Management Committee:**

**12.1. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by the owners of 19725 Vanowen St (corner of Corbin and Vanowen) regarding a possible retail complex including a Long's Drug Store.**

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Horiwitz and Mr. Cavina brought portraits of their plans to renovate and improve this location. They reported that more trees, flowers and a nice walkway would add to the ambiance of this dilapidated area. As well as the remodeling of Marshall's and the old CVS store which will soon be Long's Drug Store. A few smaller stores for eating and socializing on the patio area will be built on the west side of the parking lot. The mixture of color, new landscaping and a friendlier ambiance will improve the area and will add to the communities desire to want to spend quality time in this particular center.

Mr. Schweizer inquired about the endless shopping carts all over the community due to the insufficient way of tracking these carts. The idea will be reviewed by the developers and included in the developing stages of the center.

**13. Public Safety Committee Report: (Smiley)**

**13.1 Update progress of letter submitted to DOT and LAPD regarding 7200 block of Quartz Ave with posting "No Restrictions Signs". Also, update on homeless issue in the same location.**

Ms. Smiley updated the board members that LAPD has responded positively and it is apparent that the transients are no where near this area. Additionally, a meeting will be held in May to assess the completion of the "No Restrictions Signs". Saint Joseph the Worker will be invited to this meeting to discuss the importance of having the signs posted. Ms. Smiley reported that the committee talked about having an assembly about "Gang Awareness" at one of the local schools; however, more details will be brought to the May Board Meeting for approval.

**14. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report: (Chelebian)**

The beatification issues for the Sherman Way median were briefly discussed. The landscaping and the types of plants and rocks that will be placed in this area were discussed.

**14.1. Discussion and possible action in regards to the Mayor's Day of Service on May 3, 2008. This may include allocation of funding to provide breakfast, water, and purchase plants, paint, and rocks if necessary for projects at: Valley Village, Sunny Brae Elementary, Sutter-Middle School-LA Bridges, West Valley Occupational Center, and possibly fixing homes for homebound residents of Winnetka in conjunction with One Generation.**

Mr. Popowich reported that West Valley Occupational Center will provide people to help during this event.

**14.2. Discussion and update on Median project. This may include action to approve funds for the change of pipes and landscaping. It may also involve the selection of a vendor.**

Mr. Popowich reported that Councilman Zine would like the community to assist with the landscaping which include planting flowers and plants. The solar lights were donated as well as the cobble stone. WNC will also assist with money that is necessary to complete the project. Mr. Popowich motioned to approve the bookends from Corbin St. to Desoto St. for the Sherman Way Median project to begin. Ms. Reyes-Dunn seconds it. All members approved. The May Board Meeting will discuss the total cost.

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

No report.

**16. 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.**

**17. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events**

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

- Public Safety Committee: April 15, 2008
- Youth Committee: May 6, 2008
- Events Committee: April 28, 2008
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: April 24, 2008

**18. Adjournment**