



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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TJ Martens	T. Alan Schweizer	Steve Zeldin	Open Seat	Youth Position-Vacant

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 08/12/08

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

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. Public Comments-

4. State and local government representatives' updates:

Octaviano Rios, Councilman Zine's representative said his goodbyes as he was leaving this area. He would be replaced by Jose Martinez (Jose.m.martinez@lacity.org).

5. Discussion and possible action on financially supporting the CERT training program. Stacy Gerlich, LAFD Captain will present to the board the importance of having the support of Winnetka Neighborhood Council to fund this program.

Captian Gerlich reported that there was a need for financial assistance for equipment that the CERT training program needed to adequately train anyone interested in participating in the CERT program. She was instructed to attend the Public Safety Committee to request financial support for equipment needed. A priority list would be developed and presented to the next Public Safety Committee. The actual training thus far has trained over 60,000.00 people and in twelve different locations. The current English booklet needs to be translated into Spanish. A suggestion was made to ask the Guadalupe Center for possible translation of the hand book. Stacey.gerlich@lacity.org.

6. **Discussion and possible action to financially support “Singles Moms’ Rally” sponsored by Faith for Generations Inc. President Tara Walker.**

Tara Walker and her representative Eli, presented the importance of having a national event on October 10th, 2008 at the LA Sports Arena for all single women who have no support from the father’s of their children. This event is the first time ever to respect all women who take on a huge responsibility of being sole caretakers for their kids. The presenters were instructed to report to the Youth Committee and the Events Committee for possible assistance. The concern for the high price of parking for this event was addressed. They believe that the single mothers will not be able to afford \$10.00 for parking. A suggestion was made to submit a letter to the city to relax the parking for all event participants.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$2,000.00 for an opportunity to advertise Winnetka Neighborhood Council on the internet.** Alex Kanakaris, President /CEO of WIFITV.COM an internet company dedicated to creating television stations on the internet. Mr. Kanakaris was not present and Mr. Zeldin reported to the board instead. Many of the board members revealed that they were not comfortable discussing this issue as it was a conflict in interest since Mr. Zeldin was a partner of this business. Jose Martinez would review this concern with DONE and report to the board.

8. **Discussion and possible action regarding a request to work with the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a debate between all candidates for State Assembly 40th District seat. This discussion would include the allocation of up to \$600.00 for advertising and facility costs.**

Mrs. Chelebian excused herself since this issue pertained to her. Mr. Sims motioned to allocate up to \$600.00 for advertising and facility costs. Mr. Essavi seconded the motion. All board members approved.

9. **Discussion and possible action on finalizing the selection of a vendor to mail out postcard reminders and to finalize the design on the postcard.**

This issue has been brought to the board on several different occasions and at this time the board members agreed that it would be too costly to advertise by utilizing the postcard idea. Mr. Sims motioned to not support this issue as it is too costly and Mr. Lace seconded it. All board members agreed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer’s Report):**

Discussion and possible action to approve a request to DONE for a second credit card to be assigned to TJ Martens. This discussion will include rules for usage and how to track expenses.

Not all of the board members agreed that the second credit card would be issued to Mr. Martens. Mr. Lace reported that many of the extra purchases most likely would come from the Events Committee and it is imperative that he works closely with that person. The billing statements would be sent to the Treasurer as he will review the statements. This was tabled for the September Agenda to discuss another possible person to be responsible for the second credit card, such as the secretary. Mr. Sims motioned to table this to the next agenda meeting to allow the board to decide and Ms. Reyes-Dunn seconded it. All approved.

The monthly report was reviewed by the board.

11. **Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian):** No meeting; therefore, no report.

12. **Events Committee Report (Martens):**

Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in funding for the Events Committee.

Mr. Sims motioned to increase the funding by \$500.00 for the Events Committee and Mr. Lace seconded it. The Earth Day event was a huge success and a lot of fun. Many of the board members volunteered their time and participated in the many long hours of planning. Mr. Martens was praised for his diligent hard work as well as the other event committee members. A number of pictures were taken and posted on the website. The raffle raised \$370.00.

13. **Youth Committee Report (Schweizer):**

A reminder to the board members that the October 25th Youth Expo is the next major event and volunteerism is needed by all members.

14. **Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich):**

Discussion and possible action to earmark up to \$5000.00 for a memorial statue/sign at West Valley Park in memory of Officer Randall Simmons.

Ms. Reyes-Dunn motioned to send a letter to support the Randall Simmons project. Mr. Lace seconded it. All approved.

Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Roger Barbosa of Milestone Management for approval of related zoning requests to place a 24-7 CVS pharmacy, with alcohol permits, a minute clinic and associated signage on 20839 Roscoe Blvd and 8328-8344 DeSoto Blvd.

Mr. Lace motioned to support having a CVS Pharmacy at the above location. Mr. Martens seconded it. All board members approved, except for one. The idea is to improve the area and have it more appealing for the community to be able to enjoy a 24 hour pharmacy. The presentation and the drafts were very detailed for the board to comprehend. The possibility of having a numerous amount of shopping carts in the nearby community was brought to the attention of the board as this will present a problem to the many residents in the area. Mr. Popowich will submit a letter in support of the CVS Pharmacy.

Discussion and possible action to support Councilmember Smith & Cardenas' motion for a Shopping Cart Ordinance. The ordinance would impose stores to contain their shopping carts if five or more are found in a City sweep. Shops would have a short list of containment options to choose from.

Mr. Schweizer motioned to approve a letter to support this ordinance and Mr. Essavi seconded it. Mr. Popowich will submit a letter in support of this issue.

15. **Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian):**

Discussion and possible action on approval for more funding for the Sherman Way median, to select Northstar Landscape as the contractor, and request up to a 1/3 advance payment from DONE to the contractor as a down payment.

Mr. Lace motioned to select Northstar Landscape as the new vendor/contractor and Mr. Martens seconded it. All approved. This will also include Councilman Zine to support funding for this particular project. The deadline for this project is 11.15.08. The new vendor contract will include the planting and the plumbing for the project.

Discussion and possible action regarding the increase in funding for trash removal.

This issue was addressed in May of 2008 and it had been disapproved by the board.

16. Public Safety Committee (Smiley): No report. The meeting was cancelled in July.

Discussion and possible action on resolving the problems with the “No Restriction” signs on the 7200 Block of Quartz Ave.

Per Octaviano, a letter was not submitted on behalf of Saint Joseph the Worker. However, there was discussion about the concern for this area. Jose Martinez will handle this particular issues.

Discussion and possible action on Jamiel’s Law –Special Order 40.

Mr. Lace motioned to support Councilman Zine with a letter to assist in facilitating Jamiel’s Law. Mr. Sims seconded it. All approved. Ms. Smiley will submit the letter.

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

18. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- ❑ Public Safety Committee: August 19, 2008
- ❑ Youth Committee: September 2, 2008
- ❑ Events Committee: August 25, 2008
- ❑ Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- ❑ Interfaith Committee: TBD

19. Adjournment
