



## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 – 6:30 PM

Valley Village

Winnetka Ave. Winnetka, CA 91306

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306 (near Bar & ATM Machine); **Albertson's Food and Drug Store**, 7224 Mason Ave.

### 1. Call to Order & Board Member's Roll Call

### 2. Explanation of Meeting Rules

### 3. Review minutes for last meeting

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. **Linda Fidell to present community service during Obama's Inauguration to pick up trash and maintain cleanliness. She is requesting assistance for further help. Public Chair and Interfaith committee invited her to talk with her afterwards. Emergency Preparedness will also assist.**

5. **State & 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. **Jose Martinez from Councilman Zine's office, discussed the District tour a couple of weeks ago and identified ten projects that were given to him. Added signs on Sherman Way. The other projects will be emailed to the board in great detail. Neighborhood Watch meeting Reseda, Canoga Park, Winnetka discussed the quality of life issues. Councilman Zine will be a guest speaker. February 12, 2009 7:00 PM at Vanowen St. and Vanalden St. President is here now and will take over. Thomas discussed of memo of understanding regarding feedback on MOU to have a liaison to work with. Thomas will send the info to us. Also, neighbors grant to assist in a grant and school can complete an application. Ethics training to attend 2 hour online. Trainings will be in March in the valley. [www.lacity.neighborhood.com](http://www.lacity.neighborhood.com) Feb 21 Regional Budget Day. Need volunteers. JJ and TJ. Every two years must attend to update. Next Regional Congress in valley 02/26/09. An email will be sent to us re: emergency preparedness**

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding Winnetka Neighborhood Pride Day in June. Sandra Gonzalez to discuss the process and the details.**

Sandra from CRA to discuss the project tours and will be at next Public Works Committee. West Valley Project area in Winnetka to have a Winnetka Neighborhood Pride Day. Nina works with CRA for the past 2 years and has been going on for 25 years. The purpose is to engage community to work on a project together. Last year it was in the city of Reseda. CRA will also assist. June 13, 2009 paint five houses-exterior of the home. It is a one day clean up project on one block. The street will be closed off to volunteers. Tree planting, alley cleanup, but mainly house painting. Choose a neighborhood together that needs assistance. Single family homes only. Arminah will take on this task.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Survey LA from the Office of Historic Preservation.**  
Will identify and assess impacts and change due to neglect, forget the historical reasons. Taking un-useable property and turning it into usable property. Want to collaborate with neighborhood councils to get this done and the community. Forms provided. West Hills council members discussed this item and are currently involved with preservation.
- 8. Presentation by Art Sims JR candidate for Community College Board.**  
Art Sims Jr. was unable to present to the board.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to fill the two adult and one youth vacancies.**  
Erick presented Chatsworth High School student who is now age 16, Stephanie Aguirre is on the leadership council and resides in the boundaries of Winnetka. She has attended Chatsworth HS, since 9<sup>th</sup>, Drill team captain, and on the Leadership Council. She wants to be more involved with the community and to have the experience of working closely with the neighborhood residents. Her goal is to be a part of the council until she graduates high school. Art motions to have her as a member. TJ seconds. All approved.
- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding the city spending 45 million dollars on an elephant sanctuary while the community is facing a budget crisis.**  
The city already voted on this issue and money has already been spent. No further discussion, unless this issue needs to be on next agenda.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to participate at the Citrus Sunday event on May 3, 2009.**  
Motion to support. Chatsworth and Cleveland HS. We will pick up fruit and transport the fruit to deliver to the fire station. Arminah motions and Erick seconded.
- 12. Discussion and possible action to replace Albertsons with Walgreens Drug Store located at 20505 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306 as an official posting location for WNC agendas.**  
All board members approved this site as a good location for the agendas to be posted.
- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding speed limit increases on Roscoe Blvd. And Sherman Way and possible request to approve for police enforcement (pending arrangement of attendance by DPOT, not solidified at agenda time).**  
DOT speed limit- Alan Willis responsible for day to day traffic and parking problems north of Mullholland Drive. Also, speed zones. We have a choice for radar enforcement or no enforcement at all. Discussed Roscoe and Sherman Way. What is the legally enforceable speed. If no congestion people will drive as they see fit according to their comfort of the environment. Sherman Way 35 mph. Average speed for 7 mile long 50 cars in each direction- 39.9 miles per hour. Roscoe 9.8 miles stretch. 50 cars each way average 41.0 mi per hr. in 35 miles posted areas. Outcome both streets are consistent. If you go over the speed you have to prove this was a safe speed. These are the same streets that the board approved in the past to add a speed limits. Motion to support study and to recommend that LAPD agree to raise the speed limit. 818/756.8754 Ken Firoozmand in the Reseda area contact him for issues in this area. Second Tess. All approved.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on presentation by the DWP and/or DWP Oversight Committee regarding Prop B Solar Proposal (pending arrangement of attendance not solidified at agenda item).**  
DOT representative was not present. Chris Rowe discussed Proposition/Measure B. It is actually 12 pages and on the ballot it is a small paragraph. She is currently a resident in West Hills, but was raised in Winnetka. This is not a solar measure. Charter amendment. More than 20 that have voted no. DWP cannot tell us how much it would cost. An estimate is approximately 3 billion. Even if this doesn't pass we will still have solar LA. She is hoping that we vote no on Measure B. DWP bills will go up uncontrollably. Motion Art to vote it done. Seconded Alan. All approved.
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding a publication calendar for West Valley News. This will include determining what topics we will cover each month and who will be responsible for submitting contact.**  
Next article will be on the profile of board members. After this month, each month will have assigned months to write an article on each committee. We need to provide the content. JJ will have a format for the next meeting. And reserve sections for public safety and emergency preparedness.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 16. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report, Lace): (7 minutes)

Discussion of monthly report.

In each committee meeting review your budget and decide if you need more money for future events/activities. JJ discussed having an excel spread sheet in order to better track and follow up on all activities completed and paid for.

### 17. Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian): (5 minutes)

No new information.

### 18. Events Committee Report (Martens): (5 minutes)

No new information.

### 19. Youth Committee Report (Schweizer): (5 minutes)

No new information

### 20. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich): (5 minutes)

Items will be on the next agenda.

### 21. Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian): (5 minutes)

Arminah reported that West Valley will not support the Sherman Way Median as it is a liability.

### 22. Public Safety Committee (Smiley): (7 minutes)

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$5,500.00 for the Topanga Station. The Public Safety Committee already approved the amount for tactical equipment and public service equipment. An LAPD officer will be here to answer questions regarding the wish list.

Review of list for all board members. Individual invoices. Need a detailed list. JJ motioned to support up \$5735.00 an increase of \$275.00 (from what Public Safety Committee approved.) Erick seconded it. The board requested a plaque for WNC. An official letter will be mailed out from Erick and JJ. All board members approved except for one.

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$500.00 for the Juvenile Unit at the Topanga Station. The Public Safety Committee meeting already approved the money to purchase an "all in one" scanner and cartridges.

Allan motioned it and Erick seconded it. Eleven board members approved.

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$3,000.00 for the LAFD CERT program. The Public Safety committee already approved this amount of money for the HP Scan Jet, Soundbar Computer speakers and External Hard drive.

Back in October the committee supported up to \$3,000.00. JJ motioned to approve and Alan seconded. All approved.

### 23. Emergency Preparedness Committee (Martens): (5 minutes)

### 24. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee (Popowich): (5 minutes)

### 25. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- Events Committee: February 23, 2009
  - Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
  - Interfaith Committee: TBD
  - Emergency Preparedness: February 31, 2009
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The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a **"Speaker Card"** will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 648-6219, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to [jedi.yoda@msn.com](mailto:jedi.yoda@msn.com).

**SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (818) 648-6219.**

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### 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.