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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – 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); **Walgreen's Store**.

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

| Board Member | Present | Absent | Excused |
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| JJ Popowich | X | | |
| Art Sims | X | | |
| Erick Lace | X | | |
| Mary Ann Smiley | X later | | |
| Jozef Essavi | X | | |
| Armineh Chelebian | X | | |
| Nina Essavi | X | | |
| Nalini Natarajan | | X | |
| Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad | | X | |
| Tess Reyes-Dunn | X | | |
| G. Sullivan | x | | |

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| Stephanie Aguirre | | X | |
| Total | 9 | 3 | |

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules
3. Approval of February 2010 minutes. Post pone review.
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.

Comments by a resident, Razmig Varsam, living on Quartz, regarding badly needed reasphalting on Valerio between Corbin and Winnetka. Jose Martinez followed about paving request by saying that we’ve used our 2 mile paving allotment. Zine is trying to get other departments such as The Gas Co etc. to pay into road paving fund. Jose says that the repaing department is getting lots of calls on water blow-out’s that require diversions of crews to patch. JJ suggested the school being built in the area and which is hard on streets might be approached re money; Jose says he will look into this possibility.

Jeff, a resident, thanked Jozef for being there and thanked him for his work on the Winnetka NC. Jeff also sent an email to JJ re cell tower ordinance, as well as asked about street reconstruction.

Another resident spoke up who had lived on her street for 55 years. Made comments about lack of street and sidewalk repairs; mentioned trees caused some damage. City won’t let us use WNC money for assisting side walk repair said JJ.

5. State and local governments representatives’ updates:

OFFICER Godfrey commented on bills for First aid boards, etc.
Armineh mentioned a plaque given 2,500 for sponsor kids. (need more info here.)

Officer Jose Maldonado went over CAR maps 56 reportable crimes, which showed a 1/3 decrease recently. Lots of thefts, gang activity. Winnetka neighborhood Watch is on the 7PM second Thursday of month at 21501 Schoenborn Street, Canoga park. At the meetings, Office Maldonado instructs attendees on how to contact the police. Gets citizens and the police to work together; all are welcome. There is a Spanish speaking meeting, as well, on the 2nd wed of month 7PM and Schoenberg, same location. The Spanish meeting is new, but very well attended and may be partly the reason the crime is down due to increased reporting by now enfranchised members of the Spanish community understanding how one can work with the police for their own benefit.

The Watch will also sponsor an April 1st, “Senior Lead Officers Summit”, who with 6 volunteers will focus on a specific problem in the Winnetka community selected by the group.

Officer Maldonado invited all to march 27th from 10 AM to 3PM pm to the 2nd open house and the new Topanga station. There will be mounted police, and many examples of the specialized units of the LAPD, food, station tours and more.

“Winnetka March for Kids” to stop gang violence is on Saturday April 10th at 8:30 AM at Runnymede Park in Winnetka. Meet at Runnymede at 20200 Runnymede from there we walk west on Runnymede to Mason with Police officer families and kids; from there walk back to park. There will be then a display of booths for assistance of groups including government agencies; food, drinks, AND a BBQ. I’m told there are T shirts for the actual walkers. The purpose is to take back the community. With the run down in Crime this may be the thing to maintain this turning of the corner towards greater safety.

Who do you ask for various problems? Always call 911 for any crime in progress. Noise level question by Armineh re type of noise dog barks are animal regulation's problem, says Officer Maldonado (OM). Noise hearable over 150 away is illegal during day. At night noise from side walk could also be illegal. OM says one has to be careful to determine the type of violation. There are several ways to quiet and escalate the solution along with the city attorney.

Jose Martinez from Dennis Zine's office spoke of three things:

"Taking the Fear out of Foreclosure", which will be in Reseda on Saturday, April 10th from 3 to 5PM. This is a prevention seminar presenting federal policy and also options on what one can do to deal with any problem so at least you can sleep at night and work out the issue. Reseda is most hit area by foreclosures. RSVP to Jessica Forkish at 818 756 8848

1st "Annual Senior Symposium" on Saturday, March 27 is hosted by the Dept of Aging. Symposium deals with ID theft, Emergency preparation and many community resources. Fun, food and great info, call Department of Aging at 213 252 3323

Student Safety Action Committee features diff speaker from LAPD, each speaker gets 5 min how to report crime and getting youth involved with Q+A. Contact Jose Martinez at Councilman Zine's office at 818 756 8848.

City services are hurting, says Jose Martinez and priorities are changing. Unhitched trailer issues are now taking second priority. In developing a "Spirit of Service", Zine's office is coordinating religious organizations current attempts to help in the City and getting church and other religious organizations to adopt a block in a coordinated effort for the best effect to clean up our city.

Armineh asks about giving money to churches via the NC system. Jose says there is a fine line between public and religious service. Zine is simply trying to coordinate the various efforts, especially in Reseda.

The hope is to avoid redundancy and maybe improve focus with a map, etc.; Community Christ Church has been doing some good work with the elderly and the neighborhood.

JJ asked about the street repave delays on Oso between Sherman Way and Saticoy; told to call street servicing Division if there are any questions about delay and dust. The water blow outs are slowing this repaving process. JJ has a question of foreclosure complaints about this and wanted the name of the quality of life DA for this issue (Ayelet Feiman is the assist DA for Quality of life issues).

- 6 Discussion and possible action to appoint two Budget Representatives for the Mayor's Budget Conference. These positions must be appointed before March 13th. Mayor's budget conference is this Sat downtown at 8:30AM Saturday. Eric Lewis has been nominated to be a budget representative by JJ, who also motioned that Eric could select another to assist, Erick seconded. Vote was unanimous, 8 for and 0 against) by all present except Mary Ann, who arrived shortly thereafter.
- 7 Announcement and Call for Stakeholders who wish to be appointed to the Board. We will have up to 5 positions available and one youth position to be filled. Interested parties should provide the following: A resume, and a statement of interest. Statements can be sent to secretary@winnetkanc.com. Nominations and voting will occur at the April 13, 2010 Board meeting.
JJ requested that anyone interested in serving to please send him a note and resume for next board meeting. Armineh asked for an introduction of the new board members. Mike Mikaelian has lived her since 2000 and Erick Lewis introduced himself and noted that civic service is in his blood.
William and Tara, who were on the ballot, were not in attendance. There was a discussion of attendance by most of the recently elected and it was thought that we will "roll with what we have".

- 8 Discussion and possible action to take a position on City Council file CF-09-2645 to regulate cell phone tower placement. This is a request by the City Council to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to control placement of cell phone towers in the public right of way. More details can be found at the following City website: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-2645_MOT_10-27-2009.pdf

Regarding the Hope chapel cell tower issue; the cell tower people, did not send out a letter regarding the meeting in April with the committee as they said they would, to date. JJ noted that if we write a letter for Synergy disapproving the tower project, that the cell company, with the city approval, can just install a tower in the right of way. Pacific Palisades City Council has asked the city for guidance re the tower approval. Residents are concerned about tower installation w/o notice or regulation. Various concerns (re cases LA city council 09-2645) regarding investigating the old law's interpretation which give these companies carte blanche. Sprint vs city of San Diego said suggested that the city had more say than originally thought and that the City could develop more tools for regulating cell towers. It is thought wise to ask the City attorney and DWP to collaborate on this matter. Erick like the idea of sending a letter as suggested by JJ. Palos Verdes case law will have an impact and there will also a public comment period with planning and land use committee to develop something which can be voted on by the LA city council. The city attorneys will give their opinions of the best way to proceed. So far the city council has expressed interest in minimizing loop holes. Armineh asks whether the city is involved in private property cell tower approval. The 1996 telecommunications act allowed approval of towers on public right of way. So city could control placement within the federal guidelines.

Erick moves to lend support to the city's legal clarification with regard to the cell tower regulation with a letter. JJ read the proposed motion/resolution letter, "*The Winnetka neighborhood Council respectfully recommends that with the city attorney's guidance and consistent with his recommendations, the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the city, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.*". JJ seconds the motion. Jozef wanted to let the next group act on this issue as he felt that they now had a mandate due to the election. A resident made a point that he voted for JJ, now, so that we would move forward now. Passes 7, JJ, Erick, Mary Ann, Nina, Armineh, Greg, Tess with 2 abstentions Art, Jozef.

Jose Martinez of Dennis Zine's office says the councilman supports this letter.

+Certificates of Gratitude for serving members will be available from JJ at next board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report, Lace): (5 minutes)

Budget report given by Erick; third printing of Erick's report, reposted as there were many calls from Thomas Soong and JJ.

Expenditures allowed are now \$41,262.73, not allowed \$94,000, as I understood. Children's day \$5,000 and Safe Passages were not accepted; Winnetka Recreation Center, \$5,000 approved; 20,000 approved for Tarzana Nursery. Art, JJ, Erick was able to push for this recovery of funds. As well as, Ed Crow, and Greg and others who made calls to Thomas Soong in support. Storage will be paid until June as a demand warrant has been submitted. In July, the New Year's funding may be \$22,500 or \$17,000 for the next year. Eric has worked with Public Storage to halt a lien sale on Storage locker contents due to long delayed payment by the City.

Meeting adjourned 8:17PM

7. Interfaith Committee Report: (5 minutes)

- 8. Events Committee Report: (5 minutes)
- 9. Youth Committee Report: (5 minutes)
- 10. Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich): (5 minutes)
- 11. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (5 minutes)
- 12. Public Safety Committee: (5 minutes)
- 13. Emergency Preparedness Committee: (5 minutes)
- 14. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee (Popowich): (5 minutes)
- 15. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- Youth Committee: TBD
- Public Safety Committee: TBD
- Events Committee: TBD
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD
- Emergency Preparedness: TBD
- Finance: TBD

16. Adjournment

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.voda@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.

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.

