



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13, 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
JJ Popowich	X	
Eric Lewis	X	
Erick Lace	X	
Mike Mikaelian	X	
William Hilliard	X	
Tara Walker	X	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X later	
G. Sullivan	X	
Stephanie Aguirre	X later	
Total	9	

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules

3. **Approval of minutes. See #9**

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.

Peggy McGrew of the Boy Scouts in the San Fernando Valley was seeking nominations for outstanding ethical men and women for role models in their "Leaders of Character" awards. Nominees sought by May the first.

Glen Bailey; chair of the City of Los Angeles Bicycle advisory Committee; spoke of the Valley Water Expo on Thursday, April 22nd cosponsored with w/ the City of LA Department of Rec. and Parks. Features water saving devices on Burbank Blvd at the Balboa Sports Center...in gym.

Glenn also spoke of City of LA Bike Committee project in Winnetka re: bike lanes 4 –between Gault and Nordhof. Bike lanes on the street were installed without disturbing parking; just the painted stripes with money NOT from general fund. From TDA money; Work done by DOT; 1.5 mi of lines on the pavement on Reseda Blvd. The double line strip does help minimize accidents. Peak hour lanes between Devonshire hope to extend the route further north and eventually to south of Gault to Pierce College and the Orange Line, but will require further development money.

Don Sweeney, Director of operations of the Valley Cultural Center for kids, spoke of the need for money for kids programs in June, July and August. Knows people are hurting for money. Mr. Sweeney wants just \$1,000. and is asking each NC to help keep the programs going. "Benefits our community?" he asks, Yes, very much and even though it's in Warner Center and in the Madrid theater. Tough year, we had to cut back the 4th fireworks. Has been to two councils so far and they want to review finances. JJ says we can't vote until June, maybe; we have no money. Erick noted ALL money is frozen just to pay the bills. City may cut way back for next year. We want to say yes, Erick says, but we have nothing, through. The budget is very uncertain...

Jeff Bornstein liked Runnymede park event and the music. 40th anniversary of the utla teacher strike.

5. **State and local governments representatives' updates (10 minutes)**

Jose Martinez, field deputy from Zine's office, welcomed new members. Says many helped the "March for Kids", 187 people and all participated nicely, w/ round of applause. Kudo's for all of the community and of the agencies who attended. Jose spoke to Frank Bush from Blg. and safety re: abandoned bldgs. Called on SLO to help police and neighbors watch out for the unsafe often foreclosed blgs. B+S takes 20 days to observe these bldgs before they can make them safe. Need to work more diligently on this issue. Marilyn has been involved and helping. A 'crisis"; more eyes are better. Checking the troubled areas; Jose offers to walk with anyone and area to observe and work with the Neighborhood Watch and WNC. Zines office having a used oil and electronic waste collection event on April 17th 9 am to 3 PM; will be at district office. Budget is tight and uncertain, but street repairs that are started will be completed.

Officer Jose Maldonado, 21A29, Senior Lead Officer of the Winnetka area. Showed newsletter and crime maps, meetings are second wed of month for Spanish and 2nd Thursday is the English meeting at the Schoenborn station. SF gang coalition March for kids at Runnymede 1.5 mile walk against gangs and crime. 187 attended. SLO's job to suppress crime noted the concentration of crime in areas on crime map in order to focus on these areas. 41 incidents now 2 months ago were 80 incidents. Look out for your neighbor. Door to door salesmen remain a problem; recommends don't open door, but say I'm busy and I can help. Suggest that if they need a phone number, then I'll call 911 for you. Safety and quality of life issues; Sofa's in parkway, it our job! Call 311 and give the street address and someone will remove it. Look out for each other. NW gives training on what to do in suspicious situations. Don't let people into house. Next meeting is Ms. Ayelet Feiman, Neighborhood prosecutor. Police now 40 hours a week, now LAPD do a lot with less. If community turns its back on officers, then get ready to make friends with the criminals. Here to protect.

JJ sent email to Zine and Smith to keep hiring pd folk.

6. **Award of Certificates to Departing Board members**

Present were Armineh and Mary Ann. JJ made some nice certificates for them and thanked them profusely and hope that they will still be around and be involved. Armineh says her departure makes JJ the last living dinosaur of the first startup AC since 2004, the board will miss Mary Ann and Armineh!

Armineh presented a plaque for WNC from the Topanga Pioneers Circle from the LAPD

7. Swearing in of New Board Members, first to get the board in and seated. Jose Martinez Performed swearing of six new members JJ, Mike, Tara, Erick, Greg and William Hilliard, Eric Lewis and Tess. Quorum exists of a board.
8. Discussion and possible action to appoint Stakeholders to fill vacant Board seats. There will be six (6) vacant seats for a term of two years.
March Minutes approved Erick motioned and Tess seconded, unanimous approval.

9. Swearing in of Appointed Board Members

JJ asked the audience to volunteer for a commitment of a two year term. Erick nominates, Greg seconded, Marylyn Robinson who agrees and wants to work on outreach in a committee or otherwise. Marylyn worked on WNC formation committee Public Works and Transportation and is back on to do outreach with chamber. Marilyn wants the chamber and council to work together. Graffiti in wash/county problem in the wash gang on gang issues, etc Stephanie Aguirre joined us late. Tess nominates Tom Saddler, who agrees, Greg seconded. Tom in Winnetka 51 years as of 1955, served in American Legion commander 59 and 60 and likes community. JJ says it is a strictly volunteer position in which you can step down. Please join us. Pastor Jeff Fisher of Hope Chapel was nominated, but will only consider it for now. Natasha Somerville, a neighbor to Eric Lewis has been 15 months in Winnetka, college in San Diego, works at Blue Cross here for 8 years in SFV now in finance industry; Re medical history. Interested in community work and youth interests. Self employed, son 12 years old. Liked the Neighborhood watch ways to help areas in neighborhood. Nominated by Tess, Eric seconded Natasha's seat.

JJ asked for resumes at times, but we usually ask each to stand and introduce themselves.

Daryn Harkins and June Tam will consider running in the future.

JJ ran the voting

Marilyn111111111, 9 votes each unanimous

Tom 111111111

Natasha111111111

JJ swore in the new members and skipped to the cell tower issue #15 as there were stakeholders waiting.

10. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select a President for a term of one year. Bill nominated JJ, Mike nominated Erick, Erick wants to stay involved with the board wants to keep committee system and shorter meetings. Wants committee to do more work. Worked together wants more active in the community and larger board and volunteers.

JJ thanks for the nomination. Tries to be fair and even handed, wants to get back to activity of 1.5 to 2 years ago and takes an interest with what is going on in the city. Watching the Mayor, and Council, etc. appreciates the support. Secret ballot elected Erick Lace president with 6 votes to JJ's 4 votes with 1 abstention. Pastor Jeff Fisher of Hope Chapel counted this and all subsequent votes.

11. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select a Vice-President for a term of one year.

Marilyn nominates Mike, Tess nominated Eric, Tom moved to close nominations.

Eric Lewis wins with 8 votes to Mike's 4 votes.

12. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select a Treasurer for a term of one year.

Treasurer Erick says it's the crapiest job in the world; a lot of detail and time.

A finance committee of Natasha JJ, Marilyn Greg, Mike is formed, with no specific treasurer elected.

13. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select a Secretary for a term of one year.

Erick nominated JJ, Tess nominated Greg. Bill offered help as an assistant.
JJ wins with 8 votes to Greg's 4 votes.

14. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select a Sergeant-At-Arms for a term of one year.
Greg nominates Tom, Eric nominates Mike, Erick nominates Tara.
Mike wins with 8 votes to Tom's 3 votes and Tara's 1 vote.

15. Discussion and possible action on the request by Synergy to place a Cell Phone Tower on Top of Hope Church.
(NOTE: If Synergy does not attend this meeting, the Board will vote on the matter and this will not appear on future agendas)

Synergy was represented by Wally Gorek(?) with a new design for the church, but wanted to refine with community and the board; has notification letter and the city notification. Mentioned an enhanced 911 ability is this cell tower's ability. The last smoke stack design was a bit rough. Sought input for the various design suggestions which were brought as photos. The final page shows some various. Tower is set to rear of church for function; best position for integrating with current structure. The steeple would blend in, with eggshell of the exiting roof; 7' extension, promises full drawing. Mike asks about radiation, 2.2% radiation could put 45 of these facilities here and still be below safe emissions. Inside the church, radiation is less. Safe distance from antennae is 3' for workers.

Erick Lace restated some questions. Location is at Strathern and Mason. Church gets rental fee. If T mobile is denied then this goes into street. Naked exposed poles are the result of refusal of T mobile request to install at Hope. State regulation, JJ explains, regulates the location of the PUC/ FCC and federal regs; joint pole utility is shared and T mobile pay a fee to city. Erick compared public pole to a home versus church pole to a home quite a study to find which pole are best candidates.

Neighbor question about why Roscoe and Mason pole is inadequate. Complaints and dropped calls have determined the need. Asks to make it better. Jeff makes a point that the church tower would make the neighborhood less interesting. Please protect.

Myron Kazomaletis, a local affected neighbor, says house values go down and mentioned health issue re Sunny Brae School. Says of changing the structure, the neighborhood does not want it. Doesn't use the microwave oven type of waves, etc. Myron, is not asking for money, but common sense from the board. Just doesn't want it. Wally notified all the neighborhood, Armineh asks the board to be fair and balanced to consider the church members and the silent majority of the local folks.

Jeff had 75 names that were not in favor of this. JJ asked what are you going to do when you have no say in the matter and the tower goes up adjacent to your house? Then it will get stuck on a utility pole...do you want this? Wally finds that it is T mobile's policy to use residential location a utility pole location does not take into account the neighborhood. It does cost more to place in the right of way as need more as they are lower. Tom says our vote doesn't matter too much, but JJ says the planning group does take our vote into account. The proliferation of more poles would still be the same radiation each.

One more location further south at Desoto and Saticoy will be sought in the future. Stephanie feels this discussion is so aggressive and that with the facts available there are some options that all are not even considering such as on towers.

Greg made a Motion to draft a letter developing a steeple type of design with the board. Marilyn seconds.
5 yes, 3 no, 4 abstain. The WNC asks to have a designer from Design Blue to produce a great job for this steeple for this church. Bill wants the height to be correct with the look. Wally will have some developments before the May meeting

16. Discussion and possible action to amend the By-Laws to change the number of seats on the Board. This item will be discussed if we do not have enough stakeholders to fill available seats. Reducing the number of seats on the Board will reduce the number of Board members required for a quorum. The goal would be to eliminate cases where we do not have enough Board members at a meeting to continue with the meeting something that has been an ongoing problem. Tabled.
17. Discussion and possible action on Board meeting and Committee structure. This will be to determine if the Board wishes to continue with the current committee structure or whether the Board would like to try a two Board meeting a month structure without committees. The Board currently has 9 committees (Finance, Events, Interfaith, Public

Safety, Planning and Land Use Management, Public Works & Transportation, Youth, Emergency Preparedness, and the Rules, Elections & By-Laws)

Tabled.

18. Discussion and possible action to take a position on the DWP rate increases. Erick saw no change in the WNC position to oppose the rate increases. JJ makes a motion, Tess seconded and Erick will send a letter to oppose the rate increase. Verbal all in favor 11 to 0 opposed.
19. Discussion and possible action to take a position on Councilmember Smith's Proposals regarding the DWP and oversight. JJ motioned re Smith's summary to make customer billing simpler, wanted NC to be more involved, wanted a charter reform measure to not pay inflate salaries and financial improvements to pull management from the mayor. May WNC move to support recommendation, Eric seconded. Verbal all in favor, 0 opposed.
20. Discussion and possible action to appoint a representative to attend DWP Oversight Committee meeting and/or LANCC meetings. Down in LA is this meeting and is a major commitment for Saturdays, etc. does someone want to do this representation. JJ nominates William, Erick seconded it. All were favor, none opposed. JJ says Erick needs to write a letter to LANC to say that Bill is involved.
21. Treasurer's Report (to be provided by outgoing Treasurer) and an update on the outstanding bill issues. The City Council is scheduled to discuss and possibly act on all NC outstanding bills. If the City Council approves payment, no further action will be needed. If the City Council rejects payment then the Board will discuss next steps including notifying creditors of the situation and advising them to pursue the City directly for payment.

Erick went over the treasurer's report. Tess upset that the public storage items were put up for a lien sale and were sold. Erick will investigate with public storage how to get some of the items back if possible. JJ and Erick agreed that we need to look into an address and replacement for JJ's cell phone. Erick asks whether we use his second line for WNC calls and Erick's address for the WNC. It was the writer's(Greg's) recollection that there was a unanimous vote to use Erick's address and second phone line for WNC business. Meeting adjourned.

22. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- TBD

23. 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)

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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.

