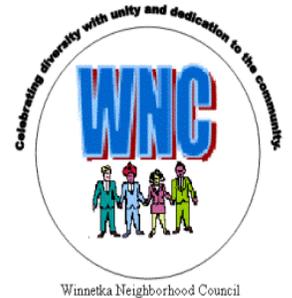


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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 01/09/07

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, and Board Members Roll Call.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
JJ Popowich	X		Excused
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Erick Lace			
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmohshabad	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Totals	11	0	0

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 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.

4.1. Ms. Palai mentioned that she does not have email. She feels left out of everything. If that’s the case she feels she has to resign. She wasn’t aware of any of the socials or what’s going on in the neighborhood.

5. State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon’s representative, Assemblyman Levine’s representative, 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.

- 5.1. Elizabeth from Councilmember Smith's office was in attendance. She pointed out that Council just got back in session and they are now working on the year's event. Citrus Sunday, Earth Day is in April and she's looking for NCs to partner with his Office and take on an event. She announced there is a Clean up project in the Lake Balboa area.
 - 5.2. Office Raigoza was in attendance. She wanted to introduce her self to all of the Council members as she normally attends the Public Safety Committee meeting. She announced that the first Comstat Meeting is tomorrow and Mr. Popowich will be there. She is still focusing on the gang issues. She will be attending a Gang Coalition meeting in Canoga Park and she is working on addressing the issues with that group. Crime is down, but there does continue to be problems as all areas have. She is really looking for the Council members to help her out.
 - 5.3. Mr. Popowich asked about the Gang Coalition.
 - 5.4. The purpose was to get businesses and organizations to help the LAPD to get kids out of gangs.
 - 5.5. Ms. Chelebian asked if they are working with faith based organizations.
 - 5.6. Yes. The public is free to come. The meeting is tomorrow night at Canoga High at 6 PM.
 - 5.7. Mr. Essavi pointed out that he commends the LAPD for being involved. He went on to say that is a long term solution. He would like to know what can be done about the short term since many residents in Winnetka are unhappy with the gangs that have moved in.
 - 5.8. The gang injunction has been extended from Topanga to Winnetka Ave and Sherman Way to Roscoe. The injunction is to prevent the gang members from hanging out together. They are working in these areas to also make arrests.
 - 5.9. Mr. Seflin asked what the injunction allows them to do that they couldn't do.
 - 5.10. SLO Raigoza said that it prevents one person from hanging out with another person because that is against the injunction. Without it, this would be a problem that could not be addressed.
 - 5.11. A stakeholder, Ms. Dunne, asked where they usually hang out.
 - 5.12. This is usually Mason and Cohasset. She continues to work with apartment managers to get them to get involved. They will be having a new one which will be presented in Spanish for the managers who speak Spanish.
 - 5.13. Mr. Rios from Councilmember Zine's office. He mentioned there were a few power outages around the Valley. There were no reported outages in Winnetka due to the winds; however there were a few in Woodland Hills. He mentioned some small trailers which advertise alarm monitoring were flipped over on many occasions and he did report several of them. DOT can impound them right away if it's tipped over. In addition if they have repeat offenders they can post signs prohibiting parking of unhitched trailers. He also presented the NC with an infrastructure improvement plan for the 2006 Fiscal year.
6. **Discussion and possible action to vote on and select WNC Appointed Board members from the candidates who submitted an application by the approved deadline. Candidates are: Tess Dunne, Howard Seflin, and Edwina Hollins. There are two adult seats available. We still have one youth seat available, but no candidates. This will include an opportunity for the candidates to address the Board.**
- 6.1. Mr. Popowich explained there were three candidates and each would have three minutes to speak before the Board and then they will take a vote.
 - 6.2. Tess Dunne: 6

6.3. Edwina Hollins: 9

6.4. Howard Seflin: 7

7. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Miguel A. Luna & David Marquez, on the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan. This may include a discussion on how the WNC will participate in future meetings and planning for this program.

7.1.

8. Discussion on scheduling new Board member orientation. This will also include a discussion on the status of Board member's required Ethics Training.

8.1. February 6 from 6-9 PM there will be Master plan meeting at Canoga Park High.

9. Discussion and possible action on the following Committee reports & recommendations:

• **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) (Lace)**

- **Need to follow up on Winnetka Convention Center Not Paid.**
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• **Interfaith Committee (Chelebian)**

- Ms. Chelebian said she has begun researching the various organizations we have in the community and she wants to send a letter to them to invite them to the first meeting. She has reached out to St. Joseph's and Christ Community Church. She has begun to work with them to find out when. She asked if the Fourth Tuesday of the month is available.
- Mr. Popowich mentioned that he will have to check with Valley Village.
- There was a discussion about various other faiths like Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist.
- There was a discussion on who was on it. Ms. Chelebian's goal is to get community members to fill those spots. She also felt that increasing the number of committee members.
- Mr. Seflin asked about the goals or nature of this committee.
- Ms. Chelebian said it was not to promote one over the other, but to reach out and work with them to get things done to improve the community. She went on to say that there are various programs that these groups do now and this is an opportunity to work together.

• **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Ross) –**

- Mr. Ross said he will talk with Nalini

• **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report (Popowich):**

- Mentioned a possible development at Sherman Way and Mason Ave.

• **Public Safety Committee Report: (Sims)**

- There was a discussion about the when the committee can meet.

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report:** (Chelebian) –

- Ms. Chelebian mentioned that they will have a meeting. She said Mr. Sims will talk about the median project. She also said that we need to get on the Winnetka Chamber agenda to speak to them about the plans. Once we have held that meeting we can work with Vicki from the CRA and look at getting either a business district or beautification project.
- Mr. Sims said he continues to have discussions on the median project in terms of lighting. He spoke to Councilmember Zine in December and he was supportive. Mr. Gutierrez of the Public Works Department has indicated that they have some safety concerns with the poll as well as whether it would destroy the beautification efforts. Mr. Sims said that he has taken pictures and provided to the several departments and they seem to be supportive. In addition Councilmember Zine suggested he was in favor and would right a letter. In following up with Councilmember Zine's office they have not sent the letter, but are looking to set up a meeting with the City. Mr. Sims said the meeting will be January 23, 2007 at Councilmember Zine's office to discuss it with the City.
- Ms. Robinson asked if anyone had contacted Councilmember Zine directly.
- Ms. Chelebian agreed.
- Ms. Robinson suggested that Zine's office is delaying other issues, such as a fencing issue along the wash, and it's time to go directly to Zine.
- Mr. Popowich said he could write the letter tonight.
- Ms. Chelebian expressed that there doesn't seem to be a need to have another meeting as we've already presented all of this to the City and the engineer.
- Mr. Popowich mentioned that he will write a letter, an email, and call Councilmember Zine. He also suggested that maybe it's time for to do it differently such as file a permit application and just try to push it through as any other organization.
- Mr. Sims said the feels the bigger problem is perhaps with Zine's office.

- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report:** (Popowich) -

10. Reports from liaisons: LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils).

10.1. Mr. Essavi said that he was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. However, he is keeping in touch with the congress and working with them on the issues. He said that the general feeling and hope is that Ms. Sarno is that she will be replaced. He said there seems to be a drive to de-certify the NC's by showing that they do not have the backing of the community and that they are not diverse enough. He pointed out that LANCC is trying to compile a list of success that they can share to point out that the NC's are beneficial and have had success. The LANCC is using the information to create a report.

He went on to say the issue will come down whether the NCs can have a Congress or whether only DONE can do it. He mentioned that he represented the WNC's point of view that we have a right and should band together. There is one suggestion that the NC's combine to create a fund that each NC contributes to in order to lobby against various City propositions and council motions.

10.2. Ms. Chelebian said that the first Cabinet meeting for 2007 will be Thursday.

11. Discussion and possible action to appoint someone to serve on the DWP Oversight Committee.

12. Mr. Seflin volunteered to serve.

WNC-010907-01: The WNC appoints Mr. Howard Seflin to represent the Winnetka Neighborhood Council on the DWP Oversight Committee (Seflin)

12.1. Seconded by Jozef

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Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Edwina	X		
Howard	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Totals	13	0	0

13. Adjournment