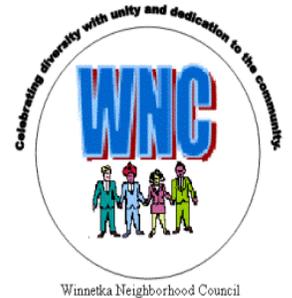




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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 3/14/06

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian			X
Josef Essavi	X		
Chris Jurgenson	X		
Carole Ozanian			X
La Rae Littlefield	X		
Howard Seflin			X
Art Sims	X		
Rick Montaine	X		
Raquel Diaz	X		
Saeid Faal			X
Katrina Landeta	X		
Totals	11	0	4

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. **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.

3.1. No public to comment.

4. **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, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.

- 4.1. Ms. Alberta Poverny from West Valley Occupational Center. She is a career counselor. The school has been there since 1955. They are reaching out to the community to try to make more people aware of the program. The school is part of the LAUSD. At this time there is no financial aid at the school because the school has no set office. The students dedicate a year to the programs and attend school at least 6 hours a day, 5 days a week. They currently have over 7000 students. She left a new schedule and newsletter which were designed by students. The newsletter is actually produced by a blind student. Currently offer 80 different programs of study. They are having an open house on May 18, 2006. She would like the WNC to spread the news.
 - 4.1.1. Mr. Lace asked for clarification on what she is asking for. He mentioned that we do have funds which we can spend.
- 4.2. Ms. Poverny said that one thing we may be able to do is set a scholarship up for a student.
- 4.3. Michael Tau, Policy Deputy for US Representative Brad Sherman attended the meeting. He announced the Congressman's Townhall Meeting, Sunday, March 26, 2006 from 2:30 PM at Reseda High School. He also mentioned that last year Congress passed a highway funding bill with about \$1.8 million dollars which will be divided between Winnetka, Canoga Park, and Reseda. They are working with the Bureau of Street Services (BoSS) to find out how they can get the most bang for the buck out of the funding. He also pointed out that they have some streets in there where they will be putting in some of the blinking smart cross walks. His office is working with Councilmember Zine on these locations and they may have a few in Winnetka.
 - 4.3.1. Mr. Popowich asked if we can sit down with his office and BoSS.
 - 4.3.1.1. Mr. Tau said he would arrange for some information to be shared.
 - 4.3.2. Mr. Essavi welcomed Mr. Tau and said he had a concern to share. He said over the last three years he's received some very nice and colorful brochures which seem like campaign pieces. He said at the bottom of these they are printed with tax payer's expense. He said he feels that these are a waste of taxpayer's funds.
 - 4.3.2.1. Mr. Tau said he would pass that along, but that he agreed. He pointed out that they only have a few ways to communicate with their constituents. He went on to state that there are specific rules that they must follow that prohibit them from handing out literature that is like campaign.
- 4.4. Mr. Octaviano Rios, Field Deputy from Councilmember Zine's office introduced himself as the new Field Deputy for the Winnetka area. Mr. Rios announced that Zine is working on an ordinance that would prohibit hotel operators from renting by the hour. The ordinance would regulate only hotels where complaints have been made by the public.

He said that the City Council has voted to expand the use of Street Furniture Fund usage. The final decision will come from Villaraigosa in the near future. He said that he has heard that street bumps, signage, property purchases were some ideas for the uses of these funds.

He announced there is a Hazardous Waste Collection site that will be in Northridge up on April 22, 2006 in Northridge.
- 4.5. Mr. Durazo commented that Conflict of Interest training is here. Its mandatory training based on Assembly Bill 1224. If the entire Board is not trained the City may freeze the funds until all are trained. Each member has one year to take the training. The next training is April 5, 2006 @ 6:30 PM at DeVry.
 - 4.5.1. Mr. Diaz asked for a future dates.
- 4.6. Mr. Durazo brought up the 912 Commission. This is a Charter mandated commission which will review the NC's and the processes that occur. DONE is reaching out to all NC's to get feedback on what should be covered, thoughts, and even nominations for who should serve. He will send this to all Board members. He pointed out funding issues may be one thing that needs to be addressed.

He brought up the issues of elections. He pointed out that we need to submit Election Procedures within 140 days of the election date. He will meet with the REB Committee and they can go through the procedures. DONE now has a template which can be followed, filled in, and brought to the Board for approval.

4.6.1. Mr. Jurgenson asked how many options we have for the 912 Commission and whether the NC's will have a voice.

4.6.1.1. Mr. Durazo said that is why they bring it up. He said that the NC's are being asked to create a community impact statement on the Commission or contact the representative he will share with them. He said the goal is to get the best system we can out of this change. He also suggested that maybe the Brown Act related posting requirements can be followed instead of the Charter required 5 posting places.

4.6.2. Mr. Jurgenson asked how many members will be on the Commission.

4.6.2.1. Mr. Durazo said that they are planning on having some representatives from each planning area.

4.7. Mr. John Bwaire from Councilmember Smith's Office. He said that Smith is working on the Sunshine Canyon contract issues. He said this ties in to Smith's Renew LA program to reduce reliance on landfills. He announced that this program has been adopted by CC. They approved the goal of reducing landfill usage by 600 tons. He mentioned that the Councilmember is with several other Councilmember's in DC to lobby for funds for LA. He mentioned that they are working on mobility issues and a transportation plan. His goal is to bring neighborhoods more into the planning stages so that the fixes that are used are in the right manner. Smith is also working on a maglev proposal. Councilmember Smith continues to meet with NC's in the Service Cabinet. He brought some information on the April 1st, Community Service project. They will be working on landscaping and brush clearing at a Granada Hills fire station. He said this is rotated throughout the district.

Councilmember Smith and the Valley Interfaith Council, which operates food banks throughout the Valley, are holding the Citrus Festival this Sunday. The Valley Interfaith Council provides food to people who really need it. They will be collecting food at the local fire stations in the CD 12 to drop off fresh fruit. This group serves 70,000 families in a week.

April 8, 2006 Music Day LA will be hosted in Northridge at Rancho De Cardro from 11:00 – 3:00 PM. This is musical instrument drive along with educational and entertainment. They will be working with Park Parthenia and a few schools that provide music programs and education to children.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding future elementary school located at site of Sutter Middle School. (Proposition Y required placement of an elementary school on the grounds of Sutter Middle School.)

5.1. Mr. Popowich asked what the Board's desire was in regards to this issue. He asked if we want to take stand on this, or whether we should leave it alone.

5.2. Mr. Lace said that he feels we should address this because there are

5.3. Mr. Sims said that we should send a letter of our disapproval of this.

5.3.1. Mr. Popowich asked if the Board wanted to make a motion on this.

5.4. Ms. Littlefield said that an informational meeting would be better prior to making a decision.

5.5. Mr. Sims said that the issue is building an elementary school next to the middle school was not a good idea and that it would lead to problems for the children.

5.6. A stakeholder commented that it would be easier for a transition.

- 5.7. There was some discussion on the issue of whether elementary children could share the same campus as middle school children. Some Board members felt that there would be problems with older kids bullying younger kids and possible bad influences.
- 5.8. Mr. Popowich said that we will invite someone from the LAUSD to either the April or May PLUM Committee and try to get a mailing out about this to the adjacent area.
6. **Discussion and possible action on selecting questions for the WNC Stakeholders Survey. This will include discussion and possible action to appropriate funds. The Project will be coordinated by Ms. Littlefield in conjunction with the Outreach Committee.**
 - 6.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the idea and mentioned the new survey.
 - 6.2. Ms. Littlefield commented that there are two surveys. She is ready to go.
 - 6.3. Mr. Popowich said the one thing that he heard from the Board in the past was that they wanted a say in what questions show up on the survey.
 - 6.4. Mr. Sims said we should move forward on it as it is.
 - 6.5. Mr. Essavi said that it has been sitting for too long and the time to move forward is now.
 - 6.6. Mr. Jurgenson pointed out that at the end there is a button that sends it to the retail site that these are created on.
 - 6.6.1. Ms. Littlefield said this has been corrected.
 - 6.7. Mr. Popowich asked if we can place a couple of questions about Emergency Preparedness and whether storage or training was something that was looking for.
 - 6.7.1. Ms. Littlefield said that she had included a question like that.
 - 6.8. Ms. Robinson said that she didn't get the survey due to computer problems. She said that she wouldn't mind looking at a copy of it.
 - 6.9. Mr. Sims made the following motion:

“WNC-031406-01: The WNC approves the second version of the Survey as emailed to Board members for review. The WNC approves up to \$4000.00 for the cost of the survey and advertising. (Sims)”
 - 6.10. There was a discussion cost of the survey and how the funds will be spent. Ms. Littlefield mentioned that the flyers would be passed door to door, in schools, businesses, and at public places. Some concerns were expressed about duplicating delivery of newsletters and flyers. Some Board members also felt that the duplication may not be a bad thing.
 - 6.11. Ms. Tess-Dunne said that if she wasn't here she wouldn't know that we're here.
 - 6.12. Ms. Diaz seconded the motion.
 - 6.13. Ms. Littlefield said she would accept changes up until tomorrow night.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess			X	
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson			X	
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				
Katrina Landeta				
Totals	8	0	2	

6.14. Motion passed 8-0-2.

7. Discussion and possible action to appropriate funding and work with other Neighborhood Councils (Reseda and Canoga Park), to host a debate between California Senatorial candidates to be held 7pm, April 6, 2006 at Agbu Mandogian Demirdjian School 6844 Oakdale Avenue Canoga Park, CA 91306.

To determine at this meeting:

- a) 4 people to work at the debate
 - b) \$100 appropriated to fund the debate
 - c) 5 questions submitted to the Moderator (Deane Leavenworth, Time Warner Cable)
- To save time at this meeting, the questions will be determined by the Executive Board.

7.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the topic and turned it over to Ms. Robinson.

7.2. Ms. Robinson said it was Winnetka, Reseda, and Canoga Park Councils. The debate will be broadcast at Time Warner. There are four people running for the seat being vacated by Senator Alarcon. She listed who they were. They are also asking for 4 people from each NC to assist.

7.3. Mr. Jurgenson made the following motion

“WNC-031406-02: The WNC will allocate up to \$100.00 for organizing and holding the California Senatorial debate to be held on April 6, 2006. (Jurgenson)”

7.4. Mr. Burgess said it’s good.

7.5. Mr. Montaine said that the candidates are not in his district. He asked if Board members could submit the questions.

7.6. Ms. Robinson said that we have 5 questions on Safety and Transportation.

7.7. Mr. Lace agreed it was a good idea.

7.8. Ms. Sims agreed it was a good idea.

7.9. Ms. Diaz asked what type of help is needed.

7.10. Ms. Robinson said they will need someone to pass out things to the audience and direct people (ushers).

- 7.11. Mr. Essavi asked if this was a bi-partisan debate.
- 7.12. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta				Could Not Vote
Totals	10	0	0	

7.13. Motion passes 10-0.

8. Discussion and possible action to require monthly reports to the WNC Board on progress of The Winnetka Median Beautification project. The report will include updates on project lighting and river rock.

- 8.1. Mr. Popowich explained that the WNC Board is not getting updates from the PWT on this process.
- 8.2. Mr. Sims said the next step is lights. He said we can't proceed with the lights and electrical before we do the rocks. He said he has gotten a lot of run around from various City departments. He is working with a private sector to get quotes for the electrical work and should have some type of costs and something to finalize and vote on at the next meeting.
- 8.3. Mr. Jurgenson asked if solar is out of the realm of possibility.
- 8.4. Mr. Sims said that at this time it's on the back burner. He said that it would only work if we placed the lights in the median itself. It wouldn't work for the lights on signs.
- 8.5. Ms. Diaz asked if he was getting different bids.
- 8.6. Mr. Sims said he is working with one specifically at this time. It's something that he's not familiar with the one has been very informative.
- 8.7. Mr. Popowich asked about private contractors and whether the City would approve it. Mr. Popowich pointed out that we will need to likely figure out the cost for electricity so that it can be included in next years budget.

9. Discussion and possible action to set a date for the next Rules, Elections & By-Laws Committee to begin work and planning for the next WNC elections.

9.1. The Board agreed that the Committee would meet on March 22, 2006 @ 6:30 PM, to begin planning for the WNC's 2006 Elections.

10. Discussion and possible action to set a date for the WNC for a Brain Storming Session to explore possible WNC projects for 2006.

10.1. The Board agreed they would meet on April 4, 2006 @ 6:30 PM for a brainstorming session.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the 912 Commission to Review Neighborhood Councils as required by the City Charter. This may include taking a position, tracking commission activities, etc.

11.1. Mr. Popowich explained the 912 Commission and briefly discussed what Councilmember Padilla, who Chairs the Education and Neighborhood’s Committee, is looking for. He said that he is looking at who should serve on this Commission, how many people should be on the Commission, and what the scope of the Commission should be, and what issues the Commission addresses.

11.2. Mr. Essavi said that if we are going to address this then the fairest way for this NC to deal with it is to create an ad hoc committee.

11.3. Mr. Lace said he doesn’t know if we need to take a position as it’s going to be done regardless. He said that if there is things we think should be considered then we should send these ideas.

11.4. Ms. Littlefield said we could designate someone.

11.5. Mr. Popowich said that he felt that we should add to a motion stating that what we want o see serve on the council. He pointed out that we want to see NC folks, past and present and those that have participated.

11.6. Mr. Essavi asked if this was appointed and or voted on.

11.6.1. Mr. Popowich said that it may or may not be opened up for the committee.

11.7. Mr. Essavi said that this would be NC members or past members.

‘WNC-031406-03: The WNC resolves that any appointees to this Commission be present or past Board members, or NC Committee members, elected and non-elected. The WNC will designate Mr. Popowich to collect questions and draft the letter. (Essavi)’

11.8. Seconded by Ms. Littlefield.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta	X			
Totals	11	0	0	

11.9. Motion passed 11-0.

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

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer’s Report)**

- Mr. Lace passed out his report. We have spent very little of the funds.
- Mr. Essavi asked if there was a way to have these funds reserved permanently.
- Mr. Lace said that the Mayor is looking at this as a source of funds.
- Mr. Popowich said that he could submit the question to for the 912 Commission.
- Mr. Montaine asked how they would determine which monies.
- Mr. Lace explained that the WNC had voted last year to stay within this budget year for accounting purposes.
- Mr. Popowich said that the \$36,000 from last year was to be spent on large projects.
- There was a general discussion about how the city could take the funds and which funds they would come from. One suggestion from Mr. Lace is that in the future we specifically spend the money.

- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson).** Discussion and possible action on the following Committee recommendations and motions.

WNC-OE-022706-01: *The WNC OE Committee approves the cost of \$140.00 for the food for the retreat. (Popowich-Robinson)(Approved 5-0)*

No discussion was offered.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta				Could Not Vote
Totals	10	0	0	

Motion passed: 10-0.

Purchase of Plasma TV for Valley Village Fund Raiser (Show Time June 24th)

WNC-OE-022706-02: *The WNC OE agrees to allocate up to \$3000.00 total for one or more large flat screen (LCD or Plasma), to be donated to Valley Village for their annual fund raiser. (Robinson-Popowich) (Approved 5-0)*

- Mr. Lace presented research that he has conducted and decided that the LCD is the best technology at this time. He said that many of these do not come cable or satellite ready. He said \$3400, plus \$250 for the stand. This was a widescreen.
- Mr. Montaine said that a new DLP technology is a pretty good technology and have a much truer color.
- Mr. Sims said this is for a donation.
- Mr. Popowich suggested we up the funds to \$4000.00 for the TV.
- Ms. Littlefield pointed out that we struggled over a survey for \$4000, but now we are giving this away. She said the funds would be better spent for schools or improvements for the school.
- Mr. Essavi had no comment.
- Mr. Jurgenson pointed out that we wouldn't be meeting at all without Valley Village. His point was that we owe this organization a lot for their support. The cost of rent would be much, much higher. He would like to see us give them even more. He went on to talk about how this event is important to us for Outreach and recognition.
- Ms. Diaz commented that she agrees with both angles. She agrees we have funds to give funds to the school. She sometimes we get held up on the money issues.
- Mr. Popowich pointed out that this is their main fundraiser and that this is a non-profit organization and it supports the disabled people in Winnetka.
- Mr. Sims said that he believes the TV is a good idea and the rest of the items mentioned isn't really needed.
- Mr. Lace agreed it's good for the community. He said he likes the idea that it promotes us and shows we are doing good for the community.
- Mr. Montaine brought up the standard for wide screen. He's concerned that whoever gets it will need to spend more to use a wide screen. He said that one thing he likes that was brought up by Mr. Jurgenson; why not purchase four 36 inch units which will have all the advantages.
- Ms. Landeta had no comment.
- Ms. Robinson agreed with Mr. Lace and Jurgenson. This organization has been very supportive. They also will provide an ad in the booklet.
- Mr. Burgess commented that last years Treasurer said that the Board approves a purchase of \$10,000.
- Mr. Essavi said that if we vote for this we are approving something that will make people sit in front of it and become couch potatoes. He suggested that we purchase a treadmill to encourage someone to move about and be healthy. Suggested we buy equipment here and also something we can us for the auction.
- Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

“WNC-031406-04: The WNC approves the Outreach & Events Committee recommendation [WNC-OE-02706-02] for the purchase of big screen TV at the cost specified. (Popowich)”

- Mr. Essavi said the the motion is not fair as they agree with the funds, but not for this item. He went on to say that we really should have advance notice of what was to be purchased. He supports Valley Village.
- This led a discussion about the whether it was appropriate that we should have discussed the additional funds added to the motion and the items purchased.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace		X		
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine		X		
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				
Katrina Landeta				
Totals	8	2	0	

- Mr. Jurgenson seconded.
- Ms. Littlefield asked to make sure that the minutes state that she approves of funds for Valley Village but has some concerns about what was purchased.
- Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

“WNC-031406-5: The WNC approves the addition of up to \$1000.00 in funds to be added to motion WNC-031406-04, to purchase a TV for the Valley Village fund raiser. (Popowich)”

- Seconded by Ms. Diaz

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi		X		
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield		X		
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims			X	
Rick Montaine		X		
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta				Could Not Vote
Totals	6	3	0	

- Motion passed 6-3.

WNC-OE-022706-03: The WNC OE Committee allocates \$300.00 for the purchase of a draping table cloth with the WNC logo and name on the front of the table cloth. (Burgess-Sims) (Approved 4-1)

Agreed to table the tablecloth.

WNC-OE-022706-05: The WNC OE Committee agrees to allocate up to \$50.00 for the purchase of items to support the planning and the event. (Popowich-Lace) (Approved 5-0)

- Ms. Robinson said this motion was to cover the cost of copies for the Emergency Preparedness.
- Mr. Popowich apologized that the motion was not correctly printed here and said that the Board could not vote on it. He offered to pay the funds. It was agreed to table and readdress once it was printed correctly on the Agenda.

*The Print Media Liaison and the Cable TV show will be discussed at the March.
The Youth Committee: Purchase of Books. (Lace)*

- **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report:** (Popowich) Discussion and possible action on the following Committee recommendations and motions.

WNC-PLUM-020106-1: The WNC resolves to approve the request for a zone change from a combination PV1/C2 to a C2 (case #SPC-20060127-ZC-W-PAD-SPR), located at 20140 Sherman Way. Furthermore the WNC requests that public storage add landscaping to the front face of the building in the form of climbing vines or trellis's or if possible a water element. (Popowich-Jurgenson) (Approved 4-0)

- Mr. Popowich described the project and Mr. Hattenberg from Public Storage showed the Board a picture. No discussion was held as Board members felt the project was a good one.
- Mr. Popowich made the following motion:
“WNC-031406-06: The WNC approves the PLUM Committee recommendation to approve the Public Storage project at 20140 Sherman Way [WNC-PLUM-020106-01]. (Popowich)”
- Mr. Jurgenson seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta	X			
Totals	11	0	0	

- Motion passed 11-0.

WNC-PLUM-020106-2: The WNC resolves that we should take all efforts to encourage the city to ease or eliminate some restrictions required by the DOT (Department of Transportation) and Planning to move the Winnetka Commons project forward. The WNC feels this development will significantly enhance the community and stir other improvements in nearby properties. (Popowich-Chelebian) (Approved 4-0)

Discussion on this item was tabled.

- **Public Safety Committee Report:** (Popowich) Discussion and possible action on the following Committee recommendations and motions.

WNC-PS-011906-1: The WNC will recommend to Recreation and Parks, the Park Rangers, Councilmember Zine’s office and the LA Police Department, that the entrance at Gifford Street Be closed. The WNC prefers to recommend that the entrance be walled off and the stairs removed to discourage sitting and loitering next to the wall. In the event that a wall is not a viable option, we request that a gate be installed to block that entrance and the stairs be removed or replaced with a ramp. (Popowich-Burgess) (Approved 6-1)

WNC-PS-P11906-2: The WNC will create a letter in both English and Spanish to send to stakeholders that in the area of OSO and Saicoy encouraging them to report crime and provide them with information on how to report the crime. Furthermore, the WNC will send a letter to apartment managers with the assistance SLOW (Senior Lead Officer for Community Policing) office, to encourage the managers to return the trespass letters and post signs. Furthermore, the WNC authorizes the expenditures to mail the letters not to exceed \$500. (Popowich-Montaine) (Approved 6-0)

WNC-PS-022206-01: The WNC will work with Canoga Park and Reseda to host a CERT training program in Winnetka for the three areas. The WNC will spend up to \$600.00 to create and distribute flyers for this program. (Popowich-Robinson)(Approved 5-0)

Discussion on the Public Safety items was tabled.

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report:** (Chelebian) **No Agenda Items Submitted.**
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report:** (Lace) No items submitted. *Due to improper posting of agenda for the last meeting, all discussions and decisions must be revisited.*

13. Discussion and possible action to select representative(s) to attend the NUSA (Neighborhoods USA Conference in Kansas City. This includes appropriating funds (TBD at the meeting) to pay for transportation, lodging, and conference fees. For more information, please see DONE’s March 8, 2006 email.

Discussion on this item was tabled.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve funds (amount to be determined) for the purchase of business cards, name tags, and pens.

- 14.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item.
- 14.2. Mr. Jurgenson said that it’s essential to have them.

“WNC-031406-07: The WNC will allocate up to \$500.00 for the purchase of business cards with the WNC logo and Board member names, name tags for the desk and lapel, and other promotional items as agreed OE. (Popowich-Robinson).”

- 14.3. Mr. Essavi asked that each business card be individualized.

14.4. Mr. Lace said that he can do, and it has to be approved.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian				Excused
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson	X			
Carole Ozanian				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Sefflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal				Excused
Katrina Landeta				Could Not Vote
Totals	10	0	0	

14.5. Motion passed 10-0.

15. Reports from any liaisons: DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith’s Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils), LANCC, Carole Ozanian, (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress) (for report on 1st meeting of the LANCC, read <http://www.citywatchla.com/>)

16. Board Business –

A. Comments on Board Member’s own activities/ Brief announcements.

- Conflict of Interest Workshops to be attended by each Board Member.

B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.

D. Requests for Board Members to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time.

17. Adjournment