

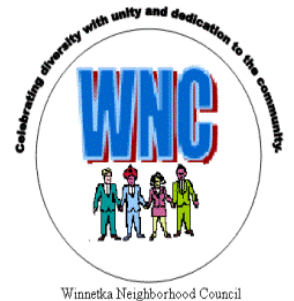


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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From: JJ Popowich  
 To: WNC Board Members, Public  
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 05/08/07

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

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich			X
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			X
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		Late Ex
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Rizkalla			X
Open Seat			
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>		

- 2. Explanation of meeting rules
- 3. Approval of minutes of April 2007 meeting.

3.1. Last month's minutes were tabled since they were not ready and reviewed for approval.



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 Speakers’ names are complete and correct in the meeting minutes.
  - 4.1. Mr. Pat Owens asks members to vote in the upcoming Special Elections on May 15<sup>th</sup>, since the turnout is expected to be 4%.
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 any other local or State government representatives that may wish to attend.
  - 5.1. Rachel Raigoza, LAPD, stated that she is still here after a long absence. Department has reports that there are organization in this area that help youth who come out of juvenile hall. We help them with that Penny Lane facility for juvenile hall. They are asking for mentors. 100 needed and so far, we have 30. Info will be available through the LAPD email Blast.
  - 5.2. Alan Schweizer, Director of Social Services Children are our future: He is also president of his HOA in Winnetka and has concern about next-door property on Winnetka/ 20160 Roscoe Ave. Bar fights, violations, drinking outside recycling center, which opened recently, have created serious problems for the neighborhood. Bar owner is primary owner of “Chance’s dancing” property and he sub-leases to other businesses. Mr. Schweizer wants WNC to advise on how to move forward. Canterra Street behind the property is now haven for drug users, homeless and there is no street cleaning. Also, shopping carts are left all around that area.
  - 5.3. Mr. Burgess: Suggested that Mr. Schweizer go to Public Safety Committee to start the process.
  - 5.4. Officer Raigoza: Building and safety was sent there already. Cul-de-sac of Canterra Street and associated problems are related to the recycling center in the back of the bar. We also can’t take charge of the shopping carts because of previous legal experiences. Since he is the owner of the property he allows this activity on his own property and there is little LAPD can do.
  - 5.5. Mrs. Lace: LAUSD has also responsibility to make safe the school route for children to and from school.
  - 5.6. Mrs. Natarajan: How come both a bar and recycle center were built at that location close to residential areas.
  - 5.7. Officer Raigoza: Because the land was zoned commercial.
  - 5.8. Ms. Mooshabad was tallied and counted present by the Chair.
  - 5.9. Mr. Sims: Thanks Mr. Schweizer and you are welcome to come back and address the Public Safety Committee on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
6. Discussion and possible action on status of the WNC DONE Representative. (Seflin)
  - 6.1. Mr. Durazo announced the new DONE Director: Ms. Carol Baker New Done Asst. Director: Mr. Bon Wong Kim

- 6.2. Mr. Durazo said that DONE has taken new approaches in helping NC's and that his new tasks require him to only attend from time to time and when asked by a specific NC so that more work can be done to streamline the process. When a stakeholder has a complaint, then DONE will attend so that NC's will be more independent.
- 6.3. He tried to stay in touch but an info request email was sent to WNC asking for all the members' contacts but no reply was sent back to him.
- 6.4. DONE will be more proactive and solve problems.
- 6.5. Mr. Lace: Need more info from DONE to find out what is going on.
- 6.6. Mr. Seflin: A summary is needed on what is going on with DONE.
- 6.7. Mr. Durazo: Yes, I agree and will keep you informed.
7. Discussion and possible action on filling the Board Vacancy with a qualified member (Sims)
  - 7.1. Mr. Art Sims introduced and allowed Ms. Tess Reyes Dunn to introduce her. Mr. Sims then nominated Ms. Tess Reyes Dunn to fill the vacancy on the WNC Board. Mrs. Natarajan Seconded.
  - 7.2. Result of the written vote was as follows:
  - 7.3. 8 Yeas/1Nay/1Abstention
  - 7.4. A majority and a quorum of at least 8 having voted affirmative, Ms. Tess Reyes-Dunn was elected and sworn in by Mr. Seflin to complete the term of the appointive seat.

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8. Discussion and possible action on filling the Youth Committee Chair and Vice-Chair vacancies and merging the Youth Committee with Outreach & Events. (Sims/Lace)
  - 8.1. Mr. Lace stated that filling the vacancy for the Chair of Youth Committee was voted on in the November 2006 meeting per the minutes of that meeting and that we need to move forward with that so that he could fill the seats and move forward on the much work that needs to be done in that committee. He has a motion to move forward with that.
  - 8.2. Mr. Sims: Per January minutes and current agenda, we need to discuss whether or not we will merge the Youth Committee under the Outreach Committee Jurisdiction as an Ad Hoc Committee under Outreach and Events Committee. Youth Committee is very important and Outreach and Events Comm. Should have the key.
  - 8.3. Ms. Hollins: The entire outreach umbrella should encompass the outreach and events, youth, and they all should work together.
  - 8.4. Mrs. Natarajan: We can do a better job for outreach if youth and outreach comm. Are together.
  - 8.5. Mrs. Nina Essavi: Outreach and Youth Should be together.
  - 8.6. Ms. Aghakhanmooshabad: I think Outreach and Youth should be together.
  - 8.7. Mr. Essavi: I believe to avoid duplicity both Committees should be combined to work together.

- 8.8. Ms. Reyes-Dunn: Bringing these committees together gives us the opportunity to help the interested kids give us feedback on our job.
- 8.9. Mr. Seflin: There is enough work on youth available that the Youth Committee deserves and is rightly justified to function on its own.
- 8.10. Mr. Lace: At the end, we will work together but it is important that Youth and Outreach work under a separate committees. By creating, a youth mission statement we think we should separate these two committees so that parks and schools will let more kids to be involved.
- 8.11. Ms. Robinson: Youth is important and should be separate. It is urgent to have our own committee.
- 8.12. Mr. Burgess: Separate Youth Committee is needed.
- 8.13. Ms. Hollins: She would like to see a report of the past youth activities.
- 8.14. Mr. Essavi: We will have a Youth Committee no matter what. It is the technicality that we are debating over. Whether to have a standalone committee or an Ad Hoc Committee, at the end we will have full Board oversight to optimize its success no matter how and where it is structured.
- 8.15. Mr. Sims: Why don't we make it one powerful committee? Let's have a Youth Ad Hoc Committee under Outreach and Events Comm.
- 8.16. Mr. Lace Moves:
- WNC-050807-02: The WNC Board approves the creation of a separate Youth Committee According and per November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 minutes.
- 8.17. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims		X	
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi		X	
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi		X	
Nalini Natarajan		X	
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad		X	
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins		X	
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn		X	
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	

- 8.18. Motion failed: 4-7
- 8.19. Mr. Sims Moves:

*WNC-050807-03: The WNC Board approves the merging of Youth Committee under Outreach and Events Committee and that OEC appoint a chair and vice chair for the Youth Ad-Hoc Committee. Seconded by Ms. Tess Reyes-Dunn. Chair ordered a roll call.*

- 8.20. Seconded by Ms. Tess Reyes-Dunne.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace		X	
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson		X	
Dwight Burgess		X	
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin		X	
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	

- 8.21. Motion passed: 7-4

8.22. Ms. Annie Palai made the following public comment by Annie Palai: She stated that she also would be interested to know what has been done so far about the youth. As a stakeholder, I think something should be accomplished rather than hashing same issues.

Ms. Hollins: announces that there will be an Outreach & Events Committee meeting on May 29, 2007.

- 9. Discussion and possible action on training for the Vice Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee (Seflin)
  - 9.1. Mr. Lace: Trainings are done and no longer available en bloc. Vice Chair has to call and get trained individually by Steve Baule: 213-273-5373
- 10. Discussion of responsibilities and jurisdiction of Board Members (Sims)
  - 10.1. Mr. Sims: Every Chair should inform the new Vice Chair of what training and responsibility they and what their position entails.
- 11. Discussion and possible action on Erick Lace (TV) issue (J Essavi)

- 11.1. Mr. Sims: We should Mr. Lace’s reimbursement issue since Mr. Lace ended up holding the bag. Every Board member should be at the small claims court to support Mr. Lace at Court.
- 11.2. Mr. Seflin: Agrees injustice was done but City Attorney has ruled that city cannot sue itself thus small claims court is not possible.
- 11.3. Mr. Lace: At no time, the TV was at my home. I appreciate the support of the WNC and will pursue this with the Board of Commissioners.
- 11.4. Mr. Sims Moves:

WNC-050807-04: The WNC supports Mr. Lace’s efforts in going to BONC to resolve his reimbursement issue and a letter of support from WNC will accompany Mr. Lace once the date is known, also accompanying him will be those members of WNC who can attend.

- 11.5. Seconded by Mr. Seflin.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	

- 11.6. Motion passes: 11-0.

12. Discussion and possible action on WNC participation in the Grand Re-Opening of Food4Less in June ‘07. Contact Scott Wedge, Manager for details. (Seflin)

- 12.1. Mr. Seflin: The Grand Opening of Food for Less will be a great Outreach opportunity.
- 12.2. Ms. Robinson: I attended a meeting but the pro-beautification people were not in attendance. I was alone.

13. Discussion and possible action on providing WNC Certificates of Appreciation for Donuts + Depot and Berc’s Gourmet Catering for support of Big Sunday community cleanup activities. (Robinson)

- 13.1. Ms. Robinson Moves:

WNC-050907-05: The WNC will provide Certificates of Appreciation for Donuts and Depot and Berc's Gourmet Catering for support of Big Sunday Community Cleanup activities. Furthermore that the following WNC members (Hollins, Chelebian, Robinson, Seflin, Burgess) who participated carry on the presentation.

13.2. Seconded by Mr. Lace.

13.3. Mr. Essavi: States that from now on Only Chairs should ask to provide certificates of appreciation since there will be chaos and confusion if every member of the board decides to ask for a motion to present certificates of appreciation and is disrespect to the underlying committee chairs.

13.4. Ms. Hollins: As the Chair of OEC is agreeing to this motion.

13.5. Chair calls for a roll call:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi		X	
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	

13.6. Motion passes: 10-1

14. Discuss and possible action on making sure our webmaster gets photos, and articles re: WNC accomplishments (Sims)

14.1. Mr. Sims asks where the WNC community pictures are.

14.2. Ms. Robinson: Stated that pictures are with Mr. JJ Popowich and Mr. Chris Jurgenson. We need to pictures.

14.3. She will contact Mr. Jurgenson and inform Mr. Sims.

14.4. Ms. Hollins: Called Chris already regarding regular

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



- **Finance & Budget Committee Report:** (including Treasurer’s report) (Lace)
  - Mr. Lace stated that WNC needs to finalize its budget for 07/08 year, which will run from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 through June 30, 2008.
  
- **Outreach & Events Committee Report:** (Hollins)
  - Ms. Hollins moves:
 

WNC-050807-06: The WNC will help sponsor the youth entertainment for Salute to Receptions at the Northridge event up to \$1200.00.
  - Seconded by Mrs. Natarajan.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	

- Motion passes: 11-0.
  
- **Planning & Land Use (PLUM) Committee Report:** (No chair at this time)
  
- **Public Safety Committee Report:** (J Essavi)
  - Discussion and possible action on approving PSC motion: Sending 2 letters to Councilman Zine and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa asking for more police patrols and lights at the Runnymede Park (Sims/Robertson), passed unanimously.
    - Mr. Essavi asked for the approval of the (Sims/Robertson) motion. In whole the Committee moved by Mr. Essavi/Seconded by Mr. Sims.
    - Mr. Seflin: Stated that letters should not be sent because this is part of the PWT Committee and there are already letters to that effect sent or being sent and this will just confuse the situation.

- Mr. Essavi: As the Chair of that committee I think since we have given ample time through agenda posting to everyone interested to bring their concerns to that committee and now that committee has spent valuable time and passed this motion, we should in deference to that committee approves this motion.
- Mr. Sims: Writing letters that are from different committees will only help our case to show to the elected officials that an issue which is being handled by many committees in their different capacities is important enough to get their attention.
- Mr. Sims called roll:

WNC-050807-06: The WNC approves the Public Safety motion to send 2 letters to Councilman Zine and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa asking for more police patrols and lights at the Runnymede Park.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace			X
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson			X
Dwight Burgess		X	
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin		X	
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

- Motion passes: 7-2-2
- Discussion and possible action on approving PSC motion: Sending a letter to Mr. Dickson of Parks & Recreation asking for more lights at Runnymede Park (Sims/Nine Essavi), passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Essavi moves:
 

*WNC-050807-07: The WNC approves the Public Safety motion to send a letter to Mr. Dickson of Parks & Recreation asking for more lights at Runnymede Park.*
  - Seconded by Mr. Sims.
  - Mr. Sims called roll:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin		X	
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	

- Motion passes: 10-1

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report:** (Chelebian)
- ***WNC-PWT042607-01: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to support the concept and design of bridge improvements for the Winnetka Ave Bridge over the Los Angeles River between Archwood St. and Gilmore St. and the Vanowen St. Bridge over the Los Angeles River between Oso Ave and Mason Ave. as presented by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Division and Department of Public Works, Bureau of engineering. (Chelebian-Seflin). Approved 6-0***

- **Mr. Sims moves:**

**WNC-050807-08: WNC approves (Chelebian/Seflin) WNC-PWT-042607-01 motion.**

- **Seconded by Mr. Seflin.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		

Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	

- Motion passes: 11-0.

- **WNC-PWT042607-02: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to create an Ad-Hoc Committee on Animal Welfare to address animal welfare issues in our community. Ms. Lisa Janes will chair the committee.(Chelebian-Seflin). Approved 6-0**

- Mr. Sims moves:

WNC-050807-09: The WNC approves (Chelebian/Seflin) PWT-042607-02 motion.

- Seconded by Ms. Reyes-Dunn.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
JJ Popowich			
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian			
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
Youth Open Seat			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	

- Motion passes: 11-0

- **Rules, Elections & Bylaws Committee Report:** (Popowich)
- **Interfaith Committee Report:** (Chelebian)

16. Reports from liaisons:

- LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress): No Report
- DWP Oversight Committee
  - Mr. Seflin reported the DWP MOU II was approved by 48 NC's and 17 NC's have placed it on agenda to vote on. Four NC's are in limbo.
- Councilman Smith's Service Cabinet
- VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)

17. Board Business –

- A. Comments on Board Members' own activities / brief announcements.
- 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.

18. Future agenda items and other calendar events:

(All meetings held at Valley Village, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka CA 91306 unless otherwise noted)

- Public Safety Committee: Monday May 21, 2007 6:30PM
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: Thursday May 24, 2007 6:30PM
- Outreach & Events Committee: Monday May 28, 2007 6:30PM

19. Adjournment

- 19.1. Mr. Sims moved to adjourn.
- 19.2. Mr. Essavi seconded.
- 19.3. Adjourned at 9:36P PM