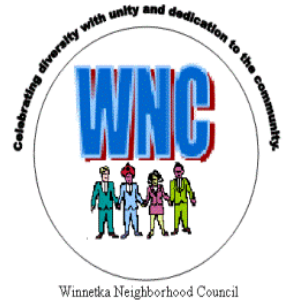




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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 5/10/05

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

Dwight Burgess	Chris Jurgenson	Jacque Lamishaw	Marilyn Robinson
Wayne Schulte	Cynthia Conover	Bob Basch	JJ Popowich
Armineh Chelebian	Richard Montaine		
	Alan Wolfe – Absent	Ken Molock – Resigned	James Valdez – Resigned

2. Secretary's Announcement

- 2.1. Mr. Popowich read off the resignation letter from Mr. Molock.
- 2.2. Ms. Lamishaw said it is her duty as the President to appoint a Vice President to fill the remainder of Mr. Molock's term. She said that she would be appointing Mr. Jurgenson, and asked if he would take the position.
 - 2.2.1. Mr. Jurgenson said that he would accept the appointment.
 - 2.2.2. Mr. Popowich raised an objection and asked if it was ok to do this? He went on to say that he didn't think it could be done without a full vote by the Board.
 - 2.2.2.1. Mr. Basch said it is in the By Laws.
 - 2.2.2.2. Mr. Popowich said that he would reserve the right to revisit that decision before the end of the meeting so he can review the By-Laws.
 - 2.2.2.3. Ms. Lamishaw said that she would move on to the next item.

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

- 3.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened discussion on the item and asked if there were any revisions to the minutes.
- 3.2. Mr. Basch said that he did have revisions and commented that there were quite a few in the 11 pages. He then proceeded to review them line by line.
 - 3.2.1. Mr. Popowich agreed to make the revisions brought forth. However, he did point out throughout the process that there were several revisions that were nothing more than changing words with the same meaning.
- 3.3. Mr. Montaine asked if this was something that needed to be done right now, or whether we can push it back to a later time in the meeting. He asked if this was some type of filibuster. He also pointed out that we have several stakeholders here who want to move on.
 - 3.3.1. Mr. Basch and Ms. Lamishaw both indicated it's on the agenda and it's been called so there is a discussion. She went on to comment that she didn't do the minutes this time and it was Mr. Popowich who created the agenda and placed it in this spot.

3.3.2. At this point order was lost and several Board members objected to the revisions being made at this time and asked for it to be pushed to later in the agenda. This led into a discussion on whether we wanted to correct the minutes now or later.

3.3.3. Ms. Lamishaw said she would revisit the minutes after the next item on the agenda.

Secretary's Note: In order to keep things in context I've elected to insert the discussion about the agenda here under the same bullet point. Please keep in mind that it was picked up after we completed item 4, on the agenda.

3.4. Mr. Basch continued with his revisions.

3.4.1. Ms. Chelebian interrupted and said that this process was taking too long and is too lengthy. She suggested that perhaps Mr. Basch could just send Mr. Popowich the revisions. She went on to thank Mr. Popowich for his efforts and said that we should be happy that he takes his time to do this.

3.4.2. Again order was lost at this point. Mr. Basch argued the minutes pertain to the election and are important records of what happened. He also commented that if they are going to be posted on the internet for all to see they should be correct as they reflect on the WNC. He continued by stating that he didn't think he should have to re-write the minutes for Mr. Popowich. Ms. Lamishaw agreed with this statement and attempted to restore order by pointing out it is a legitimate agenda item and Board business that has to be conducted. She said it is not up to discussion. During this time several stakeholders also commented on the process.

3.4.3. Mr. Popowich commented on three things; he apologizes for the typos as he should have spell checked it and that Mr. Basch has a right to do this and he's ok with that. He went on to say that Mr. Basch could have sent him a note asking him to double check the spelling and typos, but if he wants to publicly embarrass me I'm ok with it. It won't work and it's fine.

3.4.4. Mr. Basch said he would forgo the rest of the minutes and that he would not do this again. He continued by stating that he wanted to read something that was published by DONE. Mr. Basch read the suggested job duties for a Secretary which is to record events and actions at a meeting as well as the start and adjourned time. He concluded by stating that this was a limited roll so that this type of discussion is prevented from happening, but this Board chose to over rule that and vote in favor of the verbatim type of minutes.

3.4.5. Mr. Popowich said he would take the minutes as is and would be happy to accept Mr. Basch's changes.

3.4.6. Ms. Conover made a motion to table this until the corrections can be made and it can be voted on at the next meeting.

3.4.7. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

3.4.8. Ms. Lamishaw asked for objections. No objections were made and the motion to table the item stands.

4. State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon's representative, Assemblyman Levine's representative, Mayor Hahn'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. Lamishaw introduced Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Rodriguez.

4.2. She announced that they have moved into their new station. All new phone numbers have been assigned. She referred to the new Neighborhood Watch Newsletter which has all the SLO numbers. She provided the main number for the front desk as 818-374-7611. Each SLO now has a direct line. She went on to announce that she will be attending Sergeant's school next month and will be up for a possible promotion. She said she will have a substitute for her June meeting, but should be back in July. Her position will be replaced should she be promoted. She said that there are no time tables for a promotion as the city does it when they feel the need is there and it could be a week to years.

SLO Rodriguez announced crime is down. However, over the last week there has been an increase in crime in Winnetka as far as robberies. She is hopeful that this crime problem will be solved soon as they are close.

Overall burglaries have dropped. There was a problem with burglars breaking into a garage. An arrest was recently made and was the person was charged with several burglaries. She referred to a car break-in in Encino of a police officer who left an item in plain view. She recommends you remove all valuables. Grand theft auto has dropped. However there is a dramatic increase in auto thefts of the Cadillac Escalade. The Escalades are not being recovered at a very high rate. The popular Toyota Camary's are still near the top though.

4.2.1. Mr. Jurgenson asked what the MO on the garage break-ins.

4.2.1.1.SLO Rodriguez said it was a numbers game. He would test out several garages until he can find one which he could break in easily. Most of these were day light break-ins and most had no dogs.

4.2.1.2. Mr. Jurgenson asked if they knocked on the door.

4.2.1.3. SLO Rodriguez said that sometimes they do test out the residence to see if anyone is there.

4.2.1.4. Mr. Jurgenson said it has happened to him in the past.

4.2.1.5. SLO Rodriguez said that they will do it and give an excuse. She recommended that it be reported.

4.2.2. Ms. Conover asked if any type of solicitation like that should be reported.

4.2.2.1. SLO Rodriguez agreed.

4.2.2.2. Ms. Conover said that she had one at 8 PM asking if she wanted her car tuned.

4.2.2.3. SLO Rodriguez said that is usually not a burglary, but something else. Usually this will happen during the day light hours after 10 AM when people are not likely to be home.

4.2.3. Ms. Chelebian asked what they get out of garages.

4.2.3.1.SLO Rodriguez commented that they get tools and other items. She went on to say that a lot of times the criminal will just pull up to the garage and load things into the truck as if they were gardeners or workers.

4.2.4. Ms. Chelebian said that she was approached by teenagers who were selling some type of paper to raise funds for something. Should this be reported or not.

4.2.4.1.SLO Rodriguez agrees this type of activity should be reported. It's not a legitimate business, but it is common. If it's reported they can look into it and even call in Child Services if they can find the perpetrators.

4.3. Ms. Espinoza from Council member Zine's office announced the Butterfly Festival at Reseda Park, May 21-22. There will be many events, acts, and booths. She also reminded everyone that the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade is coming up and hopes everyone will come out. On June 23rd she will be co-sponsoring an ID Theft Forum workshop. It will be at 6:30 PM and it will be at the West Valley Police Station Community meeting room.

4.3.1. Mr. Montaine asked about a festival event at Pierce and if she knew what it was.

4.3.2. Mr. Sims commented that he had heard about it, but wasn't sure what it was. It would be an informative event of some type.

4.3.3. Ms. Espinoza said on July 21st there will be an open house at West Valley Sanitation Yard from 9 – 3 PM.

4.4. SLO Rodriguez announced that the Winnetka Neighborhood Watch meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month. She said they will be meeting at the normal place and at the normal time. She also announced that if anyone wanted to see the new police station after the meeting she will be taking a group over to do a short tour of the station. The main topic is the Neighborhood Prosecutor program and their focus on day labor issues.

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

1) Facilities Committee Report: No Committee Report.

- a) Ms. Lamishaw announced there was no Facilities Committee report due to Mr. Molock's resignation.

2) Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) (Basch)

- a) Ms. Lamishaw introduced the subject and asked Mr. Basch to present his report.
- b) Mr. Basch outlined his report. He said we have spent \$13,367.57.
- c) Mr. Popowich asked him to send me the report so he could enter it into the minutes exactly.
- d) Mr. Basch commented that there is some question about the carryover for Fiscal 06, minus any election costs.
- e) He went on to say that the DONE has made several recommendations to the City Council in regards to finance issues. He said one motion is to allow the carryover from year to year with a three year cap on the carryover. This would leave us with about \$83,000 for next year. The motion has not been approved or voted on at this time so we'll have to wait and see what will happen.
- f) The Finance Committee will meet towards the end of June to complete a budget for the 2006 fiscal year. The budget will go before the Board for acceptance and if approved it would go to DONE for approval.
 - i) Mr. Jurgenson asked for clarification on the carryover rule and whether we would get to keep our funds
 - (1) Mr. Basch agreed that is what is being proposed.
 - (2) Mr. Jurgenson asked if it's better to spend it then save it.
 - (3) Mr. Basch said that it's there for the carryover period. If there was something you wanted to do specifically that you wanted to save and carry over.
 - (4) Ms. Lamishaw reminded all committees to let Mr. Basch know what is needed.

3) Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson)

- a) Ms. Robinson asked Mr. Popowich to present the report.
- b) Mr. Popowich read the summary of motions for this committee.

WNC-051105-2: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the May 3, 2005, Outreach & Events Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- c) Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.
- d) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there were any objections to the report. None were made so the report was approved.
- e) Ms. Lamishaw did announce that the committee has moved the meeting date to the fourth Monday of the month to accommodate more committee members.

4) **PLUM Committee report: (Popowich)**

- a) Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Popowich to provide his report.
- b) Mr. Popowich started the report by saying that he was very proud of the Committee and the impact we are having on the neighborhood. He said that despite the confusion around whether we could meet in March through the committee's efforts a developer significantly changed his plans to address the concerns of the community and the committee. This included placing parking under ground which is a huge cost and other modifications to protect the current home owner's privacy. He then read off the summary of motions and made the following motion:

WNC-051105-2: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the May 4, 2005, PLUM Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- c) Mr. Basch raised the issue of where the funds would be coming from the within the WNC budget and when it would be spent. This lead to a discussion on how the funds could be used for the bench project. It was determined that we can do this if the Board passes a specific motion to move the money around.
 - i) Ms. Conover suggested it be included in the budget that will be submitted for 2006.
 - ii) Ms. Lamishaw suggested that these funds be taken from the \$20,000.00 Street Furniture funds that Council member Zine granted us.
 - iii) A stakeholder asked if this was the same funds that the WNC will have to use to repair streets.
 - iv) Ms. Lamishaw said no it wasn't.
 - v) Mr. Popowich said it's not that fund; it's the Street Furniture Fund which was given to us as a one time gift. The same funds we have earmarked for the Winnetka Signs.
 - vi) Mr. Montaine raised the question about what would happen if the costs of the benches exceeded the motion.
 - vii) Mr. Popowich said that we would have to revisit it. If it did he didn't think it would be more.
- d) Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the report.
- e) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there were any objections. None were made so the report is approved.

5) Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich)

- a) Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Popowich to present this report.
- b) Mr. Popowich read off the summary of motions that were provided. He spoke about the benefits of the CHP School Parking taskforce and what they will be able to do with the purchase of the camcorders.
 - i) Ms. Conover said that we need to submit the item for the 2006 budget.
 - (1) Mr. Basch said this could come out of the Community Improvement / Civic Projects in Q 3. He mentioned this could certainly be considered a community improvement. He asked whether we would be able to provide the specifics of what would be purchasing.
 - (2) Mr. Popowich said that the CHP has provided a specific model number and the camcorders are available at Sears.
 - ii) Mr. Lace asked if this purchase was for use in CD 3 only, or if it should be for all of Winnetka. He wanted to now about the CD 12 area of Winnetka.
 - (1) Ms. Lamishaw made a motion to strike CD 3 and state that it would be used in Winnetka.
 - (2) Mr. Burgess seconded.
 - (3) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there was any objection to the Friendly amendment to the motion. None were made to the motion passed.
- c) Mr. Popowich explained the issue surrounding the parking near Sutter Middle school and the exit points. He pointed out that the children dart between cars. He said that SLO Rodriguez had been working on this for some time to get the back end of the school on Lubao Street set as the exit point and the other one on Valerio closed, but has not been able to get it done. He then made the following motion:

WNC-041205-3: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the April 18, 2005, Public Safety Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- i) Ms. Lamishaw asked if we shouldn't go over the Principal's head.

(1) Mr. Popowich said he would like to start with the Principal and move up the ladder if we have to.

(2) Mr. Lace said that it has to go through the principal.

(3) A stakeholder, Ms. Reyes-Dunne commented there is ample room along the back.

d) Ms. Lamishaw asked if we should accept the report the amendment.

e) Ms. Conover seconded the motion.

f) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there were any objections to the report. No objections were made and the report passed.

6) Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)

a) Ms. Chelebian said that they spoke about Mason Ave and what the status is. It's in the process and we will be contacted. She asked Mr. Popowich if there was any new info.

i) Mr. Popowich said that it's been tested and we are awaiting the final report. He will call this week.

b) Ms. Chelebian brought up the second issue. She thanked Mr. Basch and Ms. Lamishaw for their efforts and bringing the focus to that issue. It's up for re-paving. She asked if Mr. Basch wanted to comment.

i) Mr. Basch said he did at the last meeting.

ii) Ms. Chelebian asked if they wanted the full report or if they wanted to just go over the motions.

iii) It was decided to pursue just the motions.

c) Ms. Chelebian announced where we were at on the Winnetka Sign Beautification project. She wanted to thank Mr. Sims for his efforts. We are going to vote on this and if approved tonight it will go to Councilmember Zine for approval and funding. She asked Mr. Sims to report.

i) Mr. Sims said that he has made a lot of progress and is ready to move forward. His current sticking point is the lighting. He has spoken to many people about getting an electrical hook up for that area. At this point it will require a letter from Councilmember Zine to get movement on this portion of the project. He has also been working on solar lighting. He read off a quote that he received for one solar system. Costs range from 9000 to 11,000. He said that he believes this is a great way to go and even better than the tying into the DWP. The lights are metal and decorative and will last for 10 years. The lights are comparative to a 150 watt bulb.

(1) Ms. Chelebian thanked Mr. Sims. At this stage she said we've approved only landscaping phase of the project.

(2) Mr. Jurgenson asked if the \$1100 covers four lights. He asked where it would be placed.

(3) There was a brief discussion on costs of lights and placement.

(4) Ms. Chelebian said that she would like to bring it back to the landscaping. She went on to say that we're getting free plants and mulch.

ii) Ms. Conover said that this needs to come through the Finance for the budget.

(1) Mr. Popowich said it doesn't come out of those funds. This comes out of Councilmember Zine's \$20,000 Street Furniture Funds grant to us.

(2) Ms. Conover asked if we need to track it.

(3) Mr. Basch said that we probably should come up with a sheet on the expenditures. The final motion will include all the details and that will be enough for us to work with.

- iii) Ms. Chelebian moved on to the street grading issues. She said that the committee will work with the city to look at their grading and their plans. She said that the books were handed out but they are still incorrect. She will continue working on it.
- iv) She said that we talked about the MTA wall for the Busway. She said that we agreed to request the MTA have a town hall meeting to discuss the concerns. She said the WNC will not host the meeting but we will collect the stakeholder's comments and present that to the MTA. She said that we also thought we would ask the other NC's along the route to reach out with us for a town hall meeting. The idea is to have an open discussion.
- v) Ms. Lamishaw brought up the DWP MOU motion. She said that there is an opportunity to have two liaisons. She went on to explain that one liaison interacts with the DWP, while the other serves on an Oversight Committee. The liaison could be the same for both positions if someone is interested enough.
 - (1) Ms. Chelebian said that she believed the motion was intended to cover both positions.
 - (2) Ms. Lamishaw said that eh PWT should nominate and choose someone.
 - (3) Ms. Chelebian pointed out that we are just trying to make sure that it is done with the full Boards agreement like we had done in the past. She then asked if we would approve the report.

WNC-051105-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the April 28, 2005, Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- vi) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there were any objections. None were made and the motion passed.

7) Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: Update on any committee action applicable. (Basch)

- a) Mr. Basch said that he has not received a report from the ad hoc committee but would like a report from the Chair.
 - i) Mr. Lace said that we are ready to ask the Committee to call meeting. We are going to have a report and we will give it to you.
 - ii) Mr. Basch asked that once the meeting is held to give them three dates to get together.
 - iii) Mr. Lace said that we are looking at the end of July for the elections. As soon as it's done we will get the report to you.
 - iv) Mr. Basch said that once it's presented to the Election Committee, the Committee will discuss, ask for revisions, and possibly approve. Once approved it has to be presented to the full Board.
 - v) There were some discussions on when it would be a good idea to meet.
 - vi) Mr. Lace clarified that if all of it works out we could have it in July.
- b) Ms. Chelebian asked about the 45 day period in the letter.
 - i) Several commented it was past that date to hold the election.
 - ii) Ms. Chelebian asked when the new terms would start and how long would they last.
 - iii) Mr. Basch said that it would be from July to July.
 - iv) Ms. Chelebian asked about the current Board members.
 - v) Mr. Basch said they have been extended and that is something you'll want to clarify with

6. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

- 6.1. Charlie Myerson from Global Greening which is an environmental activist group. He is tasked with Solar Energy outreach. He said the DWP has been tasked to increase the renewable energy source but

there really is no plan on how they will do it. He went on to say that solar energy is low cost, very environmentally safe, and can actually decrease your electrical bill. He went on to say that solar energy would provide more local jobs for installers and maintenance. He commented on the fact that the costs of solar energy are the fast falling brand. He said his groups focus on low income housing and public buildings.

6.1.1. Mr. Jurgenson asked what the average cost is.

6.1.1.1.Mr. Myerson said that the cost is about \$20,000 for a 2300 sq ft house. The DWP has a rebate program and that can come down to about \$11,000. However he went on to say that this is recovered quickly due to savings on your bills.

6.1.2. Ms. Chelebian asked him if he was an activist or part of company.

6.1.2.1.Mr. Myerson stated he is an activist and does not get paid.

6.1.3. A stakeholder, Ms. Reyes-Dunne asked about back up systems.

6.1.3.1.Mr. Myerson said that you are still able to draw from the grid, but this can reduce your costs.

6.1.4. Mr. Lace asked if the city has a program.

6.1.4.1.Mr. Myerson said they do, but there are some funding problems. They are supposed to have about \$15 million for 10 years through the state. He went on to discuss various levels of rebates and levels of what can be recouped.

6.1.5. Mr. Myerson said the goal is 1% of all energy in LA to be solar based.

6.1.6. Mr. Jurgenson said that in his opinion if they want a 12% by 2017, and wondered if it was feasible.

6.1.6.1.Mr. Myerson said he believes it is feasible if we start now. The state has another program called the million roof top program.

6.2. There was a discussion on the costs of the systems and how it can be reduced for the owner.

6.3. Mr. Jurgenson asked if there was any type of legislation we can do to require any new buildings built in Winnetka to have this as requirement.

6.3.1. The general consensus is that this is not possible.

6.4. Mr. Myerson left some handouts for us to review and distribute.

6.5. Mr. Sims asked if there was a time frame for proceeding with the Winnetka Sign Beautification project.

6.5.1. Mr. Popowich explained the process starts with the ad hoc committee, and then moves to Ms. Chelebian's full committee, and then on the Board for approval, and finally to Mr. Basch to work out the funding with the Council member's office.

7. **Committee Business –**

A. Comments on Committee Member's 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 Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

i) Ms. Lamishaw commented that we should place an item on the agenda to appoint a new member to fill Mr. Molock's vacant spot on the Board.

(1) There was a discussion on how can anyone be appointed and the specific language of how a Board officer can be appointed. There was a discussion who can appoint, and who can't appoint, and whether it was to be the appointed one's appointing the new members.

(2) Mr. Popowich raised the issue about Mr. Jurgenson's appointment and it's not in the agenda.

(3) Ms. Lamishaw asked if everyone objected to Mr. Jurgenson's appointment.

(a) Ms. Chelebian pointed out that she had raised that objection.

(b) Ms. Lamishaw asked if we can call it a special item and vote on it now.

(c) Mr. Popowich said he would prefer it be left to the new board.

(d) Ms. Lamishaw asked who would chair in her absence next month.

(e) Mr. Popowich pointed out that he would do it per the By-Laws.

(f) Ms. Lamishaw asked how he could do that and still take minutes.

(g) Mr. Popowich pointed out that he certainly can do both as he does it for several committees.

ii) Ms. Chelebian said that she feels that we should change the election to fill that spot.

(1) This led to a discussion on what can be done and can't be done. It was pointed out that we can't change the procedures without going through DONE and the city attorney. Then there was some discussion about the terms for the remaining 4. Some felt that they are here for February. Some read the procedures to state the 4 are extended until the new election in July 06. This was a question that will be put to Mr. Fitzgerald. As well as about Ken's vacant position.

b) Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

8. Adjournment