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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 06/12/07

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, 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		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Rizkalla			X
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
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Total			

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. Approval of Minutes from April & May meetings.

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. Kristin Thibedeau, representing the Music Foundation, which is a music education program that will be starting the fall at Sunnybrae Elementary School. She introduced Susan Lasken, Principal at Sunnybrae Elementary. She said that she is new to

the school and they are working hard to bring the test grades up. She is focusing on the condition and beautification of the campus as she feels that a good environment will help education. They are looking for volunteers for their garden and other programs. They would like to do murals and a number of other things that they would like to do. She appreciates whatever the council can do.

4.1.1. Mr. Popowich encouraged Ms. Lasken to bring her ideas to us. He reviewed some of the rules such as we can't give money, but we can buy items and services.

4.1.2. Ms. Chelebian introduced herself and encouraged her to come to her and talk about potential projects.

4.2. Mr. Ed Crowe from the West Valley News, a publication dedicated to the West Valley. He is hoping that we will want to work with him on various news item. He suggested a dedicated page in his paper that will have content controlled by the Board. He hopes that we will consider this option.

4.2.1. Ms. Natarajan asked about the circulation.

4.2.2. Mr. Crowe said he distributes about 20,000 copies sent out. They cover 5-8 different communities.

4.2.3. Ms. Robinson asked where they are delivered.

4.2.4. Mr. Crowe said right now they distribute at the Canoga Park Bowl. They try to find high traffic areas and will add more at our request.

4.2.5. Ms. Natarajan asked about frequency.

4.2.6. Mr. Crowe said it is a monthly.

4.2.7. Ms. Hollins asked how long they have been here.

4.2.8. Mr. Crowe said he has been around for 4 years with this paper.

4.2.9. Ms. Reyes-Dunne commented that they have done well for other organizations.

4.2.10. Mr. Crowe stressed that he is very localized and positive and supports the community businesses.

4.2.11. Ms. Natarajan asked about the cost.

4.2.12. Mr. Crowe said it would be \$500.00 per month.

4.3. Ms. Palai, a stakeholder, said that she spoke to Sam Hayes to get an estimate about the 50/50 sidewalk program. She said it was \$15.00 a square foot. She said that since LA has the money to build a large hotel downtown, bridge renovation, and can send the Mayor on trips, she can't understand why we don't have money to do sidewalks and trimming of the trees. She would like someone to explain this to her. Several years ago they installed handicap access, but can't do her sidewalk.

4.3.1. Mr. Popowich suggested that she write City Hall and explain how unhappy with their services they provide.

4.3.2. Mr. Seflin suggested she attend a City Council meeting on Friday at the Van Nuys location and let the City Council know about this.

4.3.3. Ms. Palai also asked about motor homes on Quartz Ave (7250 Quartz Ave).

4.3.4. Ms. Raigoza from the LAPD said that they have seen a tremendous increase in motor homes. They had addressed this in the past and they have returned. She explained that the 72 hour rule was fought in court and now they only have to move it a few feet (rather than the 1 mile rule). She said they can move them if they are unregistered. She also mentioned that they can cite them if they live in them but that's all they can do. She did say she would check it out.

4.3.5. Ms. Palai mentioned that it's in the drive way.

4.3.6. Mr. Popowich suggested she call Building and Safety and they will come out and inspect the location. If it violates rules such as height, location, and whether it blocks the sidewalk.

4.3.7. Mr. Seflin referenced the PW-T agenda item.

4.3.8. Ms. Palai asked why the Board can't have only four neighborhood councils.

4.3.9. Mr. Popowich commented that it was voted upon by citizens to have it like this.

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. Ms. Weissner from Councilmember Smith's office. She said that they have over 150 volunteers to collect fruit for Citrus Sunday and collected over 500 pounds of fruit. She wanted to thank the WNC for its support.

5.1.1. She said that she wanted to let everyone know that the Councilmember's office is aware of the problems with streets. She went on to say that recently the Council members no longer have any say in picking which streets are scheduled.

5.1.2. She introduced Megan Cottier is the new representative that she is leaving. Ms. Cottier commented that there is a new ordinance to require trash bulky item pick up at apartments that will be placed on the City Council agenda and will be on the agenda on June 17th. She mentioned that Councilmember Smith was instrumental in getting the funding restored for the CERT program. She said that Councilmember Smith is working to identify cooling centers throughout the Valley in case we have a power outage. She mentioned movie night. She mentioned that on August 11th they will have a movie night at Winnetka Park.

5.1.3. Mr. Essavi wanted to congratulate her on her marriage and wanted to thank her for a job well done.

5.2. Mr. Popowich introduced Mr. Rios from Councilmember Zine's office.

5.2.1. Mr. Rios addressed the McArthur Park incident and he read the statement that Councilmember Zine made on May 30th. The gist of the comments was a request to continue to the investigation by the City Council because the command officers were not present to answer them.

5.2.2. He mentioned the July 4th Extravaganza will start at 5 PM. He encouraged everyone to arrive early.

5.2.3. National Night Out will have the 24th Annual event on August 7th at Warner Center Park. This will be a large event and will have entertainment and much more in conjunction with Councilmember Smith's district as well. Parking will be free in the Califa parking structure.

5.2.4. Dealing with the Club Red Square, which is a problem bar in Woodland Hills. He mentioned this to show how they deal with it. They usually ask the neighbors to write letters. They work with Vice, the LAPD bike division, and others to create a file history on the business.

5.2.5. Ms. Hollins wanted to let us know that we are registered for the National Night Out.

5.2.6. Ms. Chelebian asked when the Councilmember will address the Wet Spot.

5.2.7. Mr. Rios said that he would look into it. He said the process is to build a complaint file and that requires stakeholders to write the Councilmember's office.

5.3. Mr. Popowich introduced Ms. Raigoza, the LAPD Senior Lead Officer for Winnetka.

5.3.1. Ms. Raigoza pointed out that there is a mistake in the newsletter that was sent out. They will send email blasts about they can't redistribute the newsletters.

5.3.2. She addressed the Fourth of Jul fire show. The LAPD will be doing an educational campaign throughout the Valley regarding fireworks. They will be passing out flyers and it talks about the restrictions of the fireworks. The LAPD will be confiscating any fireworks that they come across as well as citing them. If we are aware of any locations where this happens on regular basis we should let her know so they can do it.

5.3.3. In general for Winnetka she mentioned that graffiti has really increased and it's mostly taggers. There are lots of new juveniles that are doing this. They are starting to tag mostly with the tagging crew name and not the individual names which is making it a bit harder to find them but they are having some success. They have arrested some students at Sutter Middle School and they are awaiting court dates. The West Valley Alliance is struggling with funds and the 24-

48 hour turnaround time has been delayed to about a week to two weeks. This has encouraged taggers. She mentioned that they have received a grant recently and they may get a bit better but it's still difficult.

5.3.4. Ms. Robinson asked about graffiti in the River. She asked if she could be called directly.

5.3.5. Ms. Raigoza said that was fine. She will try to address it but they can't move it along any faster.

5.3.6. Ms. Reyes-Dunne asked if there was a way to ask for help or volunteers.

5.3.7. Ms. Raigoza has tried to get in touch with the program director but has had some difficulty.

5.3.8. Ms. Weissner suggested that they contact Councilmember Smith and if it's in his direction then he may be able to connect them with a private individual that does graffiti removal and it's been very productive.

6. Guest speaker: Tessa Charnosfsky/Area Director Neighborhood Community Services, Office of the Mayor.

6.1. Ms. Charnosfsky did not attend.

7. Guest Speaker, Robin Gilbert/California Clean Money Campaign speaking about campaign financing.

7.1. Mr. Wayne Williams said he is here to let us know that the City Council is going to come to the NC's to ask them for advise on how to create a full funding campaign. He said that he is not here to convince us how to approach this. He's here to help convince us that it's a responsibility to get special interest funds out of elections. He mentioned that Maine and Arizona both have successful systems. He said that usually it works where a candidate has to get a number of signatures and a minimal donations that are handed into an election commission and the candidate is then vetted. If the candidate meets all the rules then they get a certain amount of money for their campaign that can only be used in certain ways and must also attend all debates. They are prohibited from accepting money from organizations.

He went on to say that the Supreme Court has determined that a candidate does not have to participate in this process and can still run on their own. This can be listed on the ballot as well.

He went through what can happen in stages. In some the second stage can even see a raise in funds to the level of a non-participating candidate. The structure all depends on what the system outlines. He also provides some possible ideas for how independent expenditure campaigners (non-related special interest groups that do send out flyers) can be dealt with by requiring public notice of the intent and increasing the funds of the participant in the clean money program.

8. Discussion and possible action to reconsider keeping the Youth Committee as a separate committee as voted by the Board in Nov '06. Board vote of May 08, 2007 to incorporate the Youth Committee into Outreach & Events is invalid since there was no adherence to WNC Bylaws regarding Motions of Reconsideration.

8.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item and opened it for discussion.

8.2. Mr. Seflin said he brought an abstract of the Board's meeting in November of 2006. He read the abstract which included a description of the motion. He stated that it was a violation because it was not done as a reconsideration in December. In addition, he felt that it was not on the agenda properly.

8.3. Mr. Sims asked if we had an Outreach at that time.

8.4. Ms. Chelebian clarified that it was done during a discussion about breaking it away along with the Interfaith Committee.

8.5. Mr. Essavi said that he agrees that is how it happened. There was a Chair appointed for the Committee and that Chair resigned. He said that with the new Chair, Ms. Hollins, came along and since there was no interest and no chair of the Youth Committee, it seemed reasonable to have the issue reconsidered. He said he understands that certain Board members would rather work in that Committee as independents, rather than work under the Chair. As far as a Board member he feels that we are all dedicated to the children of the community. He said it's time to give Ms. Hollins a chance to see what she can do.

8.6. Mr. Lace said he agrees that we should stop rehashing. He said that the Committee was separate and it was doing a lot through the schools and later with Ms. Robinson working with the Children's Center of Winnetka. When it was brought under Outreach he functioned as a sub chair and it worked ok. He feels that a standalone committee would be better. He pointed out we have been playing political football with this committee. He feels that now it's the end of the year and we haven't done anything for any schools. He said he has received several requests from schools asking for assistance and we

haven't done anything. He suggests we go back to November's decision and leave it alone. And at least we can get something done.

- 8.7. Mr. Popowich said the he is unhappy that this has continued to be an issue. He went on to state that the committee was not successful as a standalone committee. He pointed out that the Board was unable to appoint a Chair because they could not find anyone who wanted to do it that they felt comfortable with. He also took a moment to address a comment by Mr. Lace regarding community members who have contacted him about things that can be done for kids and his sadness that Mr. Lace didn't bring it to the attention of the Board or a committee. He went on to encourage any Board member who was contacted by a Stakeholder to make sure that they bring the issue before the Board. He concluded that with or without this committee the kids in Winnetka will be taken care of and the Board can address their needs.
- 8.8. Ms. Hollins said that she came to work as a team. She said that she just wants to work together and not separate. She hopes that this what we can do. She said that we should respect each other's ideas even when we differ.
- 8.9. Ms. Natarajan said that from November through May no one wanted to become chair. Now she does not understand why now it's become an issue.
- 8.10. Ms. Robinson said that when it was a sub-committee under Outreach she had no say what was done. It was either whatever Mr. Lace brought back had to be accepted or not. She said that at the time she really didn't have enough resources to deal with it all. She feels it should be separate.
- 8.11. Mr. Seflin said he agrees with Ms. Hollins, but felt that it was a dividing issue.
- 8.12. There was a general discussion about the By Laws and what the Reconsideration section of the Board and whether it's valid or not valid. There were discussions about whether the Reconsideration section applies to this Board or another Board or whether an action could ever be reversed by a Board.
- 8.13. Mr. Popowich suggested that we table the item and clarify the Reconsideration and let the issue stand. He pointed out that he was in a no win situation. He went on to say that he can't stop them from voting on it, but at the same time the way the Reconsideration section of the By-Laws was written he didn't think that any Board could overturn another Board motion. He went to say the Board can do what it will as he has no authority to force them to go either way.
- 8.14. Mr. Sims made the following motion:

 "WNC-061207-01: The WNC votes to select the Committee be accepted as a sub-committee of the Outreach & Events Committee."
- 8.15. Mr. Essavi seconded.
- 8.16. Mr. Burgess questioned the appointment of the Chair/Vice Chair.
- 8.17. Mr. Sims rescinded his motion.
- 8.18. Mr. Essavi requested that the Outreach Chair be allowed to select a Chair and Vice Chair. He requested that this item be tabled indefinitely.

"WNC-061207-02: The movement to rescind the last month's action to move the Youth & Education Committee under Outreach & Events should be tabled until any contradictory language regarding the Reconsideration Section in the By-Laws is clarified by the Board or the City Attorney. (Essavi)
- 8.19. Motion seconded by Mr., Sims

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin		X	
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	6	5	1

8.20. Motion passes 6-5-1.

8.21. Mr. Seflin requested to make a motion:

“WNC-061207-03: The WNC will not take any actions on the establishment of a Youth & Education Committee until the By-Laws are clarified by the By-Laws Committee. (Seflin)”

8.22. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad		X	
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins		X	
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne		X	
Youth Open Seat			
Total	5	6	1

8.23. Motion fails 5-6-1

9. Discussion and possible action to amend the Bylaws

9.1. Posting locations listed in the Bylaws are incorrect

9.1.1. The Posting locations are incorrect and will need to be changed.

9.2. Terms of Board Members states “2 years” vs. 2 yrs for elected/1 yr for appointed which is the understanding of most Board members. Which is correct?

9.2.1. The Terms are two years for all Board members.

9.3. Standing committees need to be listed in the Bylaws

9.3.1. This item was tabled.

9.4. Bylaws need to be updated to specify that the Board President does not cast a vote, except to break a tie per Roberts Rules.

9.4.1. This item was tabled.

10. Discussion and possible action to fill the Youth Board Member position.

10.1. Mr. Lace asked to postpone this until September.

10.2. Motion tabled until September.

11. Discussion and possible action to create a Hospitality Committee to provide refreshments at Board / Committee meetings.

11.1. Mr. Lace stated that we still have the Committee listed in the budget.

11.2. Ms. Chelebian suggested this be an ad-hoc committee.

11.3. Mr. Seflin said that he feels we should have a committee to make sure this happen.

11.4. Ms. Hollins agreed to do this and there is no need to have a committee for this. She said that every meeting they discussed what they would have at the next meeting. Ms. Hollins will bring sandwiches and soda.

12. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a new standing committee called The Helping Hand Committee.

12.1. Mr. Seflin presented a packet with information regarding his idea for a Helping Hand Committee. He started out that the Budget & Finance Committee recently reviewed the budget and we have not used our \$50,000.00. He pointed out that we have \$36,000 plus that is unused for the third year, \$32,000 for the last year, and \$22,800 unused for this year. For a total of \$91,722.02 that is unused or 61.2% of our funds.

Mr. Seflin stated that the purpose of the committee would be to reach out and find people, organizations, or other items in need and providing them assistance. Some ideas would be electric wheel chairs for stakeholders, lunches for boy scouts, or to help a business owner improve their facades. He outlined how the program would work and a budget request for \$13,000.00 and how those funds would be spent.

12.2. Ms. Chelebian commended Mr. Seflin on his efforts and how the plan was put together. She said that we have enough committees at the present time and to add another committee at this time would not be a good idea. She pointed out that some committees currently don't function. She said that some of the money was earmarked to fund for items that did not happen. She believes that the existing committees can be successful in meeting the needs.

12.3. Mr. Sims concurred.

12.4. Mr. Popowich agreed that it was a great idea and very well thought out idea. However there are some things that can't be done like the electric chair and the business facades. He went on to clarify why and that is the City won't allow us to help individuals.

12.5. Ms. Hollins stated this sounds like Outreach.

12.6. Mr. Essavi complimented Mr. Seflin on the work and effort and his passion for the work. He feels that we really should be discussing a lot of these things in committee.

12.6.1. Mr. Seflin said we collectively need to do a better job of spending our money. It's a shame that the money has to go back down town.

13. Update on the LAUSD Regional Elementary School #10 project on the grounds of Sutter Middle School. This may include action to support or oppose the recent Environmental Impact Report, and what actions we will take on our decision.

13.1. Mr. Popowich asked if Mr. Lace received the EIR.

13.2. Mr. Lace commented he didn't receive it.

13.3. Mr. Seflin said that he participated in a conference call with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the PTA for Sutter and various other state and local representatives. He pointed out that there is contamination including arsenic and other chemicals. He said that the DTSC will hold a public hearing on mitigation procedures at a time to be considered. There was a question about the timing as the LAUSD will be holding a meeting in July to approve this.

Mr. White of the DTSC will find out about this issue and report back to the group. The group also asked the DTSC use a more reliable list of people to notify. The DTSC said that the soil will still be cleaned.

13.4. Mr. Sims asked if they don't disturb the soil then they don't have to do anything.

13.5. Ms. Reyes-Dunne asked for clarification of our request for the LAUSD Board to come to us.

13.6. Ms. Robinson said that the meeting is down town and its set in July.

13.7. There was a lot of discussion on where and when it was.

13.8. Mr. Sims made the following motion:

WNC-061207-04: The WNC will send a copy of our last letter in opposition to the proposed Elementary School to the new LAUSD Board member for our area, the General Superintendent Brewer, and all LAUSD Board members. (Sims)"

13.9. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

13.10. Motion passes 12-0-0.

14. Discussion and possible action on selecting which 10 Board members will represent the WNC at the Valley Village's annual Showtime Event.

14.1. Ms. Robinson pointed out that it's on June 23rd and it starts at 11:30 until. She explained what the event is for and how we are qualified to attend.

14.2. The Board discussed the names of those that will attend. Mr. Popowich, Mr. Sims, Ms. Chelebian, Mr. Essavi, Mr. Burgess, Ms. Robison, Mr. Lace, Mr. Seflin, Ms. Hollins, Ms. Reyes-Dunne.

15. Discussion and possible action on approving the release of the new WNC website. Any suggestions for the final design of the site are due at this time. This will include a demand to DONE to pay, as previously approved, the fee for development and the yearly maintenance cost. This may also include discussion and possible action to approve additional funds for the

creation of a Board Only website where forms can be posted and to create a page to allow stakeholders to sign up for our email list. This will include additional funds.

15.1. The Board decided the web site was ready to go. They also decided to request an estimate for the Board only page and the email sign up page.

16. Discussion and possible action on the following motion:

16.1. *Discussion and possible action to support the following request by Fullbright Elementary Principal Ms. Caren Guthman: Fullbright's 5th grade culmination is June 19, 2007. Please let me know if the Winnetka Neighborhood Council would like to recognize up to four students for outstanding academics with certificates and/or bonds. Also, please let me know if representatives from the Council would be able to attend.*

16.2. Ms. Chelebian read through her motion and discussed what the item would be. She said here is an example of the school's reaching out to the WNC for assistance. She read the letter from Ms. Guthman. The letter also addressed the issue of tile placement at the school.

16.3. Ms. Chelebian made the following motion:

WNC-061207-05: The WNC will present a certificate of recognition to the four children chosen by Principal Guthman academics. (Chelebian)

16.4. Mr. Essavi seconded.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12		

16.5. Motion passed 12-0.

16.6. Ms. Chelebian will get the names to Mr. Seflin to print the certificates. Mr. Popowich and Mr. Sims will sign the certificates. Ms. Chelebian will provide the details.

17. Discussion and possible action on the following motion:

17.1. *Discussion and possible action to re-approve the \$2,000 remaining from the \$3,000 originally approved under Big Sunday Project to be spent on the Fullbright elementary Tile projects and other campus beautification projects as requested previously, such as cutting the concrete to plant trees, plants , trees and also furniture for the parent center.*

17.2. Ms. Chelebian passed around two communications from Fullbright and Sutter regarding Big Sunday.

WNC-061207-6: The WNC approves the expenditure of \$2000.00 to be allocated as needed to cover the costs of the installation of tile at Fullbright Elementary, the cutting of concrete to plant trees, plants, and also for furniture for the parent center at Fullbright Elementary School. (Chelebian)

17.3. Mr. Popowich seconds the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

17.4. Motion passes 12-0.

18. Discussion and possible action on the following:

WNC-061207-07: Letter of thanks to Capt John Sherman/Commanding Officer Los Angeles Police Department West Valley Division for allowing the WNC to utilize the Community Relations Room at the West Valley Division Police Station to conduct its DONE Orientation Training.

Letter of thanks to Chris Ward/Admin Asst to Capt Sherman for her assistance in helping us secure the Community Relations Room as a venue for the WNC/DONE Orientation Training.

Letter of thanks to Manuel Dorazo/Project Coordinator, Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment graciously giving up four hours of his Saturday morning to conduct an Orientation Training session for Board Members of the WNC. Copy of this letter to be sent to Carol Baker-Tharp/General Manager Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment. (Seflin)

18.1. Seconded by Mr. Lace.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			

Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

18.2. Motion passed 12-0.

19. Discussion and possible action on sending an expression of condolence to Board Member Lores Rizkalla on the death of her Father.

19.1. The Board agreed to do this. Mr. Seflin will create a nice certificate.

19.2. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

“WNC-061207-08: The WNC hereby dedicates the meeting and will adjourn tonight’s meeting in memory of Ms. Lores Rizkalla’s father. (Popowich)”

19.3. Ms. Reyes-Dunne seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

19.4. Motion passed: 12-0.

20. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Parliamentarian

20.1. Mr. Essavi asked to table this item.

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

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer’s Report) (Lace)**
 - Discussion and possible action on budget planning for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

- Mr. Lace handed out the Finance report. He went on to say that in addition to the three year rule, any funds over \$100,000.00 may also be taken.
- Mr. Lace presented a proposed budget.
- Mr. Essavi commented that the budget should reflect the Board’s decision on the Youth’s funds.
- Mr. Lace commented that it really doesn’t matter it is just to outline where the funds will be spent.
- Mr. Popowich commented that he would like to see some funds set aside the funds for the purchase of emergency kits to be given out.
- Mr. Lace made the following motion:
WNC-061207-09: The WNC approves the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. (Lace)
- *Mr. Sims seconded motion.*

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	11	1	0

- *Motion passes 11-0.*
- *Mr. Popowich made the following motion:*
WNC-061207-10: The WNC approves the Special Budget of \$36,189.20 as presented by the Finance Committee (Popowich)
- *Seconded by Mr. Seflin.*

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seffin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	11	1	0

o Motion passed 11-1-0

• **Interfaith Committee** (Chelebian)

o Ms. Chelebian announced they held a meeting on May 29th. They have appointments for Hindu, Sikh, Bahia, Muslims, Jewish, Valley Interfaith. She has asked Mr. Stafford from St. Joseph's but they have not responded. The LAPD has not responded at this time. They have started to discuss some ideas and those will be brought forward later.

• **Outreach & Events Committee Report:** (Edwina Hollins)

o Discussion and possible action on ratifying the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair for the Youth Committee.

o Discussion and possible action to recognize dedicated volunteers of Winnetka.

▪ An idea to have a large banquet to recognize the citizens of Winnetka who are community volunteers.

o Discussion and possible action on suggestions for promotional items for the rest of the year.

▪ Ms. Hollins mentioned that we need promotional items for future events. She would like to know what we should order.

▪ Mr. Lace said that it would be labeled.

▪ Mr. Sims suggested emergency kits.

▪ There was a discussion on the item that she had identified. She would like to purchase these from Costco.

▪ Ms. Hollins made the following motion:

WNC-061207-11: The WNC will allocate up to \$3000.00 for the purchase of promotion items. (Hollins)

▪ Mr. Essavi seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seffin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			

Total	12	0	0
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- Motion passed: 12-0.

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

- *No meeting since there are no pending projects to discuss.*

- **Public Safety Committee Report:**

- Discussion and possible action to approve the following motion from the Public Safety Committee:

WNC Public Safety to send a letter to DOT, LAPD in support of restricted parking at Quartz/Cantly/Sherman way are from 11pm-5am (Sims/Essavi 5-0).

- Mr. Essavi clarified they did have a meeting and this motion was passed. This is to confirm the Public Works & Safety Committee's
- Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-061207-12: The WNC supports and approves the motion as passed by the Public Works & Transportation Committee. (Popowich)

- Mr. Sims seconded the motion

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Sefflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

- Passes 12-0.

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

- Discussion and possible action to approve bids for the Sherman Way Median Beautification project at the WNC Board meeting of 6/12/07, bypassing the regular Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting of June 28, 2007 in the interest of expedience.
- Mr. Sims commented that he has received one bid of \$80,840.00 for this project. This included \$15,000.00 for traffic lane closure. He went on to say that last year he was able to get the lanes closed so that can be reduced. He requested another bid from True Green Landscaping. He received a letter asking for clarification. He has also talked to a third landscape company today and they will have a bid within a week.

- Mr. Sims said one drawback is the water issue as at least one landscaper said the irrigation is off again. He went on to comment that he has spoken to Zine’s office and they are all working hard to get the irrigation fixed.
- *Discussion and possible action to approve the following motion from the Public Works & Transportation Committee: WNC-PWT053107-01: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to have a letter sent to Dennis Zine, Los Angeles City Councilman, 3rd District, enlisting his support of the Business Improvement District (BID) for Winnetka. (motion, Chelebian; second, Essavi Passed 5-0)*

- Ms. Chelebian provided the history on this item. She commended Marilyn for her efforts on the Chamber’s side.
- Mr. Popowich made the following motion.

WNC-061207-13: The WNC approves motion WNC-PWT053107-01 as submitted by the Public Works & Transportation Committee. (Popowich)

- The motion was seconded by Mr. Burgess.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
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			
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Lores Riskalla			
Tess Reyes-Dunne	X		
Youth Open Seat			
Total	12	0	0

- Motion passed 12-0.
- *Discussion and possible action to approve the following motion from the Public Works & Transportation Committee: WNC-PWT053107-02: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to table discussion of the Fulbright Elementary School “Wish List” pending a financial update on Big Sunday funding. (motion, Chelebian; Second, Sims Passed 5-0)*
 - This item was withdrawn as it was dealt with above.
- *Discussion and possible action to approve the following motion from the Public Works & Transportation Committee: WNC-PWT053107-03: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to write a follow up letter to Ken Firoozmand/Transportation Engineer West Valley District to ascertain the status of restricted parking signs for the 7200 block of Quartz Ave. Copies of the letter will be sent to Captain John Sherman/Commanding Officer West Valley Division Los Angeles Police Department, Dennis Zine/City Councilman 3rd District and Cynthia Ruiz/President, Board of Public Works (motion, Chelebian; second, Seflin Passed 5-0)*
 - Mr. Popowich said that really there is no motion needed to deal with this because this committee already addressed this and the Board approved their action months ago. This can be addressed by the Committee going forward so long as there is no financial needs. The Board has approved a position and now it’s just follow through on the position.
- *Discussion and possible action to approve the following motion from the Public Works & Transportation Committee: WNC-PWT053107-04: The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to earmark the following budget items from carry over funds from the 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 fiscal years.*

\$3000 miscellaneous items

\$3000	<i>Additional fencing at Runnymede Park – payable to Dept of Recreation and Parks</i>
\$4000	<i>Holiday banners for Sherman Way & Winnetka Avenue</i>
\$3000	<i>Speed monitoring device for Mason Ave</i>
\$4000	<i>Winnetka Neighborhood Council banners</i>
\$3000	<i>Additional holiday street decorations</i>
\$3000	<i>Red, white and blue curbside painting project</i>
\$10,000	<i>Sherman Way median beautification project</i>
\$5000	<i>Adopt A Street Program</i>

TOTAL \$38,000 (motion, Chelebian; second, Sims 5-0)

- Ms. Chelebian explained that this motion was placed her in order to ensure that the funds from previous years were not lost. She went on to say that as long as the Special Budget passed above covers the earmarking of the funds then there was a no need to vote on this. She also wanted to clarify that not all the items listed have been approved by the Board at this point.

- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report:** (Popowich) - No Meeting Held

- Discussion and possible action on status of the WNC election scheduled for November 2007 together with several other Neighborhood Councils on the same date. This includes discussion on setting a date for the next meeting of this Committee.
- Mr. Popowich advised the Board that he is in contact with Jerry K. to ensure the election procedures are acceptable. He went on to let the Board know that they may need to find someone else to oversee the election since there is a possibility he may decide to run again. He would notify the Committee at the meeting which is set for 6/19/07.

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

22.1. Mr. Essavi said he attended the last LANCC and there is a motion to revamp the current charter to create a mission statement followed by the establishment of regional committees which can meet on a monthly basis. He went on to say that LANCC has agreed to fund a non-profit organization which all NC’s can provide funding for that will hire a permanent secretary and office staff to work on their behalf.

22.2. In addition he mentioned a discussion with Mr. Durazo about the Community Impact Statements and stressed that we should be using this.

23. Adjournment
