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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 7/12/05

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

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

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

2.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked for any objections to the minutes. Minutes approved.

3. 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.

3.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced SLO Karen Rodriguez from the LAPD.

3.2. Ms. Rodriguez said that she has completed the Sergeant’s school. The next transfer list is tomorrow, but she does not know if she will be on the list. She announced that the Department has gone through some changes with the retirement of Chief Bergman. It’s not likely that any changes will occur until after these changes are complete. Usually there will be a 10 day notice if there are changes. There is a possibility that there will be a temporary assignment to fill in during vacations.

She announced the National Night Out event and encouraged everyone to attend. She also thanked us for the Outreach Committee’s commitment to purchase food for the event.

On the subject of crime she said that crime is down across all categories. She also announced that out of all Valley bureaus the West Valley’s arrests are the only ones who have increased. They recently made a good arrest on a cellular phone store robbers. They also had some problems with robberies of liquor stores in Winnetka (Rocket & US Liquor Stores, and Walgreens). They have some good leads on these and they should have some arrests soon.

West Valley will be moving into an e-information system. They will be passing out business cards that will advise anyone who wants to sign up for daily bulletins on crime and tips. This should be announced in the next few weeks.

3.3. Ms. Robinson said she had called in graffiti in the wash that was tagged by CPA (Canoga Park-Alabama gang).

3.4. SLO Rodriguez said that they have seen some increase in gang activity in the area. There is a gang out of Original Valley Gangsters out of Devonshire and they have caused some intense problems between CPA and themselves. This includes a gang shooting on Saticoy and Oso, with no hits. The gang units are doing as much as they can to saturate the area and calm things down.

3.5. Mr. Sims, a stakeholder, complimented SLO Rodriguez on her response time and help.

3.6. Mr. Lace, a stakeholder, said that they had gone to the school boards when the principal's have not been very cooperative. He asked her if anyone was in contact with the school board on the traffic and safety problems.

3.7. SLO Rodriguez said that not in our area. She said there are a couple of units in the LAPD which deals more with schools. She said that there is one for dealing with abuse issues and one traffic coordinator for the entire West Valley. Officer Tim Gallick is the coordinator and he will go out and work specific issues. She said that she had spoken to him and they have 46 open complaints.

4. **Discussion and possible action to appoint a temporary representative to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress with a permanent representative to be appointed after the new 2005 WNC Board of Directors is installed and appointed members are voted in. (Lamishaw)**

4.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the motion. She said she found out that the July 16th; meeting has been postponed until August. As a result she said that we can go ahead or we can wait until August.

4.2. Ms. Chelebian asked for a brief explanation between the Congress and the Alliance.

4.3. Mr. Lamishaw said the Neighborhood Alliance is a citywide group that is not official. They are a group that meets and discusses various issues and host candidates when someone runs for office. The Congress she said is the Congress that was enacted by the Charter changes that happened in 1999. She explained that the charger requires DONE to assist the NC's in coming together and form a Congress. Since the NCs were not organized DONE stepped up and did the Congress'. Now that there is a sufficient number of NCs they are ready to move along and organize their own. She commented that DONE will probably do one more Congress convention and after that the LANC will probably be ready to host them and tailor it more towards what they want it to be. She commented that the DWP MOU was the first example of what can be done and that their will be a Planning MOU soon.

She said this is where the power is. The NC addresses local issues and the Congress would address the larger issues that deal with the citywide issues. She pointed out that the NCs would elect a representative to the Congress.

4.4. Ms. Dunne, a stakeholder, asked if all NCs would be represented when the Congress happens, and if stakeholders can attend.

4.5. Mr. Lamishaw said that everyone is welcome as long as they register. She also explained a bit what happens.

4.6. Ms. Lamishaw said that we should table:

“WNC-071205-6: I move that we table this discussion until the new Board is seated.”

4.7. Mr. Schulte seconded the motion.

4.8. The Secretary called for a vote and the motion passed 9 – 0.

5. **Discussion and possible action on City Clerk Council File #05-1207, Unclaimed Monies motion submitted by Councilmember Zine. This would create an ordinance amending Los Angeles Administrative Code, Article 14, Section 5.112, “Trust Fund for Monies Seized Incidental to Arrests,” to provide that any unclaimed monies be transferred to the Police Hiring Account with the Special Fund for Efficiency Projects and Police Hiring.**

Please visit http://www.lacity.org/council/cd3/motions/cd3motions14328615_04122005.pdf for a copy of the motion.

5.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the topic.

5.2. Mr. Schulte said that he wanted this addressed.

5.3. Ms. Conover asked where the money currently goes.

5.4. Mr. Schulte said that he wanted to know. He went on to say that he wanted to discuss it to find out where it was going.

5.5. Ms. Lamishaw said that perhaps we can table this until August when we will have a representative from Zine's office.

5.6. Mr. Montaine asked if we knew when it will come up before the Council.

5.7. The general agreement was to table it. Ms. Lamishaw made a motion to table it.

5.8. Mr. Schulte seconded the motion.

5.9. Mr. Montaine said that if it comes up before the Council then we should have a motion to have a Special meeting.

5.10. Ms. Lamishaw said that she doesn't think it matters what we say as it will probably go through anyway.

5.11. Mr. Jurgenson objected to that and said that we should discuss it. He doesn't think that we should miss an opportunity.

5.12. Mr. Basch said that he agrees and we should have more info. If we need to meet later then we can.

5.13. Ms. Lamishaw asked Mr. Popowich to find out more info and then provide the info the Board if it comes up for vote before the August meeting.

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

- **Facilities Committee Report: No Committee Report.**
- **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report) (Basch)**

This will include the submission of the 2006 Fiscal Year Budget to the WNC Board for approval.

WNC-071205-1: The Treasurer moves that the WNC Board approves the 2006 Fiscal Year Budget and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the budget to NC Funding (DONE) for approval. (Basch)

- Mr. Basch announced they closed 2005 Fiscal year. He handed out the copies. He went on to explain how the budget was set up in quarters and read off the figures. He commented that we didn't spend a lot of money and most was spent on the newsletters that we send out. He pointed out that we run about \$3700-4700 per newsletter.

He said that the Neighborhood & Education Committee passed a rule to allow the NCs to carry over the unspent funds for up to three years. He said this was passed by the City Council. He said that going into 2006 Fiscal year we will have over \$100,000.00 to use. He said the new budget doesn't reflect the carry over because at the time he was unsure of what the restrictions would be in regards to the carry over. He went on to say the Budget is flexible to allow us to move monies around when we need to do things.

- Mr. Lace, a stakeholder, asked if the funds from Councilmember Zine would be carried over.
 - Mr. Basch said it was a one time gift and the only real limitation is Councilmember Zine's term.
- Mr. Lace, a stakeholder, asked if this was an annual grant.
 - Mr. Basch commented that it was only a one time grant.
- Mr. Sims said he believes the \$4800.00 has been allocated.
 - Mr. Popowich explained where it is in the process. Approved by Councilmember Zine and he has sent a letter to the City Clerk approving it and asking him to place it on a future Council agenda.
- Mr. Jurgenson asked if the unused portion was accruing interest.
 - Mr. Basch said no, thought the City invests it's funds how it does. He went on to say what the next item is to discuss the agenda. He also commented that there is a lot of action in the City Council on what the NCs can do and things may change. He also commented on the process of auditing and how careful we are. To date there has been no

problems with the audit. This led to a discussion on past audits and how he is informed how he is notified he's audited and receives results.

- Mr. Basch opened up the discussion on the budget. He commented that he used Mr. Popowich's spending plan we passed at our last meeting as the guide to create this. He handed out his projected new budget and a comparison between last year. He apologized for not having enough copies for stakeholders. He then went through the budget and explained how the budget has to be structured including the \$12,500.00 per quarter limit. He went through each category and what it covers and includes. Some highlights of what he pointed out are increases in the Community Improvement section of the budget which has been increased so we can have flexibility to do projects as well as the reduction of funds in the facilities budget because we are unlikely to find a place we can afford.
 - Ms. Chelebian commented that we can bolster the Community Improvement section with grant funds that are available if we go for it.
 - Mr. Basch agreed and said there are a lot of funds out there if we can decide what we want to do and this budget allows us to be flexible.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked if we are allowed to donate funds to Valley Village for their generosity.
 - Mr. Basch said that the Valley Village's annual luncheon is a great place for us to participate He said we could buy something for them to auction off to raise funds.
 - Mr. Schulte asked if we could do that for this year.
 - Mr. Basch said it would be a great idea to do it and we have a year to do it. He said personally he would like to see us make a substantial purchase for them this year (\$10,000.00). He said this would be an ideal thing for us to do so that we can give something back to the community and really show how we support the group.
 - Ms. Chelebian agreed that is a good thing to do and we should
- Mr. Basch asked for additional comments.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked how the surplus would carry over into the new year's budget.
 - Mr. Basch said that he's not sure how it will do. He believes that we would likely have to contact DONE and let them know that we want to take funds out of the budget in one category and add it to another category because we have something we want to buy/do, they would do it.
- Mr. Popowich said he thinks it's a good budget and would second it.
- Mr. Basch said he has prepared a motion and asked to the motion above amended to his version:

WNC-071205-1: The Winnetka Neighborhood Council has voted, approved, and adopted the proposed budget for the budget period of July 2005 – June 2006 in accordance with the Neighborhood Council bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. (Basch)

- Mr. Popowich agreed and seconded the new motion.
- The Secretary called for a vote and the motion passed 9-0.
- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson)**

WNC-071205-2: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Outreach & Events Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- Ms. Robinson asked Mr. Popowich to present the report.
- Mr. Jurgenson asked about the whistles.

- Mr. Popowich said that they could not provide a separate invoice for whistles. In their stead they have provided an invoice for food.
- Mr. Basch said that we would have to amend the motion.
 - Mr. Popowich said we can do it.
- Mr. Basch also brought up the issue of how we can get an actual invoice for the food as we need to present an actual invoice to DONE.
- Mr. Schulte volunteered to help pick it up.
- Mr. Basch commented that whoever is coordinating will have to do this and resubmit it.
- Mr. Lace, a stakeholder, asked why we can't give funds.
- Mr. Popowich said we were specific, but they couldn't break up the purchase so we could buy it.
- Ms. Chelebian asked about liability since we are providing food.
 - Ms. Lamishaw commented that it would be picked up by the City's liability.
 - Mr. Basch agreed.
- Mr. Jurgenson asked if we would have the banner hanging in front of the food table.
 - Ms. Robinson said we will have a booth at the event.
 - Mr. Burgess asked if anyone would be manning the booth.
 - Mr. Popowich said that was one of our caveats when we discussed this.
- Mr. Popowich made a motion to amend the report's motion to replace whistles with hamburger.
- Mr. Jurgenson seconded.
- Mr. Basch also asked to have Reseda removed and replaced with Board member.
- Mr. Basch recommended we be less specific and just allocate funds for the event.

“WNC-071205-7: We move that the WNC allocate \$300.00 for the West Valley National Night Out event”

- Mr. Popowich called for a vote and the motion passed 10 - 0.
- Mr. Popowich pointed out we need volunteers.
 - Mr. Schulte said he would be there.

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

WNC-071205-3: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the PLUM Committee report & recommendations.” (Popowich)

- Ms. Lamishaw asked for the report to table the first recommendations on Wal Mart, because Jim Alger, who represents a group against Wal Mart, has asked to present the other side of the issue.
 - Mr. Jurgenson pointed out we only need to table out the one motion.
 - Mr. Popowich said only those pertaining to Wal Mart.
- Mr. Jurgenson asked about timing.
 - Ms. Lamishaw said that we have time because it will also be appealed if it's passed. She commented that as much as we like to see it there.

- Mr. Jurgenson objected to that and said not all of us want to see it there.
- Mr. Lamishaw commented it's a by right issue. She then went on to say that they have agreed not to sell firearms or liquor, and exceeded the traffic mitigation requirements of the DOT. She also commented that they have also agreed to provide Councilmember Smith with \$120,000.00 in extra funding to be used for traffic and streets in his district. Councilmember Smith has agreed to do this in concept as long as they do everything they have done.
- Ms. Conover asked when the next hearing was so they can show up in opposition to the motion.
- Mr. Jurgenson asked to be notified.
- Ms. Armineh asked about having it in the general meeting.
 - Mr. Popowich commented that he is against holding presentations like that in the Board meeting because of the time it takes. He would like to keep in PLUM and said it's open to anyone who is interested because it's a public meeting. He amended his motion:

WNC-071205-3: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the PLUM Committee report and recommendations on the following items WNC-PLUM-070605-6, WNC-PLUM-070605-7, WNC-PLUM-070605-8. The remaining recommendations regarding Wal-Mart are to be sent back to Committee for further study and hearings." (Popowich-Lamishaw)

- Mr. Schulte seconded.
- Mr. Basch pointed out that California has a stricter law which limits what can be done in California.
- There was a brief discussion on the motion to request that the City, State, and Congressional representatives lobby for a Federal law limiting eminent domain to counter the Supreme Court's ruling. Some felt that the law was needed. Others felt as Mr. Basch did that the state law already trumps the Federal in this case.
- Mr. Popowich called for a vote and the motion passed 10 – 0.

- **Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich)**

WNC-071205-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Safety Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- Mr. Popowich explained the issues and commented on the lack of support from the City. He pointed out that those agencies that agreed to attend, with the exception of Councilmember Zine's office and the LAPD didn't even have the decency to attend or call and explain why they didn't attend.
- Ms. Lamishaw suggested that the Committee amend the word "infestation" to "illegal drug use and sales" and "camera" to "cameras".
- Mr. Basch suggested that we include the Mayor on the distribution list.
 - Mr. Popowich said we will do it and intends to make an issue of it publicly if we do not hear a positive response from these agencies within 15 – 30 days. It will go to the newspapers.
- Ms. Lamishaw called the second item for discussion and asked for an explanation of the Border Patrol initiative.
- Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Montaine to explain as it was his motion.
- Mr. Montaine explained the motion was to bolster border patrol by creating a state agency to patrol and detain and turn over to the Federal government for prosecution.
- Ms. Lamishaw asked how much he thought this was going to cost.
 - Mr. Montaine said he was not aware.

- Ms. Lamishaw commented that would be very expensive.
- Mr. Montaine said we can either do this now or we can leave it to the Federal. He felt that the cost outweighs the benefit of the savings for healthcare and other costs associated with illegal aliens.
- Ms. Lamishaw asked if this would cover all borders.
- Mr. Montaine said that Arizona has a similar motion. He went on to say that with the other costs such as education and health and other items that it would be worth the expense.
- Ms. Chelebian said that part of the motion could request a comparative study on what the cost savings would be. She feels that she can see the savings.
- Mr. Sims, a stakeholder, asked if this would be subsidized by the Federal government.
 - Mr. Montaine said no, but it's either we pay here or through Federal taxes.
- Ms. Dunne, a stakeholder, commented that we have Minute Men volunteers to do this at no cost.
- This led to a discussion on the benefits and detractions of the Minute Men.
- Mr. Popowich commented that we should really be requiring the Federal government to do this rather than spending our money in places were we shouldn't be.
- Mr. Sims, a stakeholder, said he feels the Federal government should be doing this.
- Ms. Conover commented that we have a National Guard which is controlled by the State and why are we not deploying them.
 - Mr. Popowich commented that they are all in Iraq.
 - Ms. Conover said that's her point. They should be protecting our real borders. We should be using them for what they were designed for.
 - Mr. Basch said that we are not being attacked, just infiltrated.
 - Ms. Conover commented that's true but they are coming in and we suffer economically.
 - Mr. Jurgenson pointed out that we have Al-Qaeda coming across now.
 - Ms. Chelebian pointed out that this went on long before the Iraq.
- Mr. Basch asked for the Border motion to have Miscikowski removed as she's no longer in there.
- Mr. Montaine said he would second the motion to approve the report.
- Mr. Popowich called for a vote and the motion failed 5-5 against.
- Mr. Popowich amended his motion to approve the report to only the first motion on the report.

WNC-071205-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Safety Committee report & recommendations with the following designations: WNC-P2-062005-2 regarding Runnymede Park." (Popowich)

- Mr. Schulte seconded motion.
- Mr. Popowich called for a vote and the motion passed 10-1
- Mr. Montaine made the following motion:

"WNC-071205-8: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Safety Committee report & recommendations with the following designations: WNC-P2-062005-1 regarding the Border Police Initiative." (Montaine)

- There was a brief discussion on procedure and which item we are going to approve.
- Ms. Chelebian asked if everyone had enough info.
 - Mr. Popowich said he had enough as he read the motion and provided that link to everyone else.
- Mr. Basch pointed out that without the costs knowledge you didn't have enough knowledge
- Ms. Lamishaw asked who voted against the Border Police motion.
 - Mr. Popowich said that he voted against it.
- Ms. Chelebian seconded the motion.
- This led to a discussion again on what was being voted on. Mr. Popowich clarified that we are voting on the committee's recommendation and not the Border Police. If we approve then the Secretary will write the letters as directed, if we do not then that motion alone would have no action.
- Ms. Lamishaw called for a roll call vote.
- Mr. Popowich called roll:
 - Mr. Schulte: Abstain
 - Ms. Chelebian: Yes
 - Mr. Jurgenson: Yes
 - Mr. Conover: No
 - Mr. Popowich: Yes
 - Ms. Lamishaw: No
 - Mr. Basch: No
 - Mr. Montaine: Yes
 - Ms. Robinson: Abstain
 - Mr. Burgess: Yes
- The motion passes and 5 – 3 – 2. Committee recommendation stands.
- There was a discussion on procedures and the abstentions. It was decided that the abstentions go to the majority of the vote it passes.

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

WNC-071205-5: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations.” (Popowich)

- Ms. Chelebian explained the motions that were included in the report.
- Mr. Pugh objected to the motion that was presented.
 - Ms. Chelebian commented that was not what we discussed. She pointed out he was there throughout the whole process and that we used his information to put the motion together.
 - Mr. Popowich pointed out that this was what was presented and he had the opportunity to say something then. He went on to say that he doesn't think we should discuss this tonight. He has a problem with approving the report now.
 - Ms. Lamishaw made a motion:

“WNC-071205-9: I move we partition the report and vote on the first item separately and I further move the second item it be sent back to the committee for further review and representation to the Board.” (Lamishaw)
- Ms. Conover seconded her motion.

- The Secretary called for a vote and the motion passed 10 – 0.
- Ms. Lamishaw made the following motion:
 - “WNC-071205-10: I move we approve the Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendation on WNC-062205-2, regarding the Mason Avenue issues.”
(Lamishaw)
- Mr. Schulte seconded the motion.
- The Secretary called for a vote and the motion passes 10 - 0.
- Ms. Chelebian commented on the Winnetka Sign Beautification project and wanted to let everyone know that it was approved by Councilmember Zine. She pointed out that she has not received a copy of the letter.
 - Mr. Popowich said that he had sent it out via email to the committee.
 - No one recalled receiving.
 - Mr. Popowich said he would send it out again if he hadn’t, but commented he must have did something or no one would know.
- Ms. Chelebian said it was the lowest bid. She thanked Mr. Sims for all his efforts on this issue. She also brought up the issue of the MTA town hall regarding the sound wall. She pointed out that we sent out a press release and got no response. We are working on a location and once we have that we can send a letter to the MTA. We are looking to do this in August so that it’s done before the grand opening.
 - This led to a discussion on where it will be held.
- Ms. Chelebian also introduced the idea of the NC Service Cabinet and how excited she is for this process. She said she wished Councilmember Zine would also do something like this. She showed the form and said that if someone doesn’t get the response from the regular channels they can fill out the form and send it to Smith so that he can work on it. There will be a system to track this so we can keep track of their issues.
 - Ms. Lamishaw suggested that the PWT should look into asking Zine to get to also do something like this.
 - Mr. Popowich asked if we can post this on the web site to make it more accessible.
 - Ms. Chelebian said that it has to have specific info on it.
 - Mr. Popowich said that he can do it.
- Ms. Lamishaw thanked Ms. Chelebian and said that was a good report.
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: Update on any committee action applicable. (Basch)**
 - Mr. Basch said we had a candidate’s forum last night with 8 candidates speaking out of 24. He talked about how it would be handled and that it was being handled by Jerry K. He spoke about the arrangements. They have determined there will be signs and their will be cones placed to mark off the 100ft limit. They will have to work on that issue keeping in mind that we can’t impede the business traffic. Everyone is well aware of what happened and what not to do this time.
 - Mr. Sims asked who came last night to speak.
 - Mr. Bach read off the list of who was there.

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

8. Committee Business –

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

9.A.1. Ms. Chelebian wanted to thank everyone. She said we have finished it together and we grew though the year. She commented it’s good that we all have unique opinions and

9.A.2. Ms. Conover asked about the cameras and whether they have been purchased.

9.A.2.1. Mr. Popowich said we need to go purchase them.

9.A.2.2. Mr. Basch said that it will fall under the new budget.

9.A.2.3. Mr. Popowich said it was approved and we just need to go buy it.

9.A.2.4. Mr. Basch asked Mr. Popowich to provide him with the model number and he can go do it.

9.A.3. Ms. Lamishaw thanked Ms. Chelebian for her comments and said that she has enjoyed it and her comments. She went on to say that she believes we have all grown as well and while we didn’t accomplish as much as we wished we have made good strides in the last six months.

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.

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

9. Adjournment