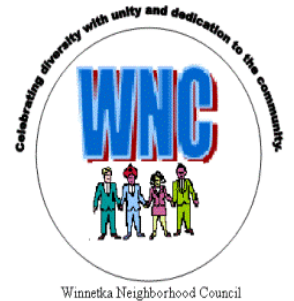




## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Meeting

RE: Minutes from Meeting August 8, 2006

TO: Winnetka Neighborhood Council Board Members, Public  
From: Carole Ozanian, Secretary

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

Members Present:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	x		
Chris Jurgenson	X		
Carole Ozanian	X		
La Rae Littlefield			x
Howard Seflin	X		
Art Sims	X		
Rick Montaine	X	x	
Raquel Diaz			x
Saeid Faal		x	
Katrina Landeta			X
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.
3. Approval of Minutes from May, June and July meetings.
4. Public Comments:
5. **AGBU Manoogian School**

Represented by Lee Ambers, Hagop Hagopian and Tagoush Khodabakhshian. The school wishes to build a facility to introduce a toddler program. They will maintain the same amount of students (1,000).

*This item will be placed on the agenda of the September meeting. President JJ Popowich stated that it was necessary to send out a notice to the neighborhood.*

1. *WNC-080806-01: Whereas the agenda item for the AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian School was submitted and there was an error in publishing, the Board will agree to call this a Special Item and discuss the proposal tonight. (Chelebian-Sims)  
**Passed Unanimously.***
2. *WNC-080806-02: The WNC Board supports the project to reduce the minimum age from 3 years old to 2 years old, and the subsequent request to add a new building on the northeast corner of the property, as well as the addition of a storage unit as presented by the AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian School. (Chelebian-Sims)  
**Passed Unanimously.***
6. State and local government representatives updates:
  - a. **Octavio Rios, Councilman Zine's Representative.**  
**Discussed:**
    - a) Motion of Councilman Zine to form an Ombudsman service to assist the public.
    - b) Recent Power Outages and possible reimbursement by Depart. Water and Power.
  - b. **John Barre Councilman Smith's representative.**  
**Discussed:**
    - a) Councilman Smith plans to attend our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - b) Community beautification
    - c) New Service Guide available to community.
7. **Presentation by the Winnetka Park Child Care Center in regard to the freezer.**  
Pictures taken of the presentation. Winnetka Park Child Care Center thanks the Winnetka Neighborhood Council for the donation to assist the purchase of a freezer. The Child Care Center at the Winnetka park serves 60 children and plans to open a preschool.
8. **Presentation by Board Member La Rae Littlefield. This may include action on recommendations.**
  - a. *Consensus agreement to send a letter of request for both a bill for the cost of the survey as well as all relevant data.*
9. **Discussion and possible action to move the date for our September Regular Board meeting. There is a conflict with the CERT training which will be ongoing at Valley Village.**  
*WNC-080806-03: The WNC will change the date of the Regular Board meeting for our **September meeting to the second Thursday of the month** or the first Thursday of the month depending on the availability of the meeting location at Valley Village to accommodate the CERT training. (Popowich-Sims)*

*Passed Unanimously.*

- 10. Discussion and possible action to authorize up to \$3000.00 for the printing and mailing of an election flyer to increase our efforts to reach out to potential candidates and voters. The mailing would be completed prior to our scheduled newsletter later this month.**

*WNC-080806-04: The WNC authorizes up to \$3000.00 for the printing and mailing of an election flyer to increase our efforts to reach out to potential candidates and votes. The mailing will be completed prior to our scheduled newsletter later this month. (Popowich-Burgess) (Passed 9-1)*

NAME	YES	NO	A
Burgess, Dwight	X		
Chelebian, Armineh	X		
Diaz, Raquel	Absent		
Essavi, Jozeff	X		
Faal, Saeid	Absent		
Jurgenson, Chris			X
Lace, Erick	X		
Landeta, Katrina	Absent		
Littlefield, La Rae	Absent		
Montaine, Richard	Absent		
Ozanian, Carole	X		
Popowich, JJ	X		
Robinson, Marilyn	X		
Seflin, Howard	X		
Sims, Art	X		
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- 11. Discussion and possible action to authorize funding up to \$200.00 for holding a new Board member training session. This session, held in conjunction with DONE, will review the Brown Act, our By-Laws, and Board Rules. The training will be held within 60 days of the finalized election.**

*WNC-080806-05: The WNC authorizes funding up to \$200.00 for holding a new Board member training session. The session in conjunction with DONE, will review the Brown Act, our By-Laws, and Board Rules. The training will be held within 60 days of the finalized election. (Popowich-Sims) Passed Unanimously*

- 12. Discussion and possible action to authorize funding for the purchase of t-shirts for the Board and stakeholders. This may include the purchase of polo shirts as well.**

*WNC-080806-06: The WNC authorizes \$424.88 for the purchase of 4 dozen t-shirts with Winnetka Neighborhood Council printed on them. In addition, the WNC authorizes up to \$1200.00 for the purchase of 30 polo shirts for the Board members. (Popowich-Seflin) (Passed 6-4)*

NAME	YES	NO	A
Burgess, Dwight	X		
Chelebian, Armineh		X	
Diaz, Raquel	Absent		
Essavi, Jozeff		X	

Faal, Saeid	Absent	
Jurgenson, Chris	X	
Lace, Erick	X	
Landeta, Katrina	Absent	
Littlefield, La Rae	Absent	
Montaine, Richard	Absent	
Ozanian, Carole	X	
Popowich, JJ	X	
Robinson, Marilyn		X
Seflin, Howard	X	
Sims, Art		X
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**13. Discussion and possible action on whether to take a position on the proposal before City Council for a proposition expanding term limits to be placed on the November ballot as part of an ethics proposition. This may include a decision to take no position, take a position, or postpone for more study by a committee.**

*WNC-080806-07: The WNC is outraged at the conscious decision by Mayor Villaraigosa and the City Council members to circumvent the neighborhood councils, the public, and their constituents, in violation of the Los Angeles City Charter, in regards to passing the recent trash fee hikes, the actions to create a proposition to extend term limits, the Affordable Housing Bond, and the arrangement with the California Assembly to take over the LAUSD. (Popowich-Seflin). **Passed Unanimously***

*WNC-080806-08: The WNC categorically opposes Proposition R, because it combines two important items (term limits and ethical reform), when these should have been two separate propositions. Furthermore the WNC will devote resources to defeating this measure. (Popowich-Burgess) **Passed 6-1-1***

NAME	YES	NO	A
Burgess, Dwight	X		
Chelebian, Armineh	x		
Diaz, Raquel	Absent		
Essavi, Jozeff	x		
Faal, Saeid	Absent		
Jurgenson, Chris	X		
Lace, Erick	X		
Landeta, Katrina	Absent		
Littlefield, La Rae	Absent		
Montaine, Richard	Absent		
Ozanian, Carole			x
Popowich, JJ	X		
Robinson, Marilyn			
Seflin, Howard		x	
Sims, Art			
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**14. Discussion and possible action on whether to take a position on Mayor Villaraigosa's LAUSD Takeover plan. This may include a decision to take no position, take a position, or postpone for more study by a committee.**

*WNC-080806-09: The WNC is strongly opposed to California Assembly Bill AB-1831, the creation of a Council of Mayors to oversee the operation of the LAUSD.*

*The WNC feels this bill takes power away from the current elected School Board. This new plan will prevent the public from having a say in the important issues regarding the operations of the LAUSD and education.*

*The WNC demands that our legislative representatives reject this bill and Governor Schwarzeneger veto the bill if it passes the Legislature. Furthermore we state for our desire to see the LAUSD governance returned to the local level by breaking up the district. (Popowich-Lace) **Passed Unanimously***

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

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report):**  
*See posted Finance Report on website.*
- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson).**  
*Update on our donation of the TV to Valley Village "Show Time"  
The \$3,000 flat screen donated to Valley Village brought them \$17,000 from grand drawing.*
- **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report:** *No Report.*
- **Public Safety Committee Report: (Popowich)**  
*Announcement and discussion: Councilman Zine provided funds for cameras in public areas for police use.*
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report: (Chelebian)** Discussion and possible action on the following Committee recommendations and motions.  
*Announcement and discussion: Illuminat Sherman Way divider with solar power.*
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: (Lace)** *No Report.*

**16. Reports from any liaisons: LANCC, Carole Ozanian, (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress)**

**Discussion and possible action on the following:**

**a) Discussion and possible vote to support, abstain or not to support Councilman Zine's moratorium on Done's cancellation of Neighborhood Council Elections.**

*WNC-080806-10: The WNC supports Councilman Zine's moratorium on Done's Cancellation actions of Neighborhood Council Elections. (Essavi-Popowich) **Passed Unanimously.***

**b) Discussion and possible vote to support, abstain or not to support the recent DWP rate changes.**

*WNC-080806-11: The WNC opposes the DWP's request for a rate hike approval for the following reasons:*

1. *The DWP allocates surplus funds to the Los Angeles General Fund. Any surplus funds should always be used to upgrade and improve the power infrastructure in Los Angeles.*
2. *Any rate increase request should be written in such a manner that the funds raised from the increase would apply only to the upgrade and improvement of the infrastructure. (Popowich-Sims) **Passed Unanimously.***

**c) Discussion and possible vote to express frustration with the City Council because they voted on issues of extending term limits and the billion dollar bond issue with NO input from Neighborhood Councils.**

*See Motion 12.1 above.*

**d) Discussion and possible vote to request that the City council amend the ordinance governing CRA community advisory committees to require that neighborhood councils within whose boundaries a specific CRA community advisory committee lies be provided at least one appointment from the Neighborhood Council to that committee.**

*WNC-080806-12: The WNC supports the request that the City Council amend the ordinance governing the CRA Advisory Committees to require that the neighborhood councils, within whose boundaries a specific CRA Community Advisory Committee exists, to provide at least one appointment from the Neighborhood Council to that committee. (Ozanian-Popowich) **Passed Unanimously.***

**17. No Reports from any liaisons: DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils),**

**18. Board Business –**

**A. Board Business Comments on Board Member's own activities/ Brief announcements**

Carole Ozanian commented on Neighborhood Council Congress activities  
With motions provided at this meeting to include: The DWP rate hikes,  
And City Council term limits.

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

1. Status of business cards.
2. General Discussion of "Branding" our Winnetka name and also recognition for good works performed.
3. Status of lighting on meridians.
4. AGBU Manoogian School new building.
5. Election procedures.
6. Status of TV show for Winnetka news.
7. Discussion of telephone answering service for Winnetka Neighborhood Council.
8. Survey report. Results from survey.

**19. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events**

**Next Regular Meeting: September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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

- **Candidate Forum: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm** 20830 Sherman Way  
Candidates running for election for Winnetka Neighborhood Council
- **September 26, 2006. Election of Winnetka Neighborhood Council.**

3pm-8pm. Canoga Park Bowl. 20122 Vanowen Street.

● **River Workshops; Revitalize LA RIVER throughout the City**

Tuesday, September 26, 6-8:30 p.m. –  
The New Academy - Gymnasium - 21425 Cohasset St., Canoga Park.  
River Site: Canoga Park

Wednesday, September 27, 6-8:30 p.m.-  
LADWP Headquarters - Auditorium -  
11 N. Hope St., Los Angeles  
River Sites: Cornfields/Chinatown & Downtown Industrial

Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. –  
Chevy Chase Recreation Center –  
4165 \_\_\_Chevy Chase Drive, Atwater Village  
River Sites: Verdugo Industrial Green Park & Taylor Yard

**20. Adjournment: 9:30pm**