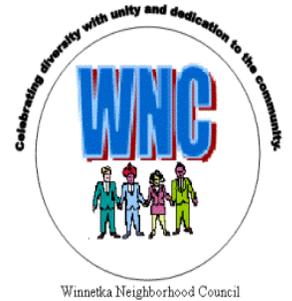




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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 11/09/05

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Chris Jurgenson			X
La Rae Littlefield	X		
Howard Seflin			X
Art Sims	X		
Rick Montaine	X		
Raquel Diaz	X		
Said Faal	X		
Totals	11	0	2

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

2.1. Mr. Popowich outlined the rules for the meeting.

3. 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, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.

3.1. Mr. Popowich introduced Irma.

3.2. She has a couple of announcements. She announced youths 14-19 years of age are invited to participate in the youth policy forum. Interested members can contact Jeanne at 213-978-1891. On Tuesday, 11/22, the Video Teleconference Pilot program will begin in Van Nuys Civic Center to testify before City Council via video. She also announced the West Valley Police Station Open House will be from 9 – 1 PM, on Saturday, November 12, 2005.

3.3. Ms. Chelebian asked Irma to send notices to our Secretary and President for distribution.

4. Discussion with Assembly Member Cindy Montanez.

4.1. Assembly Member Montanez introduced herself and said she was happy to be here. She thanked Ms. Robinson for inviting her. She said she hears lots of good things about Winnetka and she believes that a lot of people look at the WNC as a role model on how an NC can work together.

She commented that just recently we did an ID Theft Forum together that showed how well we can work together. She represents the 39TH Assembly District. Before that she was the Mayor of San Fernando. She was the youngest mayor and the youngest female member of the Assembly. She is the

Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee which determines how they operate and has a big influence on how laws are implemented. She said this has allowed us to play a key role on budget issues and what the legislature works on.

She focused a lot on consumer protection, education and health care, as well as early childhood development. She pointed out she authored the Car Buyers Bill of Rights earlier this year creating the strongest car buyer consumer protection laws in the US. She said it's now serving as a model for other areas. She pointed out some of the violations and issues that occurred like 26% interest rates on loans and others.

Starting July of next year there will be a 2% cap on what dealers can charge a consumer. Now it will be consistent and two people with the same situation will get the same quoted price within a range of 2%. This will equalize it. The bill also gives a 2 day cooling off period on used cars. As used car sales increase due to the cost of new cars this is really a benefit. It also creates standards to prevent severely damaged cars being sold as Certified. For example 100 of thousands of cars on the road that were severely damaged and still called Certified. It also requires the dealers to fully disclose what the extra add on or extras and the cost for each.

Assembly Member Montanez said she also worked on the ID Theft bill and specifically targeted this area. She worked with the City Attorney to get a bill passed that gets phony IDs off the streets. Her bill allows for prosecution based on having the equipment to create these items. ID Theft is the fastest growing crime in the US.

She commented that she's also done a lot of work on environmental issues. She pointed out that the San Fernando Valley is surrounded by landfills. At one time we took 80% of the City's trash in just one landfill. She has carried measure last year to encourage large venue recycling to divert it from landfills. This was passed last year. This year she worked on a bill to encourage recycling at apartment buildings. Arnold vetoed the bill, but Antonio is working with her to get something like this passed in the City as it's one of his main focuses.

She also commented she has worked on contaminated site issues.

Public Safety is also a concern. She spoke about Megan's Law which she worked on with other members of the Assembly. She commented how difficult it was to get this law passed and make it viable for everyone. She has done a lot of efforts to educate parents on how to check the web site to find out who lives in their area.

She also touched on traffic congestion. She feels that this is a major issue. Next year she feels the biggest issues she will be working on is traffic congestion. She wants to ensure that the HOV lane on the 405 gets completed on the northbound side. She pointed out that this year they did get 9 million to get the project started. She believes it will cost about \$500-\$700 million to build this lane. Congressman Berman got some funds but we have to get the rest. She said next year there may be an infrastructure bond measure. She knows the major issue will be what gets done for the Valley. Specifically she pointed out that the Valley has the most congested intersection in the US (405/101).

In January they will be in contact with the WNC President to make sure that the NC has a voice in this issue.

She commented that they have worked very hard to make sure that she is serving her constituents as much as possible. She knows we work hard as her office does. She feels that it's important for her to be in the community so that people know she's accessible. She concluded by pointing out the WNC is a model for how NCs can be active in their community.

- 4.2. Mr. Stafford, a stakeholder, commented on ID Theft. He pointed out that when he comes home he sees teams of people going through trash to look for recycling products or other things. He asked what can be done about taking this more seriously.
 - 4.2.1. Assembly Member Montanez said that's a good point. She said that people can go through trash to get items. She advised that whenever you get any info that has your name and address, it's important to get a shredder and empathized that the criss cross is the best. She commented that they did one event where she saw a criminal operation where they would tape the single shredded items to walls to reconstruct it.
- 4.3. Mr. Popowich asked if there was a way to create a misdemeanor law to make it illegal to go through trash.

4.3.1. Assembly Member Montanez said it is something that we can look into.

4.4. Mr. Stafford said that it used to be an issue where they can't go through the recycling bins.

4.4.1. Assembly Member Montanez agreed it is illegal to go through the recycling bins.

4.5. Ms. Diaz asked how they should handle the three people that always come around to go through it.

4.5.1. Assembly Member Montanez said it's a local law enforcement issue that can be dealt with working with the SLO. She said that they can maybe do an effort with the SLO to catch them, cite them, and explain the law.

4.6. Ms. Dunne asked how it could be addressed in apartment houses to do recycling. Could there be some type of incentive that they can receive to sort the recyclables.

4.6.1. Assembly Member Montanez said that the law she had worked on was not worded to be a penalty based law but an incentive based law. She agrees that's the better way to address it. She pointed out that a lot of apartments are small business owners so the incentives are better.

4.6.2. Ms. Dunne commented that she sees Saticoy & Mason and there are tons of matches thrown in the alley. This needs to be addressed.

4.6.2.1. Ms. P from Zine's office commented that the Housing Department will investigate and fine them.

4.7. Ms. Chelebian said she had three questions. In regards to car pool lanes can we do without them because a lot of times the lane is empty and it's wasted? She said she attended a meeting that would have city workers going through blue bins to make sure you are recycling correctly. She feels that this is just too intrusive. Finally in regards to ID Theft are you working with others in the Assembly?

4.7.1. On car pool lanes Assembly Member Montanez said that they are becoming more popular and usage is increasing. She pointed out that mass transit is a major issue in the LA area. She pointed out the Orange Line is great. She spoke about a County wide measure that stopped the MTA from building a subway system because of public frustration. She spoke about this being a barrier to some plans to extend the sub way system and how it would require another vote to get one built. It's going to take convincing the voters that the MTA can manage the projects. She said they will continue to look at the HOV lanes as well as the design of how Cal Trans designs merge lanes and other items that could be improved.

Senator Poochigian carried a measure last year on ID Theft. She supports this bill and believes that we need to have greater penalties on the criminals. She feels right now that it's lenient. She pointed out that the current legislature committee that controls making crimes penalties has really clamped down on allowing more penalties due to the three strikes law and the billions of dollars we spend on housing criminals. Still she feels this is an important issue.

4.8. Mr. Lace asked to follow up on ID Theft and how she is working to make it tougher on criminals. He pointed out that he's seeing an increase in forgery of college degrees. He said this is a growing problem in the HR area.

4.8.1. Assembly Member Montanez said that she would look into this.

5. Discussion with Assembly Member Lloyd Levine.

5.1. Mr. Popowich introduced Assembly Member Levine.

5.2. He introduced himself. He discussed the importance of the NC's. He believes they are a vital part of the Valley and we are now at a make or break point with the NC's. He feels that they are evolving in different ways and each is doing things differently. He cautioned that he feels there is a possibility for them to fall by the way side because in some areas they are not taken seriously. The concept of the Council is a group of people getting together in their neighborhood to make it better. That's a tremendous value. He feels the job that they do is vital and needs to stay. He thinks it's an asset to have the NCs on the ground working for the community local areas. He pointed out that City Council has a larger area that they are responsible for and it's vital to do it here. He urged everyone to continue to work to strengthen the system and the NC role.

He commented that the Orange Line is a wonderful asset to the Community. He pointed out that the use of the line has been above expectations. He did acknowledge there were some accidents and he believes that all the representatives have responded well to the issue and are working to make it safer. He also pointed out that the bike and walking path are also great assets.

Next April 1st, he is sponsoring a Children's Physical Fitness Challenge. They will be working to get the news out about his program.

He feels that the Valley has the best community participation and the greatest number of volunteers in any City that he's seen in the state.

He stated he is working very hard for the Valley. He referenced the Valley Statistical District that he worked on with Assembly Member Montanez that was passed a few years back and they are now seeing the benefits. This helps us get our funding that we need.

He spoke about his interests in DUI issues. He explained that he has gotten the legal limit for severe penalties reduced from .20 to .215. This lower threshold allows police get the repeat drinkers off of the street. He also announced he supports the breathalyzer that checks for alcohol before a car is started.

He also announced that he got a firearm tracking program which tracks arms used in crimes so that they can be tracked by law enforcement to see crime patterns.

He also commented his bill on rubberized asphalt that he recently got passed. He explained that it recycles car tires to create asphalt. The rubber expands and contracts better which prevents cracks and it also improves traction when stopping. He also mentioned that it absorbs sounds much better than asphalt. The new bill requires Cal Trans to increase the use of rubberized asphalt to 35% over several years. This was signed into law earlier this year.

He also mentioned that he is working on health care issues and will have some announcements soon. He also asked us, as the eyes and ears of the community, to share our ideas and what needs to be addressed.

5.3. Ms. Ozanian asked what the trailer bill was.

5.3.1. Assembly Member Levine mentioned that it was to address the advertising trailers that were parked on the streets in Los Angeles and other cities.

5.4. Ms. Littlefield commented that the rubberized asphalt sounds like a beneficial product. Does it cost more?

5.4.1. Assembly Member Levine said initially they thought it would cost more. If you measure it by the footage yes. However, you need a lower thickness to pave with the rubberized asphalt than it does with the traditional. He spent a lot of time working with them to show them that they can change their estimates that shows it costs less in the long run.

5.4.2. Ms. Littlefield asked if a NC could ask for it to be used in their area only (instead of asphalt).

5.4.2.1. Assembly Member Levine said that is something that you can ask your Councilmember to work on. He said that most uses in the Valley would be appropriate for the use of this. He would work with us and sign a letter of support if we decided to go that way.

5.5. Ms. Haberman asked if it was true that you can cut out a block and replace it easier than asphalt.

5.5.1. Assembly Member Levine said yes. He went on to speak about the benefits of using it.

5.6. Ms. Dunne, a stakeholder, asked for clarification on where the rubberized asphalt was used

5.6.1. Assembly Member Levine commented that it's the actual asphalt that paved the streets. He went on to say we can chew up millions of tires. The 9 million we sent to landfills last year could have paved one lane from here to Mexico on I 5

5.7. Ms. Chelebian asked how committed LA is to the use of the rubberized asphalt.

5.7.1. Assembly Member Levine said they're very interested. They are conducting a test to show how easy it is to use.

5.8. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can use the \$100,000.00 to fund this.

5.8.1. Assembly Member Levine said you could, but he really advised that we let the Bureau of Street Services make that consideration. The bang for the buck can be better spent for other street issues like sidewalks, trees, etc.

5.8.2. Ms. Chelebian said she believes it's already earmarked for the street uses.

5.9. Mr. Sims asked if it was so beneficial, what the argument Cal Trans had against the idea was in the first place.

5.9.1. Assembly Member Levine said it was a matter of showing them it was more cost effective in spite of the higher cost per ton due to what you can do with it. He just had to push it. The mid level managers were the problem but he focused legislation to move it along.

5.10. Ms. Ozanian asked why the 35%.

5.10.1. Assembly Member Levine commented it was due to negotiations. It was a compromise between Cal Tans and the suppliers. Cal Trans thought it was too expensive. The suppliers said they didn't have a guaranteed market for it so they couldn't do it for less. Eventually they settled on this as a break even point for all involved to show that it works. He originally wanted 50%, but even 35% is the most aggressive in the state.

5.11. Mr. Popowich thanked Assembly Member Levine for attending.

6. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Marc Elliot of the Neighborhood Participation Project of USC regarding a Survey for Board members.

6.1. Mr. Popowich summed up the issue and what Mr. Elliot is here for.

6.2. Mr. Elliot provided an overview of the survey that they are doing. He said they will be surveying about 1700 Board members, which is up from 800 last year. He said the survey will be a combination of last year's questions and new questions which were created based on NC member feedback. Their goal is to put out as much objective data so that it's not used for political reasons as the Commission reviews the NC system.

They will be asking Board members to take the survey in January or February. It can be done via the web or via phone or even in person. He said that all of the information is kept confidential and anonymous. Each person is given an ID that is never associated with specific individuals. This is why they need to contact each Board member directly. This allows them to follow up with them to ensure they take the survey. He commented that in a lot of NCs Board members don't have email and rely on telephones.

He pointed out in 2003 that on average Board members talk to 6 other members in the previous time frame. They also talk to 2 stakeholders and one or two city departments. IT will show them how Board members network to address issues. He also pointed out that in last year Board members last year were more optimistic the stakeholders on whether issues can be addressed.

Funds are provided by large corporations and donors. They are completely separate form the City and this allows the for an independent view point.

6.3. Mr. Popowich asked for permission to share the roster.

6.4. Mr. Faal asked about the Haines foundation...and why...

6.4.1. Mr. Elliot said they are a foundation that studies local California governments. They have a similar interest to see how the NC system works here as this is the largest system in existence. They want to know how people in the community become involved and how the people who get involved grow with they system.

6.4.2. Mr. Faal asked who they are.

6.4.2.1. Mr. Elliot does not believe they have a special interest arm or do any lobbying. He believes that they generate the information for scholarly purposes. He explained that the project has an idea and they present a grant request to the Foundation, which is funded by a large donation

form the Haines family. If its' well justified then they will fund the process. Ralph & Dora Haynes.

6.4.3. Mr. Faal asked if this info was to be sold.

6.4.3.1. Mr. Elliot says that it's not likely. They only get the report and not the research data. This allows us to share best practices and share info on how NCs work. They also work to see how NCs can work better with City Departments.

6.5. A stakeholder said the Haynes Foundation is not interested in specific issues. He pointed out that they support the local public radio station.

6.6. Mr. Essavi asked if the foundation was involved in the Charter Commission and Reform.

6.6.1. Mr. Elliot said they may have shared some of the data and research.

6.7. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Popowich to share the information.

7. Discussion and reconsideration on the appointment of stakeholders Carole Ozanian & Lisa Haberman to the WNC Board. A clerical error caused us to accidentally appoint two members instead of one. This may include a re-vote on the appointment of a Secretary as well.

7.1. Lisa Haberman introduced herself. She thanked the Board for this opportunity. She pointed out that she is a member of her HOA and the Park Advisory Board, and other civic groups. She currently serves on the PLUM Community and has taken the time to attend other committee meetings like the Outreach because she feels that she can help out there. She has volunteered and attended various events that we've done to help us work on. She has also volunteered to help post agendas. She feels that she has shown that she can be a positive help.

7.2. Carole Ozanian introduced herself as a business owner who operated a music business in Reseda. She said she is a small town girl and it's hard to get used to the big city. She said she has served on the Girl Scout's Council and still serves there. She works with the Mary Magdalene Project which gets prostitutes off the street. She said she won the first Women's In Business award from the Reseda Chamber and has received numerous other awards for her work in the music area. She said she is very interested in the Council and feels that this is a way to find out how. She is eager to learn. She pointed out that the signs (name) signs were created by her. She feels the Secretary is a communication position and really feels that this works to get things out. She feels that she can fulfill this in the secretarial role.

7.3. Mr. Burgess asked a question if they were not elected would they still be involved.

7.3.1. Ms. Ozanian said she's not sure. She knows that we have lots of committees and she would have to see what can be done.

7.3.2. Ms. Haberman said she is involved with committees and would continue to do so.

7.4. Mr. Popowich asked everyone to take time to make decisions that they can live with for a year. He then called for a vote on the two candidates.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Ozanian</i>	<i>Haberman</i>
JJ Popowich		X
Marilyn		X
Robinson		
Erick Lace	X	
Dwight Burgess		X
Armineh	X	
Chelebian		
Josef Essavi	X	
Chris Jurgenson		Excused
La Rae	X	
Littlefield		
Howard Seflin		Excused
Art Sims	X	
Rick Montaine		No Vote
Raquel Diaz	X	
Said Faal	X	
Totals	7	3

- 7.5. Ms. Ozanian was appointed to the Board 7-3.
- 7.6. Mr. Popowich asked for a poll of the group to see if the previous Secretary vote should stand. The majority of the Board indicated it should.
- 7.7. Ms. Littlefield asked if we were to discuss the Secretary duties.
- 7.7.1. Mr. Popowich said we should be relying on precedent and the rules that and outlined what the Secretary should do.
- 7.8. Mr. Essavi said he supports her and believes that she will do a good job. Suggested we do it next week.
- 7.9. Ms. Ozanian asked how many committees.
- 7.9.1. Mr. Popowich counted them
- 7.9.2. Ms. Ozanian said the Board should consider this and she is not willing to do the posting and carry them around.
- 7.10. Ms. Littlefield said she thought we would define them before we officially put her in the role. We should define those first before we put her in that position.
- 7.11. Mr. Sims commented that we haven't had a by-laws committee to make it clear. At the last meeting we also suggested that the Chair of the Committees would see if they could disseminate the information to the places themselves. He pointed out that Mr. Lace would do the school. He said he would be willing to post the agendas as the co-chair. He feels that we should cooperate in this area.
- 7.12. Mr. Lace added that he doesn't mind because of where we are that he doesn't mind distributing and posting the agendas for all the committees at the school. He too felt we had discussed.
- 7.13. Mr. Popowich said that is ok as long as they will take on that duty, but if we violate the Brown Act we are done.
- 7.14. Ms. Chelebian said that people can adopt an area and ensure that it gets posted. If there is an area left out then the Secretary will have to do it.
- 7.15. Ms. Littlefield commented that last time we said the Committee Chair is the responsible person.
- 7.16. Ms. Chelebian said it has to be centralized so we maintain control to ensure it's dispatched correctly and the information goes to the right channels or we will lose track and puts us in jeopardy.
- 7.17. Ms. Ozanian asked if the Committees report back to the Board and its clear who is the Chairs are. She feels that the Chair is responsible for posting and the minutes.
- 7.17.1. Ms. Chelebian stressed it needs to be tracked.
- 7.18. Mr. Lace said we are asking a lot from the Secretary position. It's the same issue that we have with Mr. Popowich who is responsible for so much in one consolidated position.
- 7.19. Mr. Sims made the following motion:
- "WNC-110905-5: I move we discuss & take action on the responsibilities of the Secretary and what the Chairs responsibility in regards to minutes and agendas."*
- 7.19.1. Second from Ms. Littlefield.
- 7.20. Ms. Chelebian asked if we can put this to the By-Laws.
- 7.21. Mr. Lace said that the Secretary be responsible for the Chair be responsible for the
- 7.22. This led to a free form discussion on what the duties should be.
- 7.23. Mr. Popowich restated the amendments he heard:

WNC-110905-05: The WNC Secretary will be responsible for the Board agenda and minutes. The Chair of each committee will be responsible for the agendas and minutes of their particular committee. The Chairs may appoint or ask for assistance in carrying out the duties. (Sims-Littlefield)

7.24. Mr. Popowich asked for comments.

7.25. Mr. Sims said that we had commented enough.

7.25.1. Mr. Popowich said that this NC voted him President to lead the group he believes because he's fair. He commented that as long as he's here he will make sure that everyone has a voice and he will not allow people to cut them off.

7.26. Mr. Montaine brought up the concerns of the Brown Act and we need to have someone be responsible for making sure that it's posted. Do we report that back to the President or how will we deal with that?

7.26.1. Mr. Sims said the Chair can notify the Secretary if they can't post it and she can then make sure that they are posted.

7.27. Ms. Robinson clarified how many places we need to post at.

7.27.1. Mr. Popowich said he believed the By-Laws called for 7

7.27.2. Mr. Lace read off the locations.

7.27.3. Mr. Popowich said the one Church will not allow us to post

7.28. Mr. Faal said he would take the responsibility for Canoga Park Bowl and Yum for the PLUM & Outreach.

7.29. Ms. Ozanian suggested we she get a list of the committees and she will find out who is the primary person and who is secondary for each committee. She agreed there is a black hole here and it's something that can be addressed.

7.30. Mr. Popowich called for a vote on the item.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich		X		
Marilyn		X		
Robinson				
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess		X		
Armineh		X		
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae	X			
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine		X		
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian	X			
Totals	7	5		

7.31. The motion passes 7-5.

7.32. Mr. Popowich clarified his willingness to work with her and she will do a good job.

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint a youth between the ages of 16-18 to the open Youth seat on our Board.

8.1. Ms. Chelebian asked why the other candidates were not here.

8.1.1. Mr. Popowich commented that the other viable candidate was informed that we would hold the vote tonight and they could have attended.

- 8.2. Ms. Chelebian said this is the full Board and the Youth Committee could hear them and meet them and make a recommendation but they are not the ones to make the final decision per the By-Laws. She believes we should have all the candidates here.
- 8.2.1. Mr. Popowich said he agrees.
- 8.2.2. Ms. Chelebian said perhaps the other candidate is not here because they were under the impression the Youth Committee made a decision.
- 8.3. Mr. Lace disagreed He said the Youth Committee was tasked with finding the youth member and interview them and recommend who we would like to see. He went on to say that we have a person here who he would like to present and allow the Board to make decisions.
- 8.4. Mr. Popowich again commented that this Board really needs to take time to think about what they are going to do before they vote and that we should take time to consider this before we vote.
- 8.5. Mr. Essavi asked who they were going to recommend.
- 8.5.1. Mr. Lace said his committee's job was to find candidates and we found 3 good ones, two showed up and they have excellent back grounds. He pointed out that the one that didn't show up.
- 8.6. A stakeholder commented that he feels it's very improper to ask the person to give their speech before we decide to table.
- 8.7. Mr. Popowich said in all fairness he would like to get them both here first.
- 8.7.1. Mr. Lace disagreed.
- 8.8. Mr. Popowich made a motion to table this item until both candidates could attend.
- 8.8.1. Ms. Diaz seconded the motion.
- 8.9. Mr. Sims said he feels this is very unfair as the other had the opportunity to show up and the others didn't. The other didn't show up and we shouldn't ask her to return again.
- 8.10. Mr. Popowich asked if it was possible that the other one could have thought because the recommendation was made that she was no longer a viable candidate.
- 8.11. Ms. Robinson said we have the young lady here and we should take action since she's here.
- 8.12. Mr. Essavi said he agrees that we should vote.
- 8.13. Mr. Popowich said he would like to call roll.
- 8.14. Ms. Littlefield said she is concerned about how they were recruited and verified. She is not aware of the criteria.
- 8.15. Mr. Sims clarified that we would bring it the Board.
- 8.16. Mr. Popowich said it was clear the Board wanted to move on this and he withdrew the motion.
- 8.17. Ms. Landeta introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her history. (See past minutes).
- 8.18. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:
- WNC-110905-10: I move that we appoint Ms. Landeta to the Youth Position on the Board effective tonight.*
- 8.18.1. Mr. Essavi seconded.
- 8.19. Ms. Ozanian asked where she plans to attend college.
- 8.19.1. Ms. Landeta said her first choice is Yale, but she also wanted to stay in the LA area and has applied to UC schools.

8.20. Ms. Littlefield asked when this position would end.

8.20.1. Mr. Popowich said it would be until the next election which is July.

8.21. Mr. Popowich called roll to appoint or not appoint Ms. Landeta.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Notes
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn	X			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh	X			
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae	X			
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz				
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian	X			
Totals	11	0		

8.22. Mr. Popowich announced the vote was 11-0 and Ms. Landeta has been added to the Board.

8.23. Mr. Popowich swore the two new Board members in.

9. Discussion and possible action to permit the WNC President & PLUM Chair attend a meeting on the planning stages for a Planning Department MOU.

9.1. Mr. Popowich outlined the issue and what this new group was for. He pointed out that this invitation was sent to the President and PLUM Chair, which he is, but he feels that the only right thing to do is ask for permission since he will be representing the WNC. He asked for approval from the Board to attend.

9.1.1. Mr. Lace said we really should make it an official motion to ensure there are no issues like we've had in the past.

9.2. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-110905-6: The WNC appoints and approves Mr. Popowich to attend and represent the WNC in regards to the Planning Department MOU formation committee. (Popowich)

9.2.1. Mr. Essavi seconded.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Notes
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn	X			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess			X	
Armineh	X			
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae	X			
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian	X			
Katrina Landeta	X			
Totals	12	0	1	

9.3. The motion passed 12-1.

10. Discussion and possible action on participating in the Mayor's Budget Survey process for 2006 fiscal year. Board members will be given a copy of the survey to fill out.

10.1. Mr. Popowich handed out the booklets and asked the Board to return them to him within a week. He said they can either drop it off at his house or they can call him and he will pick it up.

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

• **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report)**

WNC-110905-1: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Finance Report Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- Mr. Lace reviewed the Finance Report. He outlined the two expenses we have. He went to another treasurers meeting today. He said that DONE was pointing out that last years funds were not spent. The concern of DONE is that the City has decided that the City is in a financial crisis and they are looking at the NC budgets. He pointed that it's currently a 3 year rollover but that could come back. He would like to recommend to the Chairs of the Committees and make sure they are going to spend it. He reviewed the process for changing the budget.
- Ms. Chelebian said if the City wants to come back in order to take care of the budget and shortfalls ...lets' do it rather then not spend it and see tax cuts.
- Mr. Popowich reminded everyone that he is still waiting of the Committee Chairs to represent their major projects for the year. He reviewed items that we have done and stressed that we are moving to spend these funds.
- Ms. Littlefield about the changes in this report.
 - Mr. Lace said they are reflected in the reports.
- Mr. Faal asked about the funds to the schools.
 - Mr. Lace said he now has a way to apportion the funds to the schools based on the number of students. He pointed out that the Councilman suggested the schools speak to the schools.
 - Ms. Dunne about which schools
 - Mr. Popowich said they were the five elementary schools in Winnetka.

• **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson)**

- Ms. Robertson outlined the report. She said we granted Mr. Jurgenson the funds for a pilot program for a cable show. We granted up to \$1200.00 for this venture.

Ms. Robertson said we approved a print media liaison and asked for Mr. Popowich to outline the position since it was his motion.

- Mr. Popowich outlined his vision that the liaison would work to disseminate letters and work to get meeting notices in the meeting notices posted. He said this was not meant to mean that the liaison writes the press releases or letters, those would be done through Outreach & Events like we have in the past.
- Ms. Chelebian asked if this would stop the Chairs from releasing information or talking the
 - Mr. Popowich said no it would not stop them. The Chairs are free to discuss things as they see fit. He pointed out that recently Ms. Chelebian had done just that and as expected it was perfect.
- Ms. Littlefield outlined that she is a conduit for getting the info out.
 - Mr. Popowich agreed
- Ms. Ozanian clarified that this wouldn't prevent someone form speaking to the media.

- Mr. Popowich agreed. Anyone is welcome to speak to anyone.
- Ms. Chelebian asked to have the By-Laws outline the position.
 - Mr. Popowich agreed, but would like to move with the intent now.
- Ms. Robertson continued with her report and said she has clarified that the City has said that we can't place a banner in the median from multiple places.
 - Mr. Sims disagreed and said that he has gotten different counsel from the city and he would like to motion that we approve a banner saying Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.
- Ms. Robinson asked about the cost.
- Mr. Popowich said he could not vote on it without a cost.
- Mr. Lace said we can't do it.
- Ms. Conover, a stakeholder, commented on the saying of Merry Christmas. She feels that religion is a private matter and that motion would show that the Board endorses a particular religion. She would recommend that the Board stick with Happy Holidays.
- Mr. Popowich said we have a motion on the table.

WNC-110905-2: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Outreach & Events Report Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

- Ms. Robinson seconded the committee report.
- Mr. Popowich called roll.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn	X			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh		X		
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi		X		
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae		X		
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims		X		
Rick Montaine		X		
Raquel Diaz		X		
Said Faal		X		
Carole Ozanian			X	
Katrina Landeta			X	
Totals	4	7	2	

- Mr. Popowich announced the Report was not approved 4-7-2
- Mr. Sims has a motion to:

WNC-110905-07: The WNC will place two banners spanning Sherman Way, one at Corbin Ave and one at De Soto Ave stating, "Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays." (Sims)
- Mr. Essavi asked for an amendment to the motion. He asked to place, "regardless of the cost" or a cap or up to a certain amount.
 - Mr. Sims said he would be willing to accept that amendment.
- A Reseda Board member commented that that it's \$1076 for insurance. He said the sign code has changed and they are very particular to get it out of committee. Reseda paid \$3300 per sign. He also pointed out that only certain corners are eligible for the sign.

- Mr. Lace said he would like to see some language in there that says it must be approved.
- Mr. Faal said he understands the concern on the statement. If it doesn't say Happy Holidays it doesn't bother him. However he would like to see a cap.
- Ms. Littlefield no comment.
- Ms. Diaz no comment.
- Mr. Popowich I will he will state his objections again. He said he is Jewish by birth, but celebrates Christmas at home with his family. He pointed out that we have separation of church and state and it's not right for city funds to support one religion over another.
- Ms. Robinson said she's already voiced it at the committee.
- Mr. Lace said he wouldn't mind Happy Holidays and based on what the city has said it seems like a waste to spend the funds to place it up there. For that reason he wouldn't do it. If he could get the approval then it's ok. If we can get rid of that Christmas thing it would be nice.
- Ms. Chelebian said as far as money we were told we have too much money and we need to spend it. She feels that it would be offensive to Christians by not recognizing their holiday. She said we can add other holidays to it and list them all and that's fine. If we want to be politically correct then let's not offend the Christians by not allowing it.
- Mr. Montaine said he like the idea. He understands he needs approval. What if the NC gets two letters contradicting each other, what would happen then?
- Mr. Lace said he has an attorney that has advised him if the NC approved it then it should go.
- Mr. Popowich said the higher letter...or the City Attorney would be the final say.
- Mr. Burgess none
- Ms. Ozanian said she misses the Merry Christmas. But she now realized that there are multi ethnicities and that they all have their own belief. She thinks it's not appropriate to have that on a sign and it's too late to spend the money at this point. She said it would be wonderful to have a house decorating contest and get people involved. She suggested some other signs like a clean up the community and something that
- Ms. Landeta agreed with Ms. Ozanian's comments. She sees it in her school as they have to very politically correct. She said the reality is that you can't satisfy everyone. She thinks the most respectful choice is to say Happy Holiday.
- A stakeholder asked why we can't respect each other by using Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.
- A stakeholder, Walt Sweeney, who is a NC representative from Reseda. He said he understands what Art is doing. He's trying to make an old tradition. The vote tonight will make a statement for the WNC. He said that it may fly if the City believed you were going to do signs for every other holiday for every religion. They will not buy into it if this as it's presented.
- Mr. Essavi called for a vote.
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- Mr. Popowich agreed and said he is calling for a vote.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich		X		
Marilyn		X		
Robinson				
Erick Lace		X		
Dwight Burgess		X		
Armineh	X			
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae	X			
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian		X		
Katrina Landeta		X		
Totals	7	6		

- The motion passes 7-6.
- Mr. Popowich asked the committee to decide on the other two recommendations. He made the following motion:

“WNC-110905-8: The WNC approves the remainder of the Outreach & Events Committee report with the exclusion of the item regarding the holiday banners.” (Popowich)

- Mr. Essavi seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn	X			
Robinson				
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh	X			
Chelebian				
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae	X			
Littlefield				
Howard Seflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian	X			
Landeta				
Totals	13	0		

- Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 13-0.
- **PLUM Committee report: (Popowich)**
- Mr. Popowich outlined the issue that was before the PLUM. He said it was a four unit housing development on Stagg St.

WNC-110905-3: “The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the PLUM Committee report & recommendations.” (Popowich)

- Mr. Faal seconded.

- Ms. Ozanian asked about the property.

- Mr. Popowich outlined the project.
- Ms. Robertson reminded him to mention the last house on the corner.
 - Mr. Popowich said that the fourth house was fully handicap accessible on the first floor with ramps and larger doorways. He called for approval.
- Ms. Ozanian asked if we have this jurisdiction.
 - Mr. Popowich outlined.
- Ms. Diaz asked about parking.
 - Mr. Popowich said there were two car garages and there really wasn't any more of an impact than other areas.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Erick Lace	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Armineh Chelebian	X			
Josef Essavi	X			
Chris Jurgenson				Excused
La Rae Littlefield	X			
Howard Sefflin				Excused
Art Sims	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Said Faal	X			
Carole Ozanian	X			
Katrina Landeta	X			
Totals	13	0		

- **Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich) No report scheduled due an emergency Board meeting.**
 - Mr. Popowich commented that there was no meeting due to the last Board meeting; however, there would be a meeting this month.
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)**

WNC-110905-4: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the Public Works & Transportation Committee report & recommendations." (Popowich)

 - Mr. Popowich asked if there as a need to report since there was no meeting.
- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: No report scheduled.**

12. Reports from any liaisons: DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith's Service Cabinet, VANC, LANCC.

- 12.1. Mr. Popowich asked if we need to get reports from liaisons since it was so late.
- 12.2. Ms. Chelebian said she would like to report on her activities. The DWP Oversight Committee recently created an Executive Board of nine members. Only one, Michael Cohen, from Reseda represents the Valley. They also discussed the standard operating procedures, which would be like their By-Laws.
- 12.2.1. Mr. Popowich asked with the election of an Executive Committee for the Oversight Committee are we now done with Ms. Lamishaw representing us.

12.2.2. Ms. Chelebian said there was a discussion with her and she made it clear that there is nothing in the MOU that allows a stakeholder to participate and she should not have been there.

12.3. Ms. Chelebian said that Council Member Smith's Service Cabinet meeting was held last week and they were provided a booklet which she passed out. They discussed the Renew LA, the shopping cart issues, and other issues. She stressed the use of the form for submitting complaints and that they are using these and working on the issues. She also said she stopped by Council Member Zine's office and left a copy as a suggestion.

12.4. Mr. Popowich reminded of the VANC forum tomorrow at the Airtel.

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

13.1. Mr. Sweeny asked about the date for the Police Open House.

13.1.1. Ms. Robinson said the West Valley Police Station was going to have an Open House from 9-1 at the Vanowen Stations. She also pointed out that the WNC was not informed of this even and asked Mr. Popowich if he received a notification.

13.1.2. Mr. Popowich said he had not.

14. Board Business –

- A. Comments on Board 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 Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.**
- D. Requests for Board Members to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time.**

15. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events

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

- Ms. Robinson pointed out that the Outreach & Events Committee was not listed.
- Mr. Popowich apologized and said he would add it.

16. Adjournment