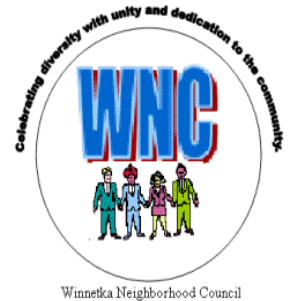


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From: JJ Popowich
 To: WNC Board Members, Public
 Re: WNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 11/21/06

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		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Totals	8	0	0

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 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. Mr. Montaine a stakeholder encouraged all to join at least one committee.

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. Elizabeth Weissner welcomed all the new Board members. She said there are two upcoming events. The Metrolink Express on December 16th at Chatsworth at 5 PM and Northridge at 7 PM. They are inviting all the NCs to come out and enjoy some refreshments one hour before. This is a toy drive and everyone is.

Relay for Life Event, which is a 24 hour event. The idea is that cancer never sleeps. She said that they are encouraging everyone to put a team together. The event will be June 2 – 3, 2007.

- 5.2. Mr. Durazo introduced himself and explained his position as a representative that is assigned to help the NC's interpret the laws and by-laws and assist the NCs in resolving issues. He expressed that the new GM for DONE is much more proactive and involved. He wanted to let everyone know that they are going to be here and if they see issues they may call special meetings to resolve this including retreats and even involve the GM as well.

He announced the upcoming Conflict of Interest training that is required by law for all elected officials in the state of California. He presented an example of a conflict of interest.

Ms. Chelebian brought up the issue of monetary gain or whether it is more than that. She used an example of a teacher who works for LAUSD and a Board member that votes to allow funds for books, or a Park Advisory Board.

Mr. Durazo asked that anyone who feels that they are or have a potential conflict of interest to write to him so that he can discuss it with the City of Attorney.

Mr. Lace asked if this had to be only the person or could anyone write in to ask for a question.

Mr. Durazo also announced he would provide the new Board members with a binder of all the rules and laws that affect the members.

Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Durazo to coordinate with the new President to arrange for a Board retreat which the Board voted to hold after the Board was finalized.

6. Brief ceremony for presenting certificates to past WNC Board members from our City Council representatives.

- 6.1. Ms. Weissner presented the Certificates of Recognition for the outgoing Board members.
- 6.2. Some Board members who were re-elected or elected from an appointed position inquired if they would receive a certificate for their service over the last term. Ms. Weissner said she would check to see if that is normally the case.

7. Appointed Board member candidates Forum. Candidates who have submitted applications by the approved deadline will be given a 3 minute opportunity to speak to the Board.

- 7.1. There was a discussion about terms. Mr. Lace raised the issue about term limits. His interpretation of the By-Laws was that all Board members, even Appointed Board members were for 2 years. There was an active and vibrant discussion about this.
- 7.2. Mr. Popowich reviewed the By-Laws and read both sections out loud and pointed out that Section 7, which Mr. Lace referred to, was for the elected members. He also pointed out that we have always interpreted the by-laws to mean one year for appointed and two for elected.
- 7.3. Mr. Durazo, Project Coordinator for DONE, agreed that the By-Laws are vague and could be interpreted differently to show either one or two years. However, he said that we have done it as a one year and that we should move on. He expressed his dissatisfaction that this was brought up tonight and not addressed to him before. He stressed that this Board needs to revise the By-Laws and it needs to be a priority.
- 7.4. Ms. Chelebian agreed that now is not the time to change it.
- 7.5. Mr. Sims agreed that now is not the time to change it as well.

7.6. There was a free form discussion about this and Mr. Popowich called the Board to order to move this along. He said that we will continue as we have and hoped that this year we would have a By-Laws committee that will function better this year.

8. Discussion and possible action to vote on and select WNC Appointed Board members from the candidates who submitted an application by the approved deadline. Candidates are: Ms. Aghakhanmoshabad, Tess Dunne, Nalini Natarajan, Carole Ozanian, Palai Palai, Michael Ross, and Howard Seflin. There are six adult seats and one youth seat available.

8.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the candidates in attendance and outlined how the Board would consider the candidates.

8.2. Chris Jurgenson, a former WNC Board member, said he was under the impression that write in candidates were allowed. He believed that Mr. Popowich had stated it was allowed last meeting.

8.2.1. Mr. Popowich said he didn't say that and he wrote it specifically without write ins and the Board specifically said it was not allowed last time. He asked the Board if that was their understanding. They confirmed. He then closed the issue and moved to candidate forum.

8.3. Mr. Popowich passed out ballots.

8.4. Mr. Popowich asked Ms. Weissner to count the ballots. The vote was held the following were elected to serve a one year term as appointed Board members:

8.5. Mr. Popowich swore in the following new Board members:

8.6. Mr. Popowich brought up the issue of how to fill. Vote now or consider anyone or publicize. He presented options of allowing anyone who had not submitted an application to be considered now, to publicize the need for Board members and do it at a future meeting.

8.6.1. Mr. Lace said we should publicize but allow anyone who attends the next meeting to be considered.

8.6.2. Ms. Chelebian said it should be by a form as we did this time.

8.6.3. Mr. Essavi said that he agrees with Ms. Chelebian and we should keep a standardized procedure so that we will be taken seriously. This will send a strong signal to our community.

8.6.4. Mr. Sims concurred with Mr. Essavi and Ms. Chelebian. He feels it's important to be able to determine some of the interest the candidates want and what strengths they have. This way we can figure what we need.

8.6.5. Mr. Burgess agrees we should continue with the procedures we have in place now for the list one.

8.7. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-112106-01: The WNC Board will follow the same procedures as adopted at our October Board meeting for the remaining three appointed seats. The Board would also make it clear that we will not accept write in candidates. The deadline for submitting forms will be December 31, 2007. (Popowich)

8.8. Mr. Essavi seconded the motion.

8.9. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	8	0	0

8.10. The motion passed: 8-0

9. Brief ceremony swearing in Appointed Board Members.

9.1. Mr. Popowich swore in the new Board members.

10. Discussion and possible action (if needed) to determine how to fill any vacant Appointed Board member seats.

10.1. This issue was discussed under the above item.

11. Discussion and possible action to select Board officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer.

11.1. Mr. Popowich introduced.

11.2. Mr. Essavi nominated Mr. Popowich for President.

11.2.1. Mr. Sims seconded.

11.2.2. Mr. Popowich asked if there were any other nominations. No nominations were made. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess			X
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	10	0	1

11.2.3. The motion passed: 10-0-1

11.2.4. Mr. Popowich thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. He said that he is optimistic about this year and hopes to see the Board really get a lot done this year.

11.3. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Vice President.

11.3.1. Mr. Lace nominated Mr. Sims.

11.3.2. Ms. Chelebian seconded.

11.3.3. Mr. Popowich asked for any other nominations. None were made.

11.3.4. Mr. Popowich called roll.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess			X
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	10	0	1

11.3.5. Mr. Sims was elected Vice President.

11.4. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Secretary.

11.4.1. Mr. Lace nominated Mr. Essavi for Secretary.

11.4.2. Mr. Essavi declined.

11.4.3. There was a discussion about filling the Secretary. It was decided to table the issue until the next meeting so that all could consider it.

11.4.4. Ms. Ozanian said it was a lot of work but that one of the issues that came up last year was that Mr. Popowich was viewed as doing too much and that was one of the reasons why she was elected.

11.4.5. Mr. Sims suggested again that we table the motion.

11.5. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Treasurer.

11.5.1. Mr. Sims nominated Mr. Lace.

11.5.2. Mr. Essavi seconded Mr. Lace.

11.5.3. Mr. Popowich nominated Ms. Natarajan.

11.5.4. Ms. Natarajan declined.

11.5.5. Mr. Popowich asked for any other nominations. None were made.

11.5.6. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess			X
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	10	0	1

11.5.7. Mr. Lace was elected to serve as Treasurer.

11.6. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Sergeant at Arms

11.6.1. Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Essavi

11.6.2. Mr. Sims seconded Mr. Essavi.

11.6.3. Mr. Popowich asked for any other nominations. None were made.

11.6.4. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

11.6.5. Mr. Essavi was elected Sergeant at Arms.

11.7. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Parliamentarian. There was a brief discussion about what Parliamentarian does.

11.7.1. Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Ross

11.7.2. Mr. Essavi seconded Mr. Ross.

11.7.3. Mr. Popowich asked for any other nominations. None were made.

11.7.4. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

11.7.5. Mr. Ross was elected Parliamentarian.

12. Discussion and possible action on committee structure, committee chairs and vice chairs, and committee members. The following committees are open committees (meaning non-Board members are eligible to serve): Public Safety, Outreach & Events, Public Works & Transportation, and the Planning & Land Use Management. The following committees are closed committees (meaning only Board members can serve): Rules, Elections & By-Laws and Finance.

12.1. Mr. Popowich explained the committee structures and how the system generally works. He said that he wants Chairs to step up this year and really be active. He said he has been trying to move the WNC in a direction that allows the Chairs and committees to take action on items under their jurisdiction once the Board has approved the direction. (Example: If there is a street issue that the Board has approved like parking issues on Quartz, the Chair of the PWT Committee could write letters and take action and report back to the Board.)

12.2. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for the Chair of Public Safety.

12.2.1. Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Sims.

12.2.2. Mr. Sims declined. He nominated Ms. Natarajan.

12.2.3. Ms. Natarajan declined.

12.2.4. Mr. Sims nominated Mr. Burgess.

12.2.5. Mr. Burgess declined.

12.2.6. Mr. Popowich said we can revisit this committee.

12.3. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Chair of the Outreach & Events Committee.

12.3.1. Ms. Chelebian asked to do a single nomination for both Chair and Vice Chair. She nominated Natarajan for Vice Chair and Mr. Ross for Chair.

12.3.2. Mr. Lace suggested seconded that nomination.

12.3.3. Mr. Popowich asked if there were any other nominations. None were made.

12.3.4. Mr. Popowich called roll.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.3.5. Mr. Ross and Ms. Natarajan were elected Chair & Vice Chair of Outreach & Events Committee

12.4. Ms. Chelebian asked to reconsider Public Safety again. She nominated Ms. Essavi as Chair or Vice Chair.

12.4.1. Ms. Natarajan seconded Ms. Essavi for Vice Chair.

12.4.2. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess			X
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	10	0	1

12.4.3. Mr. Essavi nominated Mr. Sims as Chair.

12.4.4. Ms. Natarajan seconded.

12.4.5. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		

Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.5. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Chair of the Public Works & Transportation Committee.

12.5.1. Ms. Natarajan nominated Ms. Chelebian.

12.5.2. Mr. Popowich seconded.

12.5.3. Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Sims for Vice Chair.

12.5.4. Mr. Popowich asked if there were any other nominations. None were made.

12.5.5. Mr. Popowich called roll for both Ms. Chelebian and Chair, and Mr. Sims as Vice Chair.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.5.6. Ms. Chelebian was elected Chair and Mr. Sims was elected Vice Chair of the PWT Committee.

12.6. Mr. Popowich asked for nominations for Chair of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee

12.6.1. Mr. Lace nominated Mr. Popowich as Chair of the committee.

12.6.2. Several Board members seconded Mr. Popowich

12.6.3. Ms. Nalini asked to be considered for Vice Chair.

12.6.4. Mr. Popowich seconded.

12.6.5. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		

Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.6.6. Mr. Popowich was elected Chair and Ms. Natarajan was appointed Vice Chair of the PLUM Committee.

12.7. Mr. Popowich brought up the “closed” committees. He addressed the Rules, Elections & By-Laws Committee. He asked to be considered for Chair of this committee.

12.7.1. Mr. Essavi seconded.

12.7.2. Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Burgess for Vice Chair

12.7.3. Mr. Essavi seconded.

12.7.4. Mr. Popowich asked for any other nominations. None were made. Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.7.5. Mr. Popowich was elected Chair, and Mr. Burgess was elected Vice Chair of the REB Committee.

12.8. Mr. Popowich asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.

12.8.1. Mr. Ross agreed to serve.

12.8.2. Mr. Lace agreed to serve.

12.8.3. Ms. Chelebian agreed to serve.

12.8.4. Mr. Essavi agreed to serve.

12.8.5. Since we had six interested people, Ms. Chelebian withdrew her name.

12.8.6. No vote was needed as all positions were filled without question.

12.9. Mr. Popowich opened the floor for the Finance Committee. He said he would like this committee to be an oversight committee. He also said he would like to see this committee do an annual internal audit.

- 12.9.1. There was discussion about what this committee has done in the past and that fact that DONE already audits the WNC. Mr. Popowich clarified his position that he meant an internal audit to prevent any problems with DONE.
- 12.9.2. Mr. Lace asked to be considered for Chair as he is the Treasurer.
- 12.9.3. Ms. Natarajan seconded.
- 12.9.4. Ms. Natarajan asked to be considered for Vice Chair
- 12.9.5. Eric seconded.
- 12.9.6. Mr. Popowich called roll for the election of Mr. Lace as Chair and Ms. Natarajan as Vice Chair.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

- 12.9.7. Mr. Lace was elected Chair and Ms. Natarajan as Vice Chair of the Finance committee. It was also decided that Ms. Natarajan would be an assistant Treasurer and would attend training. Mr. Popowich also reminded everyone he is a signer and would attend the training again as a refresher.
- 12.9.8. Mr. Popowich asked for committee members.
- 12.9.9. Mr. Essavi nominated Ms. Aghakhanmoshabad to serve as a member.
- 12.9.10. Mr. Sims nominated Palai to serve as a member.
- 12.9.11. Mr. Chelebian nominated Jozef.
- 12.9.12. The five Committee members are: Mr. Lace, Ms. Natarajan, Ms. Aghakhanmoshabad, Palai, and Mr. Essavi.

12.10. Ms. Chelebian made the following motion:

WNC-112806-02: The WNC will establish a Youth & Education Committee to be created as a stand alone committee. The committee will have seven members, chaired by a Board member and vice chaired by a Board member and the remaining will be open to all stakeholders. (Chelebian)

- 12.10.1. Nina seconded motion.
- 12.10.2. Mr. Essavi asked for clarification.

12.10.3.Ms. Chelebian said that the idea is for the Committee to reach out to the youth community. She feels that that group should create the agenda and idea for what it should be.

12.10.4.Mr. Lace said in the past this committee operated kind of separately.

12.10.5.Ms. Chelebian pointed out that the LAUSD has usually been the focus and it needs to be spread out to other organizations and collect more information on how we can help the children.

12.10.6.Mr. Popowich agreed. He also pointed out that there are programs like the Hope Chapel’s gang programs.

12.10.7. There was discussion about the types of things this committee can do and what people have to be like to serve on this committee.

12.10.8.Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.11. The Youth & Education Committee was formed a separate committee.

12.12. Mr. Popowich said that last year he had tried this idea out and there was no interest, but he wanted to try it again. He proposed an Interfaith Committee to work with the local religious organizations so that together they can work on projects that benefit the community. He made the following motion:

WNC-112106-03: The WNC will establish an Interfaith Committee to be created as a stand alone committee. The committee will have seven members, chaired by a Board member and vice chaired by a Board member and the remaining will be open to all stakeholders. (Popowich)

12.13. Ms. Chelebian seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		

Totals	11	0	0
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12.13.1.Ms. Chelebian asked to be considered for Chair of the new committee.

12.13.2.Ms. Palai seconded.

12.13.3.Mr. Essavi nominated Ms. Aghakhanmoshabad to be Vice Chair

12.13.4.Ms. Chelebian nominated Mr. Ross for Vice Chair

12.13.5.Mr. Ross asked to table the nomination for Vice Chair until next meeting as he believes there may be many in the community that would like to volunteer to do this.

12.13.6.Ms. Essavi seconded the motion for Mr. Ross as Vice Chair.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

12.13.7.Ms. Chelebian was elected Chair and Mr. Ross was elected Vice Chair of the Interfaith Committee.

13. Discussion and possible action to purchase a portable DVD player for use at WNC events to show our WNC promotional video. This may include an allocation of funds. This was carried over from last meeting.

13.1. Mr. Popowich said he couldn't remember whether we had all wanted to table this or not.

13.1.1. Mr. Lace pointed out that last month we had asked for people to go out and look at the cost.

13.1.2. Mr. Sims said that he couldn't see the purpose.

13.1.3. Mr. Ross volunteered his company's resources when needed since he is involved in music entertainment.

13.1.4. No issue.

14. Discussion and possible action to purchase a lap top computer for use by the WNC Secretary.

14.1. Mr. Essavi suggested we table until we get a new Secretary.

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

- **Finance Report (including Treasurer's Report)**
 - Mr. Lace reviewed the report for October.

- There was a general discussion about budgets, how DONE is restricting the funds. The Committee also discussed some issues about how the City, specifically the Mayor, is working to remove NCs from the mix by restricting the funds. They discussed some open items that are pending payments for Sysco and for the donated TV to Valley Village and new restrictions on giving to organizations. The Board also discussed how the new Committees should submit items for budget. It was generally agreed that all committees would create a “mission statement” so that they have a direction for that committee.

- **Outreach & Events Committee Report: (Robinson).** (Joint meeting with Public Safety)

WNC-OE-101606: The WNC will set one Saturday a month aside to do Outreach at the Hope Chapel of the Valley Farmer’s Market from 8-12 PM. (Robinson-Burgess)

- Mr. Popowich introduced the motion and explained it. He pointed out that this doesn’t require any council action but that the Outreach & Events Committee should be involved and figure out when it would be and get volunteers.
- Mr. Ross said that the Farmer’s Market which is to really be a weekly community meeting place more than a Farmer’s Market. He said that it’s small now but growing and response has been really tremendous.
- Mr. Popowich explained the following motion:

WNC-OE-101606-03: The WNC will allocate \$2500.00 for library books to be donated to Sutter Middle School. The funds will be given to a representative of Sutter Middle School at a future WNC Board meeting. (Popowich-Robinson)

- Ms. Chelebian said that we have discussed this in the past and the Board would like to see the organization come to the meeting and ask for the funds.
- Mr. Essavi said that he has observed a pattern in the past where one member of the NC has promised things to different organizations without the whole NC being conferred. He stressed the Board’s desire to see the organizations come before us personally to ask for the items. He said that this will help us create a relationship and broaden the outreach to more community organizations.
- Mr. Lace said that he wanted to clarify what they were talking about. He said that the issue is the flood problem that has been discussed in the past. He said that we have discussed this before and it was revisited because of the flood issue. He said that there were no promises made to any school past the initial promises that were made for the elementary school. One issue that was discussed was outreaching to the communities and he leveraged his contacts to reach out.
- Mr. Popowich tabled the issue and confirmed it could be re-addressed if the school wants to come before the committee. There was a general discussion on how committees should operate and that the Board has made it clear that if an organization should wish to ask for assistance it should do so first at the committee level that can approve it and if they approve it then it would be brought before the Board with the organization present.

- **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report:** (Popowich) –No meeting held.

- **Public Safety Committee Report:** (Popowich) –No meeting held.

WNC-PS-0-101706-01: The WNC will write a letter to each of the elementary schools to address the concerns of the Childcare Center safe pick up locations. Letters will be issued only if SLO Raigoza confirms that the parking laws allow the pick up area. (Popowich-Robinson)

WNC-PS-101606-03: The WNC will send a letter to Councilmember Zine’s office asking that the fence section be replaced by the City along Lurline Ave, next to 6905 Lurline Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306. (Robinson-Montaine)

WNC-PS-101606-04: The WNC will request 100 “Watch the Road Signs” to be distributed at WNC Outreach events. (Burgess-Haberman) Note: We will have to vote for funds for this item. After attempting to order these we found there is a charge for having the WNC name on them.

WNC-PS-101606-05: The WNC send a letter to Councilmember Zine, Councilmember Smith, Mayor Villaraigosa, and a cc to Chief Bamattre, stressing the importance that CERT program continue to be funded at current levels or increased. (Popowich-Haberman)

- Mr. Popowich explained the above motions and pointed out that only the motion regarding the “Watch the Road” signs requires action. He made the following motion:

WNC-112106-04: The WNC will request 100 “Watch the Road Signs” to be distributed at WNC Outreach events. Furthermore the WNC authorizes the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for the labeling of the signs with the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. (Popowich)

- Mr. Essavi seconded the motion.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

- The motion passed:

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

- Ms. Palai pointed out that there are two many items on the agenda. She said that meetings should go for 2 ½ hour tops. She asked to be excused.

- **Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report:** (Lace) No meeting held.

16. Discussion and possible action to accept contract for a dedicated WNC phone number.

16.1. This item was tabled.

17. Reports from liaisons: LANCC, DWP Oversight Committee, Councilmember Smith’s Service Cabinet, VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils), and Councilmember Zine’s President Meeting. This may include a discussion on re-appointing liaisons or setting a process/date to appoint liaisons.

Information Only:

Congress of Neighborhood Councils (January - Organized in conjunction with DONE). Need volunteers too work with the committee to have the NC Congress organize in coming years instead of DONE.

The Neighborhood Congress is forming a Legal Action committee to deal with any DONE issues.

There was a discussion of all Neighborhood Councils having elections on the same day citywide.

Carole Ozanian appointed to spearhead citywide recognition in print and other media of the METRO stops for key venues such as the Music Center, Universal City, Pasadena Center, Convention Center, Hotels, Pantages Theater.

Discussion and possible action to send the Congress of Neighborhood Councils any letters from DONE that pertain to

- a) Mandatory training meetings
- b) Ethics issues
- c) Training

These letters will be collected and sent to City Attorney to ascertain if DONE has acted illegally.

Discussion and possible action to send to the Congress copies of any letters from the City Attorney office with determinations that overturn DONE decisions.

- Ms. Ozanian presented her information to the Board. There was a general discussion about whether we wanted to provide the requested info to the LANCC. The Board generally decided that it was not necessary.
- Ms. Ozanian asked to be considered as to serve as the WNC representative to the LANCC.
- Ms. Chelebian made the following motion.

WNC-112106-05: The WNC appoints Mr. Jozef Essavi to serve a one year term commencing with November 06 and ending October 07 as the official representative to the LANCC. (Chelebian)

- Mr. Sims seconded.
- Mr. Essavi offered to share the duties with Ms. Ozanian if she wanted to be the back up.
- Ms. Ozanian declined the offer.
- Mr. Popowich called roll:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi			X
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	10	0	1

- Ms. Chelebian said that the DWP Oversight Committee had their elections. She also briefly explained what the Committee does. She also asked that she not be the WNC representative. She explained what it's about and offered it up to anyone interested.
- Mr. Popowich tabled this item since no one was interested in filling the position.
- Ms. Chelebian said that she had no new news from the CD 12 Service Council. She said that this has been very beneficial to the PWT Committee in the contacts she's made. She asked that she continue to represent the WNC on this Council.
- Mr. Essavi seconded.
- Mr. Popowich called roll.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

- Ms. Chelebian will continue to serve as our representative to the CD 12 Service Council.

18. Discussion and possible action to appoint two representatives to be our Budget Representatives to the Mayor. (Note: This was postponed last month, but has to be voted on this month or we will lose our seats).

- 18.1. Mr. Lace expressed interest in serving as our representative.
- 18.2. Mr. Essavi seconded.
- 18.3. Mr. Popowich nominated Ms. Natarajan as the second member.
- 18.4. Mr. Essavi seconded the motion.
- 18.5. Mr. Popowich called roll.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson			Excused
Erick Lace	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Josef Essavi	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Art Sims	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		

Annie Palai	X		
Michael Ross	X		
Totals	11	0	0

19. Adjournment