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To: Council Members, Public

From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary

Date: January 6, 2005

Subject: PLUM Meeting Minutes 01/05/05

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

1.1. Mr. Popowich called the meeting to order and called roll.

JJ Popowich	Jacque Lamishaw	Ted Valdez	Wayne Schulte
Marilyn Robinson – Excused	Chris Jurgenson – Excused	Armineh Chelebian – Excused	

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

2.1. Minutes were approved without objections.

3. Discussion and possible action on a proposed zoning change from an RA-1 (Sub-Urban zone which allows two family dwellings) to a R1 zone (which allows single family dwellings) for the property located at 20415 Runnymede St, Winnetka, CA 91306. Department of Planning Case #: APCSV-2004-5433-ZC.

3.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item and advised everyone that the developer could not attend tonight due to another hearing, but that he was being scheduled for the February meeting to review the plans for this project. However, we still need to vote on the zoning change request tonight.

3.2. Ms. Lamishaw stated the agenda is not correct in the description of the zoning rights.

3.3. Mr. Popowich responded that he would double check but the information came from the LA City Planning Department web site. This led to a brief discussion on what zoning information is correct.

3.4. Mr. Schulte asked how many houses would be built on the site.

3.5. Ms. Lamishaw stated he can put two houses and discussed the size of the property.

3.6. Mr. Popowich interjected and aksed to keep the meeting on track with the agenda. He went on to say that if we are going to get out of order then it get's chaotic. He then asked Mr. Valdez if he had any comments.

3.7. Mr. Valdez said all he needed to hear was where he's going to put the house since there is one there.

3.8. Mr. Popowich said that the developer commented the new house would be to the left. The house that exists is on the right. The developer he explained advised him that the existing house is being remodeled and they are doing foundation work at the present time.

3.9. Ms. Lamishaw commented they are going to cut off a little and remodel.

- 3.10. Mr. Valdez indicated that was good for him.
- 3.11. Mr. Popowich said the developer did say the owners didn't want more than one story.
- 3.12. Ms. Lamishaw commented she would have gone with a different zoning.
- 3.13. Mr. Valdez asked if the surrounding properties are singles.
- 3.14. Ms. Lamishaw affirmed they were. She said there are apartments on the corner and described the apartments so that everyone had an idea where this was located.
- 3.15. Mr. Popowich confirmed that information and said he developer also had commented that this would help the area which is in pretty bad shape.
- 3.16. A brief discussion followed regarding the general area and how there appears to be numerous code violations.
- 3.17. Mr. Schulte made the following motion:

WNC PLUM-010505-1: The WNC approves the request for a zoning change as submitted for 20415 Runnymede St, Winnetka, CA 91306, as is."

- 3.18. Mr. Valdez seconded the motion.
- 3.19. Mr. Popowich called the roll and the motion passed 4 – 0.

4. Discussion and possible action to determine whether the PLUM Committee will ask future Department of Planning appointee candidates to come speak to our committee and whether we will want to endorse specific candidates.

- 4.1. Mr. Popowich introduced this measure by stating that he personally has a larger vision of what the NC system should be and do. He stated he believes the NC should take action on any issue that has a possible effect on our area. For this reason when the issue was proposed to him to be placed on the agenda he agreed. He then opened the issue for discussion.
- 4.2. Ms. Lamishaw started off that she had been contacted by other NC Presidents and asked if we wanted to get involved in the process once it begins. She went on to state that no one has been announced at this time and that it would have to be posted for anyone in the world to apply for.

She went on to say that the current Director is not viewed favorably by most people that she knows. She commented that those in the business would like to see some of the current staffers move up in the organization and take over. She named a few people.
- 4.3. A brief discussion followed on various names and their involvement with the planning department. I have omitted the names here only because they are of no value until one or more step up and announce they would like to be considered for the appointment.
- 4.4. Mr. Popowich brought the discussion to a halt and stated that he really does not want to discuss the specifics at this time.
- 4.5. Ms. Lamishaw said that was OK and we will have to wait until the city announces who can take a test which is the first step.
- 4.6. Mr. Schulte asked what the purpose of the discussion was.
- 4.7. Mr. Popowich said that he just wants a vote on whether we should or should not discuss this in the future.
- 4.8. Ms. Lamishaw commented that she was sorry that he didn't want to listen to what she was saying but that she was not finished. She went on to say that we want someone who is friendly and wants to be involved in the NC system, as well as someone who will educate us. She said this is a delicate matter and we can't just ask them to come before us.
- 4.9. Mr. Popowich commented that he is not concerned about the process. He went on to say that once the appointee is announced we can ask him to speak before us and it is legitimate, regardless of whether others want them to or not.

- 4.10. Ms. Lamishaw said we would just have to promote a candidate.
- 4.11. Mr. Popowich said he is not interested in pushing anyone. He just wants the NC to have an opportunity to weigh in on the process so our desires are known.
- 4.12. Ms. Lamishaw agreed.
- 4.13. Mr. Schulte said we need a motion.
- 4.14. Ms. Lamishaw offered a motion:

“WNC PLUM-010505-2: The WNC will take an active part in the selection process of the new Director of Planning once candidates are announced.”

- 4.15. Mr. Schulte asked if the City asked us to get involved.
- 4.16. Mr. Popowich commented that they wouldn’t ask us. He went on to say that he feels the NC’s need to stand up and use the power granted to them or it will be taken away. So long as he is Chair we will do everything we can to do that.
- 4.17. Mr. Valdez seconded the motion.
- 4.18. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion passed 4 – 0.

5. Discussion regarding Community Plans which will include a brief review of the plan for the Winnetka area as it exists today (which is part of the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills area). This will be educational only and no action will be taken, other than to discuss what we may like to see on future agendas regarding this topic.

5.1. Mr. Popowich opened the discussion by opening the Community Plan map. The Committee spent sometime looking over the map and familiarizing ourselves with the map and the specific community plans. There is some discussion on making the map available on the web site for the portion that applies to the WNC. Mr. Popowich said he would look into it.

6. Update, discussion, and possible action on the planned Parking Town Hall meeting announced at our last regular meeting.

6.1. Mr. Popowich announced that the Outreach & Events Committee was proceeding with plans for this event. More details will be announced as soon as they have them.

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

8. Committee Business –

- A. Comments on Committee Member’s own activities/ Brief announcements.
- B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.
- D. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

6. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events:

- ❑ January 11, 2005: WNC Regular Board Meeting & Candidates Forum: 6:30 PM, @ Valley Village
- ❑ January 17, 2005: Public Safety Committee: : 6:30 PM, @ Valley Village
- ❑ January 26, 2005: Public Works & Transportation Committee: : 6:30 PM, @ Valley Village
- ❑ January 29, 2005: Candidates Forum: 1:00 PM @ Valley Village
- ❑ February 8, 2005: WNC Regular Board Meeting & Candidates Forum: 6:30 PM, @ Valley Village
- ❑ February 24, 2005: WNC Elections from 3:00 – 8:00 PM @ Canoga Park Bowl, 20122 Vanowen St, Winnetka, CA 91306.

7. Adjournment

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.