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To: Council Members, Public
From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary
Date: August 16, 2004
Subject: Public Safety Meeting Minutes 08/16/04

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.**
- 2. Roll Call:** The following Public Safety Committee members were in attendance.

JJ Popowich	Marilyn Robinson	Dwight Burgess	
			Suzie Grinley - Resigned

- 3. Discussion and possible action on a request by stakeholders to support a petition to request an overnight no parking zone along the 7100 block of Quartz Ave and the 19700 block of Cantlay. We will have a community representative present their petition and information to the Committee.**

- 3.1. Mr. Popowich opened introduced the agenda item and asked Mr. Art Sims to present his request to the Committee.
- 3.2. Mr. Sims explained his concerns and provided a letter to the Committee outlining their petition.
- 3.3. Mr. Popowich read the letter to those in attendance and passed it around for review by the Committee members. He asked how many signed the petition.
- 3.4. Mr. Sims said that all the houses on the block had signed it. He explained that there are no houses along the street in the area in question, but the ones on the other side of the

alley are fed up with the problem. The street is surrounded by a St. Joseph's Church on one side and businesses on the other side. He went on to explain that both sides of the street are being used to park cars (in various states of disrepair), RV (operable and non-operable), and vehicles with large boats.

3.5. Mr. Burgess commented that it sounds like a code violation.

3.6. Mr. Popowich confirmed that Mr. Sims and his neighbors have contacted Parking enforcement.

3.6.1. Mr. Sims commented that he and his neighbors have spoken to Parking enforcement. He also mentioned that they have escalated the issue a few times to get out before their 72 hour time limit. He then pointed out that at times the owners work on the cars on the street, even running extension cords from the business to the cars.

3.7. Ms. Robinson commented that it sounds like it could be a Building and Safety issue. She asked if the group had spoken to Councilman Zine's office.

3.7.1. Mr. Sims responded that they had spoken to her and that she had written a letter on their behalf, along with the petition, to the Department of Transportation. He would like us to lend our support to their petition.

3.8. Mr. Popowich asked if Building and Safety could look into it because they were working on the street. He clarified which side of the street they were working on.

3.8.1. Mr. Sims clarified both sides.

3.9. Ms. Robinson asked if the neighbors have asked for street cleaning, as she has been able to get that in her area and it has helped.

3.9.1. Mr. Sims responded that they have tried that and were told that they couldn't commit to doing it every week. They had asked for them to post it and clean it as often as they can and were told no because people will expect them to do it every week and they can't.

3.10. Mr. Burgess made the following motion: The Public Safety Committee should recommend the WNC send a letter of support and inquiry about the request to post "no-overnight parking" signs on the affected streets. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

3.11. Mr. Popowich said before we consider the motion we should ask if any others in attendance had any comments.

3.11.1. Mr. Valdez, a WNC Board member and stakeholder, said that he felt it was a good idea and he would recommend it.

3.12. Mr. Popowich called roll and the motion was passed 3-0. He also asked that Mr. Sims provide him with a copy of the petition itself so we can judge how many were requesting it.

3.13. Ms. Robinson also suggested that he take pictures and provide them as well. She also suggested that if the full WNC Board sends a letter we should copy the Senior Lead Officer for the area.

3.14. Mr. Popowich agreed. He also explained the process that had to be followed before the letter could go out.

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

4.1. Mr. Valdez stated that he would like to see something done about fireworks in the community. He stated there is a general lack of enforcement on the fireworks.

4.2. Mr. Popowich confirmed that he had received the email and he requested that Mr. Valdez fill out the agenda item form so he has all the information to place it on the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

4.3. Ms. Robinson said she has a letter that was approved by LAPD Captain of the Winnetka station that he can use to send to his community. She had a similar problem and the letter resolved the problem.

4.4. Mr. Popowich suggested that should we decide to get involved perhaps the Council could send the letter out. He asked Ms. Robinson how she had the letter distributed.

4.4.1. Ms. Robinson stated that the Neighborhood Watch distributed it by hand.

4.4.2. Mr. Popowich stated he doesn’t believe that there is a strong NW in that area and that maybe the Council could help with the costs.

5. Committee Business:

A. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair by Committee members.

- Mr. Popowich stated that we need to elect a permanent chair and asked for volunteers.
- Ms. Robinson stated that Mr. Burgess seemed to be doing a good job.
- Mr. Popowich asked if he would like to do it. He stated that the Chair has to set the agenda, run the meetings, and make sure that anyone who is supposed to be appearing at the meeting does appear.
- Mr. Burgess did not indicate whether he wanted to do it or not.
- Ms. Robinson stated that she was very busy or she would do it.
- Mr. Popowich said that he didn’t mind doing it, but he didn’t want to seem like he was doing everything.
- Ms. Robinson stated that he might get burned out.
- Mr. Popowich said he didn’t think he would.

- Ms. Robinson nominated Mr. Popowich for Chair. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. Roll was called and the motion passed 3-0.
 - Mr. Burgess nominated Ms. Robinson as Vice Chair, and Mr. Popowich seconded the motion. Roll was called and the motion passed 3-0.
- B. Discussion & possible action on structure (size) of committee, adding alternates, etc.
- Mr. Popowich opened discussion on the next item.
 - Ms. Robinson said she thinks the committee should be opened up more for volunteers.
 - Mr. Popowich stated that was the point of his motion during the full Board meeting. He thinks that we should have a larger committee to get more representation. He stated he is aware of the issue of being concerned about a quorum but that we still needed more.
 - Ms. Robinson said that she would like to see someone from the Police Advisory's Board join the group. She would like to see if Mr. Herbert Schwartz would be interested. She also expressed a desire to see more representation from the northern portion of WNC.
 - NOTE: A brief discussion occurred on the need for more northern Winnetka involvement. It was pointed out by almost everyone that the majority of the Board is from Councilman Zine's area with only a few from Councilman Smith's area.
 - Mr. Popowich pointed out that most of the communication would be via computer and that was a concern.
 - Ms. Robinson said he has access to his son's.
 - Mr. Popowich agreed that would work. He recommended that we expand to 7.
 - Mr. Valdez expressed a desire to join the Board.
 - Ms. Robinson made a motion that we should request the full WNC Board to approve expanding the Committee to 7 members. Roll was called and the motion passed 3 – 0.
 - Mr. Burgess made a motion that we forward a request to the full WNC to add Mr. Valdez to the Committee to fill the open position. The roll was called and the motion was passed 3 – 0.
 - The two other stakeholders in attendance Mr. Bob Tritt and Mr. Art Sims both expressed interest in serving on the Committee if it is expanded.
- C. Comments on Committee Member's own activities/ Brief announcements.
- N/A
- D. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- N/A

- E. 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.
 - N/A

- F. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.
 - N/A

6. Meeting adjourned.