

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Public Safety Committee

Chair JJ Popowich
Vice Chair Marilyn Robinson

Members
Dwight Burgess
Marilyn Robinson
Suzie Grinley



MAILING ADDRESS

Winnetka Neighborhood Council

PO Box 3692
Winnetka, CA 91396

TELEPHONE: 818-781-0016

FAX: 818-781-0929

www.winnetkaneighborhoodcouncil.org

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 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.

3.2.1. A discussion and answer period followed. Concerns about how many individuals signed the petition (which will be provided to the Committee) and where the activity was taking place were addressed. Mr. Sims provided a letter from Marisol Espinoza to the Department of Transportation asking for them to consider the request. A few suggestions were made by Committee members regarding other departments to contact (most of which have been tried by the residents per Mr. Sims).

3.3. 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.

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

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

3.5. 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.

3.6. 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.

3.7. 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. Mr. Popowich advised Mr. Valdez that we can add this to the next agenda if he’ll fill out the form. Ms. Robinson stated she would provide a letter which can be used to send out to the residents. The letter was approved by the Captain of the Winnetka LAPD station and the SLO.

5. Committee Business:

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

- A discussion about who should be Chair of the Committee was held. It was generally recognized that everyone was very involved with the community and the Council and time was scarce. Mr. Burgess and Ms. Robinson both considered being Chair, but declined at this time. Mr. Popowich said he would serve as Chair if needed.

- 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.
- A discussion was held about the committee size first. Generally all in attendance felt that we needed more involvement especially from stakeholders to step forward. 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.
 - 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.