

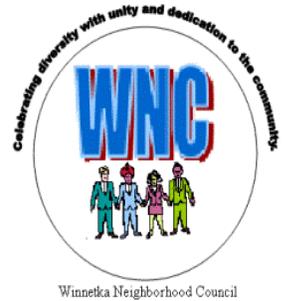


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To: Council Members, Public

From: JJ Popowich, Secretary

Date: May 16, 2005

Subject: Public Safety Meeting Minutes May 16, 2005

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

JJ Popowich	Marilyn Robinson	Dwight Burgess	Herbie Schwartz
James Valdez: Resigned			

1.1. Mr. Popowich invited Mr. Montaine to join the committee.

1.2. Mr. Montaine indicated he would be interested in joining.

1.3. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

“WNC-PS-051605-1: I move we nominate Mr. Montaine to join the WNC Public Safety Committee effective tonight.”

1.4. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion.

1.5. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of minutes.

2.1. Approved with correction of typo.

3. State and local government representatives' updates: LAPD, Fire, and any other local, state, or federal officials that wish to attend to discuss items of importance to the Public Safety Committee.

3.1. Mr. Popowich announced that Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Rodriguez attended the regular Board meeting as she had previous commitments tonight.

4. Discussion and possible action on issues surrounding medical marijuana use and distribution in Winnetka. This topic stems from the Daily News article about WNC Board member Wayne Schulte.

4.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item and brought it up as an information item. He explained the issue and referenced the state and federal laws pertaining to this.

4.2. Ms. Robinson said that we should be careful in how we deal with this issue.

4.3. A stakeholder asked if Mr. Schulte could still serve on the NC even though he's broken the law.

4.4. Mr. Popowich said that he has not been convicted as of yet. He went through and read Proposition 215, which legalizes the use of marijuana for medical purposes and primary care givers. He also stated that the Federal government looks at this as a narcotic and not legal. There are Supreme Court cases about this. He wanted to state for the record that there is no action to be taken in this matter.

4.5. Mr. Molock, a stakeholder, said that he doesn't think this can be legal.

4.5.1. Mr. Popowich said that he just wanted us to be on record with the facts so that no one can say we are ignoring this. Mr. Schulte brought this up in the paper so it's public knowledge. He went on to say that at this point the WNC can not take any action nor should they. He pointed out that Mr. Schulte has only been charged with a misdemeanor and it's alleged at this point unless there is a conviction. There is nothing proven and no conviction.

4.6. Mr. Montaine asked if there was some way that we, as a council can do something.

4.7. Mr. Popowich said not really. He went on to say that the by-laws do allow for something like a vote of no confidence but it's very difficult. It would have to be done in a full Board session.

4.8. A stakeholder, Mr. Molock, asked if the WNC could go to the city attorney.

4.9. Mr. Popowich said that at this point it's something that will have to be left alone for now.

5. **Discussion and possible action on creating a letter to either support or oppose California State Assembly Bill AB35, in regards to Megan's Law: sex offender information.**

5.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item. He asked Mr. Montaine if the item had been voted on yet in the Assembly.

5.2. Mr. Montaine said they attempted to vote on May 9th, but could not get it out of the committee. He said he thinks this may be a case where it won't be able to get out. He would like us to take a position even if it's asking for it to be reconsidered.

5.2.1. Mr. Popowich asked if everyone had reviewed the bill in question. Several indicated they have not done so at this time. He said he would like to vote on it anyway since it's been an open item so long.

5.3. Mr. Montaine brought the issue up and summarized the law which takes away the exclusions for those who are convicted offenders. He said that California is the only state with these exclusions. Mr. Montaine said he would like us to send the letter in support of the motion.

“WNC-PS-051605-2: The WNC Public Safety Committee recommends the Winnetka Neighborhood Council issue a letter which would be forwarded to the Authors of the Bill (AB35) and to the Assembly members on the Assembly Public Safety Committee showing the WNC support of this bill. The Secretary would be allowed to forward as such letter to other public figures as he/she sees fit.”

5.4. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

5.5. Mr. Seflin, a stakeholder, asked if the bill removes all the exclusions.

5.5.1. Mr. Montaine said that it's not all the exclusions but some.

5.6. Mr. Popowich called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

6. **Discussion and possible about a purchasing lawn signs with safety messages to be distributed around Winnetka.**

6.1. Mr. Popowich asked what everyone thought about the signs as it would be a way to spread a safety messages throughout the neighborhood.

6.2. Mr. Molock, a stakeholder, said that he felt this would be an added expense and wondered whether there would be any lasting benefit as they seem to be removed.

6.3. Mr. Schwartz said that the gardeners seem to move these regularly.

6.4. Mr. Burgess said it was a good idea.

6.5. Mr. Montaine suggested that we look into the bus benches as places to put safety messages.

6.5.1. Mr. Seflin, a stakeholder, suggested we see if Viacom would donate the space.

6.5.2. Mr. Molock, a stakeholder, asked for clarification. He also mentioned that there is a lack of benches on Vanowen.

- 6.5.3. Mr. Seflin suggested we also go to local businesses and see if they would also fit some of the bill for this project.
- 6.6. Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Montaine to contact Ms. Espinoza at Council member Zine's office and Viacom to see if they would do this.
7. **Discussion and possible action on budget requests for the 2006 Fiscal WNC budget.**
 - 7.1. Mr. Popowich announced the 2006 Fiscal Budget is coming up. He said the Treasurer announced at the last meeting, at the last minute, for comments and requests on the budget. He went on to say that we will definitely need postage funds and copy funds. He asked for ideas for projects for next year. He also commented that a lot of the budget is tied up in rent funds. He said that maybe we should pursue some type of arrangement with Valley Village for the continued use of their facilities. This would allow us to continue using the funds for Winnetka.
 - 7.1.1. Mr. Seflin asked about other buildings.
 - 7.1.2. There was discussion about locations.
 - 7.2. Mr. Popowich said that one mailing to about 300 folks cost about \$140.00 per mailing.
 - 7.2.1. Mr. Seflin asked if we use bulk rates.
 - 7.2.2. Mr. Popowich said that we can't do that until we file the application and he has not done that yet.
 - 7.3. Ms. Robinson asked about supplies.
 - 7.4. Mr. Burgess said maybe \$500.00 dollars.
 - 7.5. Ms. Robinson said we could do maybe one mailing a quarter.
 - 7.5.1. Mr. Popowich said that would be about \$600.00.
 - 7.5.2. Mr. Molock, a stakeholder, commented we should do \$1000.00.
 - 7.5.3. Mr. Schwartz said \$1000.00 is a good number.
 - 7.6. Mr. Popowich agreed \$1000.00 for mailings. He opened up discussion on projects that we might like to see.
 - 7.6.1. Ms. Robinson said we need a fund so we can do things.
 - 7.6.2. Mr. Popowich agreed, but he wanted to see if we have any thing that we want to do now. No one had any ideas at this time.
 - 7.6.3. Mr. Popowich said that we should request funds for Pubic Safety Projects.
 - 7.6.4. Mr. Seflin brought up the issues of the shopping carts.
 - 7.6.5. Mr. Popowich said he is still in the process of writing the letters to the local stores to get them to promote the maintenance of the carts.
 - 7.6.6. Mr. Schwartz commented that it was a major topic at the Community Policing meetings.
 - 7.6.7. Mr. Popowich suggested that we go for \$1000.00 per quarter. He went on to say that he really wants to spend the funds this year. Whether it's the bus benches or other projects. .
 - 7.6.8. Mr. Molock, a stakeholder, said that we can do reminders about the more obscure safety and building laws.
 - 7.6.9. Mr. Montaine suggested magnets that we can throw on the refrigerators. We can put safety and did you know messages on them.
 - 7.7. Ms. Robinson asked about supplies such as paper, envelopes, and mundane items.

7.7.1. Mr. Popowich asked if that's what we should be requesting.

7.7.2. Mr. Schwartz suggested \$300.00 for the year.

7.7.3. Mr. Seflin asked if any effort has been made to solicit email addresses.

7.7.4. Mr. Popowich said that we used to do it.

7.7.5. Mr. Burgess said that we used to do it when they signed speaker cards.

7.8. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PS-051605-3: The Public Safety Committee requests the following amounts for the 2006 Fiscal budget: \$1000.00 quarterly for Public Safety Projects, \$1000.00 annually for mailings, and \$300.00 annually for supplies. (Popowich)"

7.9. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

7.10. Mr. Popowich called the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

8. Update and discussion on the issues surrounding the problems at Runnymede Park. We will be folding letters and stuffing envelopes to do the mailer to the residents in this area. We have 500 letters to fold and stuff.

8.1. Mr. Popowich said that he has tried to get in touch with the Parks & Recreation Department head Laura Bauernfeind to discuss the benches. He also said that he will attempt to get in touch with Mr. Torres to see if the Ranger's patrol's can be increased. He continued by saying that he wanted to send the letter to get more stakeholder input and get them involved otherwise the Winnetka Night Out event is not likely to happen.

8.2. Mr. Seflin asked if anyone has spoken to the head of the department.

8.2.1. Mr. Popowich said that he has not, but has been trying to get a hold of Torres and will do so again.

8.3. Mr. Seflin said that the Parks & Recreation Board is having a meeting at Winnetka Park. He also commented that the park is classified as a pocket park and it's just way over used.

8.4. Mr. Popowich said he will continue to work on the problems with the Parks & Recreation and the Rangers.

8.5. There was general discussion about his continued problems.

8.6. Mr. Seflin said he was confused about the issues and the Night Out as they are two different things.

8.6.1. Mr. Popowich said that they are connected as they are parts of the plan to deal with the issues. In order to get this addressed it's going to take more than just the WNC. We need community involvement and numbers.

9. 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.

i. Mr. Montaine brought up the issue of the California border issues. He would like to see if the WNC will support a possible ballot issue on the June ballot for the state to create its own border patrol. There was a Federal law passed granting the states the right to create their own border patrol. He said a few state senators and congressman have announced their support.

ii. Mr. Popowich said he would add it to the next agenda.

- D. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

10. Adjournment