

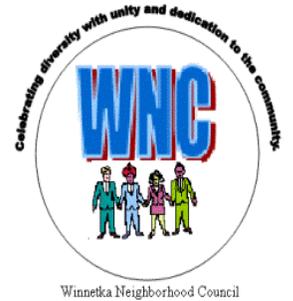


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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	JJ Popowich		Marilyn Robinson	
Committee Members				
Dwight Burgess	Herbie Schwartz	Rick Montaine	Raquel Diaz	Open

To: Council Members, Public

From: JJ Popowich, Secretary

Date: March 20, 2006

Subject: Public Safety Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2006

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

<i>PS Committee Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
JJ Popowich	X		
Marilyn Robinson	X		
Dwight Burgess	X		
Rick Montaine	X		
Raquel Diaz	X		
Herbie Schwartz	X		
Open Seat			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2. **Approval of minutes.**

2.1. Approved.

3. **Public Comments**

3.1. Mr. Haberman brought up graffiti that was left on his townhouse complex. He brought pictures to provide to the SLO Officer Raigoza who was present.

4. **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.**

4.1. SLO Raigoza commented that she may not be present at the next meeting. She wanted to thank Mr. Popowich regarding the LAPD and WNC's lack of response to the community issues. She commented that she did a ride along with her and they visited Runnymede Park. During that ride along, they met with a few stakeholders and explained what they were working on. She said that a few days after that meeting they received the latest email.

4.2. A stakeholder asked if the Park Rangers are involved.

4.2.1. SLO Raigoza commented that they do drive by, but they are not as involved. She also provides them with logs for the visits so they are aware of what is going on. She went on to say that there is oblivious graffiti.

4.3. Mr. Popowich outlined the response he provided to their email to the stakeholder. He also said that he has attempted to contact Ms. Bauernfeind and she was not available. He will continue to follow up with her.

4.4. A stakeholder asked about Franciscan II and whether they can participate.

4.4.1. Mr. Popowich agreed and said that the only issue that he is aware of that is still around is the alley Apartment Watch, April 26, 2006, at 7 PM, where a wide array of city safety and building departments will be there to present information to managers and stakeholders to let them know

what resources they have to use and what the LAPD would like them to focus on. On April 5, 2006, they are having the CPAB/SLO Summit. This is an event when community members come together and are split up into groups and they focus on what the community members can do to make a difference. This will be at the West Valley Police Station Community Room.

4.5. Ms. Diaz brought up the issue of people going through recycling bins.

4.5.1. SLO Raigoza commented that City Council has asked the LAPD to start enforcing laws relating to theft from the recycling bins, which are technically city property. She said that the LAPD will start looking into this and they will begin targeting areas.

4.6. SLO Velasquez said he is dealing with thefts and breaking and entering. There has been an increase in both shoplifting and theft from cars in that area. He has been focusing on bike patrols at the malls as well as working with the School Police to address the problem. He pointed out that Canoga Park High has a history of problems and has several children on probation and even runs various intervention classes. He also said there has been an increase in organized crime rings that are targeting specific type of merchandise which are then shipped out to other areas.

4.7. Ms. Diaz asked about what people should do to protect their cars and valuables.

4.7.1. SLO Velasquez commented that the best protection is the club and or an alarm. This lead to a discussion about other types of protection that you can use for cars.

**5. Discussion and possible action to fill the seventh seat on this Committee. Any stakeholders interested in being considered may attend and request to be considered.**

5.1. Mr. Haberman is interested in joining the committee.

5.2. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-032206-01: The Public Safety Committee appoints Mr. Mark Haberman to fill the seventh available seat on the committee. (Popowich)*

5.3. Ms. Robinson seconded.

<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Schwartz, Herbie	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

5.4. Motion passes 6-0.

**6. Continued discussion and possible action on creating an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Winnetka. This will include a discussion on storage depots for emergency items, arranging and promoting CERT training courses in Winnetka, promoting Red Cross training and CPR certification. May include a discussion on the appropriation of funds from the WNC general fund for outreach and materials.**

6.1. Ms. Robinson announced that next training is in August. She said that she is working with Bubba and he will arrange a time to come out and evaluate the Valley Village facility.

6.2. Mr. Schwartz said he would look at talking to his pastor about placing a facility at his church.

6.3. Mr. Popowich said that we should do a story in the WNC Newsletter and announce a meeting about emergency planning.

6.4. Mr. Popowich asked about setting some funds aside for sending out flyers about the CERT program.

6.5. SLO Velasquez commented that they can include the CERT flyer in the newsletters that they send out for the Neighborhood Watch. He commented that they can also use the E-Policing system.

**7. Discussion and possible action on reports from stakeholders of increased crime and traffic hazards in the Corbin – Valerio area. Stakeholders have asked for time to address the Committee in regards to**

**possibly closing the alley just west of Corbin starting at Valerio. In addition stakeholders have requested the WNC ask for additional red curb painting at the intersection of Corbin and Valerio.**

7.1. Mr. Popowich addressed the red curb issue first. He passed around pictures of the curbs on the west side of Corbin facing South and North. The north side has a large red curb area, where the south side has less than 5 feet of red curb.

7.1.1. Ms. Diaz commented that this is a problem. She said that they have had a large number of accidents and she has had some near misses.

7.2. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-032206-02: The WNC will request Bureau of Street Services to paint a larger red curb area on the southwest side of the corner of Corbin-Valerio. The WNC will also ask for a review of the northwest corner to see if the red curb can be extended. (Popowich)*

7.3. Mr. Haberman seconded the motion.

<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz	X			
Schwartz, Herbie	X			
Haberman, Mark	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

7.4. Motion passed 7-0.

7.5. Mr. Popowich brought up the alley way issue. One alley towards Sherman Way is closed off. The alley way on the other side of the running north parallel to Corbin tees off...would require. Mr. Popowich said he invited stakeholders to this meeting and they did not come. He said that since there are no stakeholders to work on this, the WNC should take no action at this time.

7.6. Ms. Diaz commented on the problems in the area which included that alley way and cars from Sutter using the alley. She also commented on the problems on Quartz and the parking issues.

**8. Discussion and possible action on purchasing emergency first aid kits for distribution through local schools. This may involve determining size of kit, distribution method/timing, and appropriation of funds from the WNC General fund.**

8.1. Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Burgess to present his information.

8.2. Mr. Burgess said that he has contacted a few vendors and received price lists.

8.3. There was a discussion about the various vendors that supply this. The general costs are about \$7.50 to \$9.50 for a one person kit.

8.4. SLO Velasquez will bring in a copy of a preparedness list.

8.5. Next meeting we'll have a choice of vendor, we'll choose the # of kits to purchase, and we'll also create a plan to reach out to the schools and the NW groups.

**9. Committee Business –**

- A. Comments on Committee Member's own activities/ brief announcements.
- B.
- C. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- D. 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. Popowich explained Ms. Littlefield's suggestion of a program where the WNC trains a group of stakeholders on what to report, and when to report the problems they see.

- ii. Ms. Robinson commented that this is similar to the POSSE and the NW groups.
  - iii. Ms. Diaz said that the stakeholders in her area already do something similar.
  - iv. Mr. Popowich commented that we can still do something in the newsletter about the types of enforcement for parking that people can do.
  - v. SLO Raigoza suggested that she include an article about parking and enforcement in their newsletter to remind people.
- E. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

10. **Adjournment**