

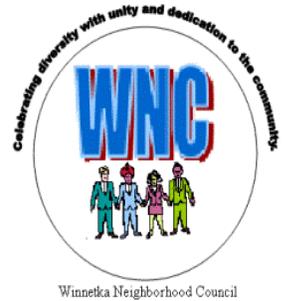


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Dwight Burgess	Herbie Schwartz	Rick Montaine	Raquel Diaz	Mark Haberman

To: Council Members, Public

From: JJ Popowich, Secretary

Date: May 18, 2006

Subject: Public Safety Meeting Minutes for May 18, 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		
Mark Haberman	X		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

2. Approval of minutes.

3. Public Comments

3.1. Mr. Molock was in attendance and he is concerned about a parked car at 20229 Schoolcraft Ave.

3.2. SLO Raigoza said she would look into it.

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. Mr. Popowich started off with a few comments on the future as he sees it for the WNC in regards to Public Safety. He said the two biggest concerns are crime, which the LAPD says is down 14%, and Emergency Preparedness. He pointed out that when you have two killings within 3 years in the same location you have a problem. He pointed out that graffiti is a growing problem which leads to the killings and other crimes. If there is anything that the WNC can do we need to do this.

He went to say that the other issue is Emergency Preparedness problem.

4.2. Mr. Montaine commented asked if we could buy

4.3. SLO Raigoza commented that the problem is that local gangs have had injunctions placed on them in Canoga Park and they are now moving out and into other areas such as Winnetka. The problem she said is that people are not working with the LAPD. They have increased patrols; they have set up arrangements with Devonshire Division where they can patrol the area when they are short. She has walked in her problem area to get the property owners to agree to the trespass signage and they have not done so. In addition the CA's office has created an online form to sign because managers were afraid to sign the paper, or didn't sign the papers. Still it's a problem.

4.4. Mr. Montaine asked if the property owners could be forced to put the signage up via the courts.

4.5. SLO Raigoza said that they do work with the CA's office on abatements for property where there are repeat offences. The CA will work through legal meetings to get the owners to fix the property. If they refuse to work with the LAPD and CA then they can file for abatement and the property can be taken. She said this can take years to get done and we need the help now. The only ones who are really interested seem to be condo and townhouse properties that have a stake in it.

- 4.6. Mr. Popowich said that he understands this but we have to take back our property. He pointed out that he can't afford to move, so we have to find away. He referenced community events like the one in Glendale to show a force as
- 4.7. A stakeholder, Ms. Montaine, asked if there is a way to change the process through the law.
- 4.8. SLO Raigoza said that may be an avenue but she's not sure where to start.
- 4.9. Ms. Robinson asked if these owners are absentee owners.
- 4.10. SLO Raigoza said that most are. She has contacted the as many as possible. She held a Managers conference and had 60 attendees. The problem is that the ones in her area do not show up.
- 4.11. Mr. Popowich suggested that we send a strong letter to these owners and demand that they work with the LAPD or we will pursue other avenues. We can state that if they don't work with them we will monitor the crime stats and once they reach the threshold we will contact the CA and work with them to address it in different manners.
- 4.12. Former WNC VP, Mr. Molock suggested that we place a banner in front of the owner's business location to state that this is an area that is bad for the community.
- 4.13. SLO Raigoza said this would be too close to a defamation issue.
- 4.14. Mr. Popowich said that he would like to see us meet again and consider a series of plans that we will propose to address: Consider the letter writing campaign, working actively to form NW groups, buys NW signs, and anything else we can.
- 4.15. Mr. Schwartz said its better then doing nothing. In regards to the NW groups he keeps tabs on the community.
- 4.16. Ms. Robinson said in regards to NW they do go to meetings, but they don't do anything.
- 4.17. Mr. Popowich asked about NW programs where they issued radios.
- 4.18. Mr. Molock mentioned the signage around Fulbright.
- 4.19. Mr. Popowich suggested a letter campaign that would stuff the crime problems down peoples throat by showing what the crimes are in the NW and have a slogan on it like, 'Only you can stop it.' And then reference NW meetings or NW formation committees held by us.
- 4.20. Ms. Montaine suggested we target areas.
- 4.21. Mr. Molock said that he had a problem with a person who was racing motorcycles along a street near him and he was able to address it via Building and Safety.
- 4.22. Ms. Robinson said you need to walk the area and tell them what you're doing, hold a meeting and offer food and they will come.
- 4.23. SLO Raigoza said that she would love to walk the area and help them.
- 4.24. The PS Committee agreed to meet June 1, 2006 at Valley Village to come up with a crime reduction program.
- 4.25. Mr. Popowich asked about the crime stats that he requested.
- 4.26. SLO said that only about 5% of the gang related crime is reported. Overall it's about 2% of the crime in her portion of Winnetka is gang related. She said that most are not reported as gang crimes and only get stamped if someone mentions there is a gang member involved.
- 4.27. Mr. Popowich asked about general crimes overall.
- 4.28. SLO Raigoza said that Grand Theft Auto and burglary from motor vehicles are rising dramatically in the Saticoy / Oso area. There is also residential burglary crime and this may be due to an increase in good weather which means more windows are open and access is easier.
- 4.29. Mr. Popowich asked about a "drunk driving program" like the ones that were held in schools to scare kids.
- 4.30. SLO Raigoza said that they do have Jeopardy programs.
- 4.31. Mr. Popowich asked about the programs like the ones where we could show graphic examples of what happens to gang members to scare them.

4.32. SLO Raigoza said they did do something like that but the parents complained it was offensive. She said that what they are trying to do is focus on various presentations and inviting people to come so that we can educate them. She said that she could get a gang task member to come in and do a presentation on gangs to parents.

4.33. Ms. Raigoza reported on the crimes at the halfway house that we discussed at the last meeting. There have been no reported crimes recently; however she is waiting for another report from downtown which is more detailed. There have been no crimes reported in the last year. She said that the LAPD is working on a program to reach out to these houses and get contact info so that if crimes do occur in the area they will start looking at these houses.

**5. 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.**

5.1. The program for CERT will be August 22, 2006, at Valley Village from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. This in conjunction with Reseda and Canoga Park.

5.2. Mr. Popowich asked how we would get the word out about this.

5.3. Ms. Robinson suggested the web site.

5.4. Mr. Popowich asked what the contact would be.

5.5. Ms. Robinson said that we could use her phone for the flyer.

5.6. Mr. Montaine suggested we contact Zine and Smith.

5.7. Mr. Popowich will work on a flyer this weekend.

5.8. Mr. Schwartz will have his church distribute the flyer.

5.9. Ms. Robinson will work on getting this in St. Joseph's the Worker.

5.10. Mr. Popowich picked up on something Mr. Schwartz said. He said in addition to the refreshments he had thought we could add an incentive for Winnetka residents only who complete the training should receive an EP kit because all they get is a hat and vest.

5.11. Mr. Burgess asked if this would be a four person pack.

5.12. Mr. Popowich shared the costs of the emergency kits. He pointed out that there is a two person kit, with \$36.00.

5.13. Mr. Haberman and Mr. Schwartz clarified that this would be for those that completed the course.

5.14. Mr. Burgess suggested the smaller \$9.00 kit so we can provide to all the stakeholders.

5.15. Mr. Schwartz asked if this would be an issue with the other NC's.

5.16. Mr. Popowich said that we can really only do something for Winnetka and if we get it approved there can share the idea with the other NC's once we get Board approval.

5.17. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-051806-04: The WNC will allocate up to \$300, to purchase a one person emergency kit from Alamar Product for a cost of \$9.00 each, to be provided to Winnetka stakeholders who complete the seven week CERT training program starting on August 22, 2006. The kits will be distributed only to those who complete the full seven week course. (Popowich)*

5.18. 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				<b>Abstain</b>
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

- 5.19. Mr. Montaine suggested that we also promote emergency preparedness at the National Night Out event. He suggested that we purchase several of the \$9.00 kits to hand out at the event.
- 5.20. The committee discussed various ways to set the number of kits and distribute them.
- 5.21. Mr. Popowich asked if we would be able to announce that the WNC is working on Emergency Preparedness awareness and education and we could raffle.
- 5.22. Mr. Montaine made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-051806-06: The WNC will purchase 15 Emergency kits from Alamar Products (Kit #4) , at \$36.00 a piece (for a total of \$540.00) to be given to attendees with the provision the WNC is allowed to announce that they sponsored the drawing, are focusing on Emergency Preparedness education, and that we are promoting the CERT training. (Montaine)*

<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				<b>Abstain</b>
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

- 5.23. Mr. Popowich seconded the motion.
- 5.24. Motion passed 6-0.

**6. 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.**

- 6.1. Mr. Popowich said that we have been talking about this for some time and he would like to just set the funds aside on the basis that we only spend if we can get the permission of the schools.
- 6.2. Ms. Robinson said that maybe Winnetka Elementary School would be a good place to go.
- 6.3. Mr. Haberman asked for more details on this.
- 6.4. Mr. Popowich explained the idea was education and through the kids we would educate the parents.
- 6.5. Mr. Burgess said that the program was misrepresented to the administrations as a way to change the school program. This is only for education.
- 6.6. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-051806-03: The WNC will allocate \$1200.00 for a pilot Emergency Preparedness program to be presented to local elementary and middle school. The pilot program will targeted for Winnetka Elementary providing we get approval. The funds will purchase an emergency preparedness kit for the children in the schools (a cost of \$2.00 per kit, and branded with the WNC logo), along with a flyer developed by the WNC. The WNC will work with the LAPD and the LAFD to arrange for a presentation at the school. The presentation will consist of tips and a plea for children to go to home and educate their parents. Should this program work the WNC will expand it to the remaining schools. (Popowich)*

- 6.7. Mr. Haberman asked if the logo would include a contact.
- 6.8. Ms. Robinson 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				
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

- 6.9. Motion passes 6-0.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed program by Jodi Glavin, Deputy City Attorney, for Neighborhood Councils (Valley) creating a non-profit "Crime free LA Valley"-selling No trespass signs- (revenue generating) and taking a leading role in organizing items outlined in her proposal to bring about tremendous progress in boosting the quality of life in the Valley.**

7.1. SLO Raigoza explained that this is something that the LAPD has been pushing. She said the idea is that it's an easier way to help promote ways for everyone to help each other. She said that this would help not only the LAPD for enforcement as well as help with funding for programs.

**8. Discussion and update regarding Runnymede Park and our request to close off Gifford St.**

8.1.1. Mr. Popowich announced that the Rec & Parks does not want to close the park entrance. He said that he has spoken to Octaviano and he's said that he is trying to deal with it.

8.1.2. SLO Raigoza mentioned that she has received another email from the stakeholder who has been most vocal and he's said that it's improving. She said the stakeholder even went so far as to thank everyone for their efforts and that closing the entrance may not be the biggest problem so long as enforcement continues.

**9. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Flintoft, regarding protecting children from sexual abuse.**

9.1. Mr. Popowich introduced Ms. Flintoft.

9.2. Ms. Flintoft thanked us for moving her up on the agenda. She has two goals for tonight: 1) Share some of the items the CA's office is working on. 2) A request for funding for a program that has been on going and has now run out of grant funding.

1) There is a program called Project Parenting. This is a training program that groups like the WNC can present to parents in their area. The program covers an explanation of child abuse, including traditional forms such as sexual, physical, as well as mental abuse. The program trains individuals how to recognize child abuse. It also explains how to deal with it, what to do if you suspect someone is suffering from abuse, as well as a host of other resources including various places to contact for assistance. This is the second edition of this training program. The City Attorney's Office covers training when groups request it. The course is five, 90 minute sessions each. The entire 5 sessions can be done in 1.5 hours if needed to be.

The CA's office has been working on a taskforce on child abuse with 13 other law enforcement districts that interact with the LAUSD. The goal for this taskforce is to train everyone on who to call and when to call them. The taskforce looks at the various agencies that are involved in child welfare. The taskforce came up with a series of protocols and policies that the taskforce member agencies have agreed to follow.

2) There is another program called "No Secrets". This is an information pamphlet that raises awareness of what tips and guidelines that people can use to spot problems. The program comes along with a live presentation that can be held for the community. The program explains what people need to watch out for. This has been a very successful program. Unfortunately they have almost used all of the grant money that has been used to pay for Mr. Dorwin (the retired LAPD officer) who does this presentation, which is \$100.00 per lecture. The city has been able to fund the printing of the brochures (5000 total), but can not afford the speaker fees. She would like the WNC to consider providing some funds for presentation equipment and funds for speaker fees.

9.3. Ms. Robinson asked how many they have attended two councils so far.

9.4. Mr. Popowich asked if we could earmark funds for the program.

9.5. She said that we could do this.

9.6. Mr. Popowich asked about the equipment.

9.7. Ms. Flintoft said that Reseda would fund the equipment if possible.

9.8. Mr. Popowich said that he felt this would be a good idea and he would like us to fund the presentations. We have some areas that are high risk areas where we have half way houses, and cheap motels. Plus we have resources like the schools in the area where we can hold them.

9.9. Mr. Burgess recommended the Armenian School which is very community friendly.

9.10. Ms. Flintoft said that some of the various cultures do not talk about this openly and that would be a great presentation.

9.11. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-051806-01: The WNC will allocate \$600.00 for up to six presentations to be held within Winnetka. The funds will cover the cost of \$100.00 for each presentation. The WNC will work with our partner NC's Reseda and*

Canoga Park and in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office and the LAPD to promote the presentations. (Popowich)

9.12. Mr. Schwartz 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				Absent
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

9.13. Motion Passed: 6-0.

9.14. Mr. Burgess made the following motion:

*WNC-PS-051806-02: The WNC will allocate \$1000.00 for a Microsoft Power Point (projector) kit which will be installed by the City Attorney on a dedicated lap top to be used for the "No Secrets" presentations. (Burgess)*

9.15. Motion seconded by Mr. Popowich

<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				Absent
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

9.16. Motion passes 6-0.

10. Discussion and possible action to take a position or comment on Mayor Villaraigosa's proposed LAPD Build up plan.

11. Discussion and possible action on participating in the "Salute to Recreation" at Northridge Park, June 3, 2006. This may involve the allocation of funds.

11.1. Ms. Robinson said that this even is coming up and we have been allocated a table and two chairs. We can put up our banner and provide our information. She said that they are asking that we donate water for the event.

11.2. Mr. Popowich asked for the location of the park.

11.3. Several committee members said that it's near Devonshire. There was a discussion on how much water to provide.

11.4. Mr. Popowich asked if this is an event we want to participate in.

*WNC-PS-051806-04: The PS Committee recommends that the Outreach & Events Committee agree to attend this event and promote the WNC since it is a Valley wide event and some Winnetkans may attend. (Popowich)*

11.5. Motion seconded by Mr. Burgess.

<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				Absent
Herbie Schwartz	X			
Mark Haberman	X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

11.6. Motion passed: 6-0.

12. Committee Business

- 12.1. Mr. Haberman said that he has noticed three different situations where people are living in cars and motor homes.
- 12.2. SLO Raigoza mentioned that there are two recent court cases that are challenging the laws that address the LAPD enforcement of these types of situations and the 72 abandoned vehicle laws. The premise is that these are disadvantaged people and because the LAPD and the City have no means to assist them, then they can not enforce the laws.
- 12.3. Adjournment