



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Joseph Essavi	Edwina Hollins	Tess Reyes-Dunn	Annie Palai	

From: Howard Seflin
To: WNC Board Members, Public

Re: WNC Public Works & Transportation Committee Minutes of Thursday January 25, 2007 – 6:30PM
Valley Village
20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka CA 91306

1. Attendance

Call to order at 6:30 PM Committee member roll call:

<i>PWT Committee Member</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>	<i>EXCUSED</i>
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Art Sims	X		
Howard Seflin	X		
Edwina Hollins	X		
Annie Palai	X		
Joseph Essavi			X
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		

2. Approval of minutes –

Minutes were approved with the condition that Mr. Popowich to go back and provide the complete and correct names of the attendees

3. Appointment of remaining 5 committee Public Works Transportation Committee members by Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.

Howard Seflin appointed as Secretary; Edwina Hollins; Annie Palai; Tess Reyes-Dunn; Jozef Esavi Mr. Seflin was elected to be the Committee Secretary, Ms. Hollins & Ms. Tess were appointed to be in charge of posting the committee agendas at the posting places.

4. Update, discussion and possible action on parking restriction signs on 7200 of Quartz. After having our joint meeting in 09/21/06.

No signs have been posted. Ms. Chelebian & Mr. Sims to check with Mr. JJ Popowich to verify which of the 6 action items of the 9/21/06 meeting have been implemented. If necessary, invite Officer Rachel Raigoza to February '07 PWT meeting to provide crime statistics for the area.

5. Update on 50/50 sidewalk Program

The WNC is prohibited from contributing 25% of the homeowners' 50% cost to repair sidewalks per Los Angeles City Attorney's office. A determination was made that public funds may not be used for an individual homeowner's share of

cost. As the 25% contributed by the neighborhood council towards the 50% of homeowners cost was public money adding up the Cities portion to 75%.

6. Update on purchase of a Kustom Signal Pole-Mounted 275 Radar Speed Display WNC and sharing the cost of \$2500.00 with Councilmember Greig Smith's office, along Mason Ave north of Roscoe Blvd.

Councilmember Smith is working with contractors negotiating a standard price as other Neighborhood Councils are interested in placing these devices in their districts as well. We will be advised by MR. John Bwarie as soon as the devices are ready to be installed on Mason Ave and our final share of cost.

7. Update, discussion and possible action on a joint project between Winnetka Neighborhood Council, Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and Community Redevelopment Agency of LA in order to establish upgrade and beautify a business district, specifically the area around Winnetka Ave and Saticoy, as well as other areas such as intersections along Sherman Way between Corbin Ave and Desoto, and along Winnetka Ave between Vanowen Ave and Nordhoff St.

Ms. Pauline Talent has been named the new Chairperson of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce. PWT Chairperson, Armineh Chelebian & Mr. Popowich will make a request to be placed on the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce agenda for March '07 to solicit the participation of the Winnetka Chamber with the WNC in regards with the business improvement district projects for Winnetka. Vice Chair Sims suggested that the full PWT Committee attend The Chamber of Commerce meeting for support.

8. Update, discussion and possible action on the second phase of welcome to Winnetka Sign Median beautification- the lights, and allocation and approval of funds to hire a professional to draft the design and the plan of the project for submission to the appropriate City departments.

A meeting was held on January 23, 2007 attended by Armineh Chelebian/PWT, Art Sims/PWT, Octaviano Rios/Councilmember Zine's Field Deputy, Marisol Espinoza/Councilmember Zine's District Director, Jamie Cordero/Electrical Consultant, Stan Horwitz/Bureau of Street Lighting, Steve Rostam/LA Dept of Transportation, Robert Gutierrez/Bureau of Street Services and Lance Oishi/Bureau of Street Services.

LA DOT concerned about lights shining into the eyes of motorists traveling on Sherman Way. There is also a concern re: the box that stores the solar batteries being unsightly and a safety issue that the boxes could be hit by moving vehicles.

There was a concern expressed about the solar pole; safety issue & unsightliness

Mr. Sims cited other similar projects. Bureau of Street Services responded that other projects were not implemented legally with necessary permits.

The Bureau of Street Services noted that the WNC was the first entity to launch a project of this nature in the proper manner, setting a precedent for other NCs.

Bureau of Street Services needs a plan to be submitted. Octaviano Rios will provide referrals for a planner.

PWT adopted the following motion by Armineh Chelebian, second Tess Reyes-Dunn.

"The Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves to open the competitive bidding process for the selection of an electrical planner/engineer to draft and submit a plan for City approval of the Winnetka Sign Solar Illumination Project and necessary funding."

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
Armineh Chelebian	X			
Art Sims	X			
Howard Seflin	X			

Tess Reyes-Dunn	X			
Edwina Hollins	X			
Annie Palai	X			
Joseph Essavi				EXCUSED

Motion passed 6-0

9.) Update, discussion and possible action on DAW program and Animal Welfare AD-HOC Committee, Ms. Lisa Janes and Ms. Lisa Haberman Below are some thoughts by Ms. Lisa Janes to be discussed by the committee:

Ms. Lisa Haberman was present, Ms. Lisa Janes DAW representative did not attend. Ms. Chelebian to follow up with Ms. Lisa Janes to determine if she is still interested in being the liaison between DAW and the WNC. Mark and Lisa Haberman expressed interest in helping. Once the issue of Ms. Lisa Janes participation is finalized, then the formation of an AD-HOC Animal Welfare Subcommittee will be decided. Also Ms. Haberman expressed her interest in becoming a Co-DAW with Ms. Janes.

10. Update on DWP MOU Oversight Committee and CD 12 Service Cabinet Meeting

DWP MOU Oversight Committee meeting cancelled. Next meeting 2/3/07

CD 12 Service Cabinet Meeting promoted value of CERT Training for public preparedness in the event of an emergency. Update from Recreation & Parks Department.

11. Discussion, update and possible action taken for resurfacing and repair needs of streets in Winnetka and recommendations to Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services. Including updates on those streets that stakeholders have already brought forward to the PWT committee and WNC. (7400-7500 block of Irondale, between Covello and Valerio, and the 6900 Lubao street, The neighborhood around Hart St. on the other side of Winnetka has been re-paved recently, the 20100-20200 block of Leadwell st. between Winnetka Ave and Oso Ave, and other streets as brought forward) <http://www.lacity.org/BOSS/index.htm>

The above items form the basis for the possible formation of an AD-HOC Subcommittee on street repaving.

Art Sims added 19700-19800 block of Valerio St to the list.

Tess Reyes-Dunn 7400-7500 Jumilla Ave to the list.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM