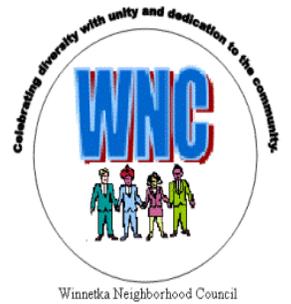




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PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

From: JJ Popowich, Secretary

Date: August 24, 2005

Subject: Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

Armineh Chelebian	Marilyn Robinson	Dwight Burgess	JJ Popowich
Richard Montaine – Late			Wayne Schulte – Excused

2. Approval of minutes.

- 2.1. Ms. Chelebian asked if anyone had reviewed the minutes.
- 2.2. Ms. Robinson said she could not pull it up.
- 2.3. Ms. Chelebian asked to table it until the next meeting.
- 2.4. The committee agreed to withhold it for now.

3. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Charlotte Laws, PhD, from the Greater Valley Glen Council regarding animal welfare.

- 3.1. Ms. Chelebian introduced Ms. Laws.
- 3.2. Ms. Laws introduced herself and said that her NC has created this group and is reaching out to other NC's to appoint a representative to their group to be an advocate for the animals in the area. They are focusing on no kill animal shelters. She announced they are working with the governor's office to create no kill animal policies. Several NC's have already approved the project and appointed a stakeholder/board member to be a DAW.
- 3.3. Ms. Chelebian asked if the representative she had spoken to in this area was notified of the meeting.
 - 3.3.1. Ms. Laws said that he was and she didn't know why he wasn't here.
- 3.4. Mr. Popowich asked that we take some time to review the information. He also suggested that she work with the VANC to get in touch
 - 3.4.1. She said she will do something like this.
- 3.5. Mr. Popowich asked what their proposals are to deal with them.
 - 3.5.1. Ms. Laws said they are working with a national organization and individual. They are looking at an aggressive spay and neuter policies as well as working with the rescue operations.
 - 3.5.2. Mr. Popowich said he is in support of some of these programs but what would they do with all the animals.
 - 3.5.3. She referred him to the web site and announced she has an outline of the proposal.
- 3.6. Ms. Chelebian asked about brining the cost down to a reasonable fee because people aren't going to voluntarily report or license animals because of the fees.

- 3.6.1. Ms. Laws said that the law she is referring to prevents the Maddie's Law from giving LA funds (up to 20 million) to make the shelters no kill shelters. She went on to say that this is something the DAW could work on and try to overturn.
- 3.6.2. Mr. Popowich asked for clarification on the law.
- 3.6.3. Ms. Chelebian said that the law set a higher fee \$100.00 for non spayed or neutered dogs.
- 3.6.4. Ms. Law said it's only about 25% of the animals that are licensed. She went on to say that she's not really in support of the enforcement people pursuing the payment.
- 3.7. Ms. Chelebian said she would like to have the person who is the representative come before us so we can discuss it and get to know him. She would also like us to take some time to consider this.

4. Discussion and possible action on presentations by Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services Director, William Robertson, Division Head for Resurfacing Bruce Jones, and NC Liaison Woody Fleming.

- 4.1. Ms. Chelebian introduced Mr. William Roberson, Director of Bureau of Street Services, Mr. Woody Fleming, and Service Coordinator.
- 4.2. Mr. Robertson introduced Mr. Woody Fleming as the coordinator for NCs. He also introduced Mr. Bryant Davis who is the coordinator who will be overseeing the street scheduling. He said that Mr. Davis would also be the person who we would be working with to coordinate the \$100,000.00 per Council to direct funds in their area.

He said that the budget that was proposed calls for \$100,000.00 per Council to direct on street services. He said that there was a lot of discussion about it not being fair, but they have explained that this is a first pass and after working with Councilmember Smith they have confirmed it will go forward. He went on to say that Mayor Villaraigosa is in support of it.

He said the key is what you do. The \$100,000.00 is not going to do a lot in getting things accomplished. The funds will buy about 6 blocks of street resurfacing (basic). It may be a time to address the beginning wear. If we choose to do a reconstruction, then it may cover about 1 block. We can also ask the BOS to provide their recommendations and they will work with us to coordinate the work and even possibly set it in the grid system. The benefit of going with the BOS recommendation is that it removes the politics and allows a computer generated recommendation with is very fair and based on needs.

He announced that they have provided the Mayor with a state of the street report. The problem he said is that the street system expanded throughout the years and from WWII to the mid 80's the amount of streets expanded, but the care for the system was about 50 miles a year. Most streets are about 20-30 year in life and in 1990 they did their first 100 miles of streets program. After 911, they went from about 211 miles to about 118 miles. He said that about 2/3 of the city's street system is in need of repair. About 1000 of those are in need of reconstruction. This year they have about 211 miles of street repair.

This year the city of LA received about 16 million for street work from the state as a result of the gas tax. Unfortunately leaders of the city tried to take this money which was additional and move the existing funds to other funds. The Mayor didn't allow it. They are now up to about 225 miles of street servicing this year.

He said that they need to be at about 115 million a year for 10 years, and 315 miles a year for 10 years. They have been working on this for years. They reached 275 miles for per year prior to 911. They are now on the rise again. He said the focus of the NC's has really helped him to justify spending by demonstrating how bad the conditions of the streets. Since the NC system has come into effect streets has gone from the bottom of the list of needs to the number 3 issue (after fire and police).

The last rain season speeded up the deterioration of the streets to 3x the normal deterioration. After the storm they repaired 47,000 potholes. The Mayor is kicking off Operation Pothole on Sept 20th. There are seven service areas. The Mayor has allowed BOS to spend several weekends going throughout the NCs area by area to identify the worst potholes and fix them...with the help of the NC's to identify the needs.

Out of the 45000 potholes they repaired were due to call ins. This program is also designed to encourage stakeholders to call the issues in. The system ahs been made easier by 311 to report them, mention Operation Pothole and they will focus on it.

He also announced a Day of Service campaign in October. He is looking to motivate 1200 volunteers to go to 1 of 7 schools to make a difference. The Valley location for the first Service day will be NH High. The plan is to have several of these days throughout the year.

He announced the 50/50 sidewalk repair which is even worse then the streets. There is currently an 83 year back log. They are doing 52 miles this year. There are 4600 miles of damaged sidewalk or 50% of sidewalk. There is an Act on the books that says the owner is responsible for the side walks and up until 1970 the city would warn people, cite them and if it wasn't fixed then they would fix it and assess it. In 1970, the City got more Federal funds and they started taking over the responsibility. A new law was passed that said if the parkway tree caused the damage then it was the City's responsibility to repair the sidewalk. Most of the sidewalks 80-90% are due to

the trees so they took the responsibly. They did attempt to go back and cite people in 1973 but there was an uproar based on the ordinance that they couldn't. As a result they didn't really do much. Overtime and years of neglect BOS decided to push the issue and they got some funds.

They looked at other cities and they came up with the 50/50 rule. The pilot program allows you to split the cost and move your sidewalk up to the top of the list. There was some concern that only the rich would do this. Their studies showed during the pilot that it was the mid or middle class that typically took this. The cost to the homeowner is only about \$5.00 a square foot and this covers dealing with the tree as well.

He pointed out they have been working with UCLA and they have come up with the fix at time of sale. The proposed ordinance would call for the funds to come out of escrow. This is currently being debated and some sides claim there is a problem with the requirement to "pay again" and others argue that it will increase the property value in the long run. This type of program would cut the back log to 10 years. This would save the city about \$50 million a year. He went on to say that there are several different versions including some that split costs and so on.

He stressed again that the NC's are such a critical part of his operation to get more funding.

4.3. A stakeholder asked if the 311 only works in the Valley or if it works in other cities.

4.3.1. Mr. Robertson said that it's only in the City. There is some movement to get other cities to work in this process.

4.4. A stakeholder asked a question about a tree that fell and damaged their house. The tree was removed, but the trunk was never removed. Who do they work with?

4.4.1. Mr. Robertson suggested that she speak to Mr. Fleming and he can follow up on this. He also asked if she had ever filed a claim.

4.4.2. The stakeholder said that she filed a claim and has not received anything.

4.4.3. Mr. Robertson said the process is a very cumbersome process. Normally it's forwarded on in about 3 months and it's verified and paid. The trees are 130000 trees, largest urban forest, only trim about 86000 a year. Some trees need trimming every 3 years. His best guess is about 300000 stumps they are trying to find. They are funded for only about 3500 a year. He encouraged the NC's to report them as well as it's a huge liability.

4.5. Ms. Chelebian said that the WNC has created an ad hoc committee to deal with these issues. She said that the Ad Hoc committee can work to coordinate the issues. She suggested they come to us and we can work on it.

4.6. Ms. Littlefield, a WNC Board member, asked about termite infested trees.

4.6.1. Mr. Robertson said to contact the Street Tree Division and they have a group which will come out and evaluate the tree. If it's deemed unsafe it will be removed.

4.6.2. Ms. Littlefield asked if they will plant a new tree.

4.6.3. Mr. Robertson said it is up to the owner.

4.6.4. Mr. Popowich said that they did that in his area. He also pointed out that there is an EAD program which will place the trees as long as you agree to water the trees.

4.7. Mr. Sims, a WNC Board member, pointed out in this case the trees couldn't be planted because of the stumps.

4.8. A stakeholder also mentioned that she was informed that she might not be able to place it due to restrictions with the sign.

4.8.1. Mr. Robertson said there are all sorts of restrictions now that didn't exist before to prevent problems that we face now.

4.9. A stakeholder asked about a telephone pole that was damaged.

4.9.1. Mr. Robertson referred them to the DWP who owns most of the poles in the City. They will evaluate it.

4.10. Mr. Said asked about cutting down trees.

4.10.1. Mr. Robertson said that was actually illegal. He pointed out the problem with laws. The city only agrees to maintain the trees, but it actually belongs to the owner. However, the owner must go to the BOS to get a permit to maintain the tree (trim it or remove it). If you contact the city they will come out evaluate the tree and approve maintenance but you have to pay for it.

- 4.11. Mr. Said, a stakeholder, addressed the repair at sale issue. He asked if this wouldn't discourage sales.
 - 4.11.1. Mr. Robertson said that in cases where the buyer has a choice between two identical houses but one had a bad sidewalk. They would choose the good one. He said the average cost is about 1200 to repair the sidewalk. This includes maintenance of the sidewalk and the trees.
 - 4.11.2. Mr. Popowich asked if this covers replacement of the sidewalk.
 - 4.11.3. Mr. Robertson said that it does. It's cheaper to work with the city than a private contractor.
- 4.12. Ms. Chelebian addressed the Operation Pothole. She asked if WNC is entirely in the South Valley.
 - 4.12.1. Mr. Robertson said that North of Roscoe is North Valley.
 - 4.12.2. Ms. Chelebian asked how the process works.
 - 4.12.3. Mr. Robertson agreed with her and suggested that the WNC collect the info and report it at one time. He pointed out there is a week in between the North & South and that's a great idea.
- 4.13. Ms. Chelebian asked about the Day of Service.
 - 4.13.1. Mr. Robertson said it's primarily clean up.
 - 4.13.2. Ms. Chelebian requested info.
 - 4.13.3. Mr. Robertson said that there are numerous meetings throughout the city. He will get more info as he gets it.
- 4.14. Ms. Chelebian asked what the time frame was for \$100,000.00.
 - 4.14.1. Mr. Robertson said we have it until June 06, so the NC has time.
 - 4.14.2. Ms. Chelebian then said the Ad Hoc Committee has time to address it work with Mr. Fleming to address it.
 - 4.14.3. Mr. Robertson agreed.
- 4.15. Ms. Chelebian asked when the new book would be ready.
 - 4.15.1. Mr. Davis said that it would be in a few weeks.
 - 4.15.2. Mr. Robertson said that they will work with us to verify the book is right and when they give it to us they will give us the recommendation.
- 4.16. Ms. Chelebian asked about the temporary pot hole filler that seems to just wash away.
 - 4.16.1. Mr. Robertson said that it depends on what the pot hole is. In some cases the issue is a utility trench which is filled with cold filler which is temporary so they can do more maintenance on it. Eventually they should make it permanent. In other cases it may be a problem that needs to be looked at more carefully.
 - 4.16.2. Ms. Chelebian said there is one where there is a lot of water.
 - 4.16.3. Mr. Robertson said that probably the problem. It needs to be looked at.
- 4.17. Ms. Chelebian also asked about areas where the street narrow due to a jetting of property into the street way.
 - 4.17.1. Mr. Robertson said that this is a result of the boom. In the early years developers built properties with not full improvements to the street. As time moved on developers were required to do the improvements. Meanwhile the older property owners don't have to do anything until they do some type of development. The only way to address it is for the owner to do it on their own or the entire area could meet with the owner and agree to share it in an assessment. The same issue goes for the berm areas (no sidewalk).
 - 4.17.2. Ms. Chelebian asked for a cost.
 - 4.17.3. Mr. Robertson said that it has to be evaluated on a case by case.
- 4.18. Ms. Chelebian addressed the issues of a seller being required to pay for the fix. She said she didn't like the idea but maybe it's a 50/50 proposition with the City.

- 4.18.1. Mr. Robertson said that Councilmember Smith has proposed to allow the owners to go 50.50 in this case. He said that this applies to the jetting issue as well and that is under consideration.
- 4.19. Mr. Popowich asked about speed humps.
- 4.19.1. The DOT is responsibility for that. The BOS builds them but they build them. It requires a traffic assessment and it requires an agreement from a certain number of stakeholders. Takes about a year.
- 4.19.2. Mr. Popowich asked for a cost per speed bump. The BOS has a cost of about \$850 per bump. Mr. Popowich asked if he has heard any areas where the NC ahs agreed to fund it. Around the schools.
- 4.19.3. Mr. Robertson said that the City pays for it. However there is a delay in construction. IT can be bumped up by a 50 /50 process.
- 4.19.4. Mr. Sims said that it can be done with out the budget.
- 4.19.5. Mr. Popowich said that he would like to propose that to be placed on the agenda as a program this year. He pointed out the six or seven different major schools and he would like to see us do. He also pointed out that he would like to see this get done now and that is why he's willing to have us fund it to see it done now and not 300 years from now.
- 4.19.6. Ms. Chelebian said that we will place this on the agenda.
- 4.19.7. Mr. Sims said it takes about 3 months or so.
- 4.20. Ms. Chelebian asked about the a la carte proposal by Councilmember Smith.
- 4.20.1. Mr. Robertson explained the history behind this and they came up with a list of costs where an NC can rent a crew to address a particular issue over a weekend. He said he would get the information to MS. Chelebian.
- 4.20.2. There was a discussion about how to get things done. Mr. Robertson pointed out that the old method of the squeaky wheel gets addressed does not apply anymore. The best way to do this is to get the NC to create a plan and present the priorities. He said that this new process means that the Councilmember can't ignore the issues.
- 4.21. A stakeholder asked about a street hump near an alley. She was under the impression that they were going to get one near an alley.
- 4.21.1. Mr. Robertson said that alleys are covered under the general fund which is harder to get funds for. He has seen them put them in an alley but it's rare. Normally this is done by the businesses.
- 4.22. A stakeholder asked about the parking issues with cars being worked on overnight.
- 4.22.1. Mr. Robertson said it's difficult with the laws. Any car can be parked for 72 hours and after hat you have to get parking enforcement to address it. He said that his office will agree to do a special cleaning. They will post it for a day of cleaning and if the cars are not moved then they will get towed. If this happens a few times the message will be clear.
- 4.23. Ms. Chelebian closed discussion on the item. She asked everyone to stay involved and bring their issues to the Committee so that we can work on their concerns.
- 4.24. Mr. Popowich asked about Mason Ave and how it can be bumped up. He also asked about patching repair.
- 4.24.1. Mr. Robertson said that this qualifies for Prop C funding and really not something we should be spending funds on. He will work with Sharon (Zine's Chief of Staff) to address this. This means that if they can get some clearances we might be able to get bumped up to this year if his office is willing to do a trade out.
- 4.24.2. Mr. Popowich asked if he should contact her as well.
- 4.24.3. Mr. Robertson suggested that he do that.
- 4.24.4. Mr. Popowich commented that if we can get this done it will be a big benefit for the WNC and will go a long way to getting more people involved.
- 4.25. Ms. Chelebian thanked Mr. Robertson for attending and taking his time.
- 4.25.1. Mr. Sims asked if anyone had questions for the other two attendees. He also pointed out that there are some small streets which are in such poor conditions like on Valerio and there are no houses on the street and no one to address things.

4.25.2. Ms. Chelebian said that they are going to give us the new books and the recommendations and then we can go back to them and define priorities. This is how we will get this done and address those areas.

4.25.3. Mr. Robertson said that they will update the big book as well which outlines all the various projects in the area.

5. Update, discussion and possible action on the MTA Orange Line Sound Wall Town Hall meeting.

5.1. Ms. Chelebian opened up the discussion. She announced we contacted the MTA and let them know we had it booked for September 19th. Ms. Brown acknowledged receipt of the letter and was in support of the idea, but she needed to discuss it with management. She said this was about a week and a half ago and we have not heard any updates at this time. She feels that we will see this happen and let Ms. Brown know that we can be flexible on the date. She is aware that the Orange Line is scheduled to open in October and while she would like to see it before it opens but we can do it.

5.2. Mr. Popowich announced that the NC's were notified. Also announced that Richard Katz has been made aware and is willing to help out if we see a bottleneck.

5.3. Ms. Chelebian announced a preview of the MTA Bus on August 30, from 11 – 2 PM, at the Sherman Galleria.

5.4. Ms. Littlefield, a WNC Board member, asked if any Board member was aware of any projects to place lights along the bike paths. She said it this could be a major concern as people are using it.

5.4.1. Mr. Sims said that this is likely something they will not do since it's already built.

5.4.2. Ms. Littlefield commented that she is very concerned about being a problem especially since it will be some large plants.

5.4.3. Ms. Chelebian said that this is something we can address at the Townhall as well as individually.

5.5. Ms. Littlefield also asked about trash on the Busway side of the wall.

5.5.1. Mr. Popowich said that Ms. Brown had said if we see issues like this to contact her.

6. Update, discussion and possible action on the following Committee reports & recommendations:

6.1. Ad Hoc Winnetka Sign Beautification Committee. Includes landscaping funds update, sprinkler system repair, and landscaping progress reports (Sims).

6.1.1. Ms. Chelebian moved this up on the agenda. She asked Mr. Sims for an update.

6.1.2. Mr. Sims introduced Mr. Lee of Greenway Landscaping. Mr. Sims pointed out that they will be picking up the plants tomorrow and they will be working with Mr. Lee to set a time frame. He said some plants were not available because of the delay, but they are going to be ordered.

6.1.2.1. Mr. Lee said that they will begin work in about two to three weeks.

6.1.3. A stakeholder asked about the dead areas.

6.1.3.1. Mr. Sims commented the City will be maintaining the systems. It is our responsibility to make sure that we report the problems to ensure that they remain in repair. He pointed out that sometimes it's not the City's fault because some things get vandalized. We need to keep on top of it to keep an eye on it. Mr. Sims pointed out that Mr. Lee is also a resident of Winnetka so he has a stake in it.

6.1.4. Ms. Chelebian asked about the quote from Mr. Lee and whether that included the plants as well as labor.

6.1.5. Mr. Sims pointed out that originally that was the plan. But he secured the plants from the City and the ad hoc committee voted again for just the labor.

6.1.6. Ms. Chelebian asked about the weeds.

6.1.6.1. Mr. Sims originally there was a contractor that the City had and they recently took it over by the City. The city did finally come out and address the sprinklers and weeds. He said that he had asked for once a week cutting and maintenance but they agreed to only twice a month. He referenced a project in NH which is where the contractors were reassigned. He said we will need to focus on this after that project is done.

6.1.7. Mr. Popowich cautioned against cutting it too often. He pointed out that leaving it grow longer will prevent the yellow grass that is so common on lawns.

6.1.8. Ms. Robinson asked if we will need a letter from the WNC to Councilmember Zine to address the reassignment.

6.1.8.1. Mr. Sims agreed that this will be needed when the time comes.

6.1.9. Ms. Chelebian asked Mr. Lee if he had any comments.

6.1.9.1. Mr. Lee said that there needs to be enough flowers and plants to do the project. If there is not enough then they can't do it.

6.1.9.2. There was a discussion about addressing the project by section. Mr. Lee said that if we don't have enough then we can't do the whole project. Mr. Lee said it can be done section by section. Ms. Chelebian raised the issue that the project should be blended throughout so that it looks consistent.

6.1.9.3. Mr. Lee and Mr. Sims said that the list is designed by the city to remain.

6.1.10. Ms. Robinson asked if we will have more flowers next week if we need it.

6.1.10.1. Mr. Sims said that they should have it. The issue is that they didn't have anyone to deliver the flowers.

6.1.11. Ms. Chelebian said that this is a big project for our community next week. She would like us to have a ground breaking to commemoration.

6.1.11.1. Mr. Popowich said that it should be focused on the WNC and not on the Councilmember.

6.1.11.2. Ms. Littlefield said it is a good opportunity for the WNC to get the publicity. This will really show what we can do.

6.1.11.3. Ms. Chelebian suggested we include the Dept of Public Works.

6.1.11.4. Mr. Sims said that he has already suggested that they attend a meeting and we will thank them. He said they would prefer just a letter.

6.1.11.5. Ms. Chelebian said that Councilmember Zine has provided the funds for this project which is not something that every other Council District gets. She says that we should appreciate it and thank him.

6.1.11.6. Mr. Popowich said that we really should make it a focus on us. We should have the five members and Mr. Lee with the shovel. At the same time we should have the sign.

6.1.12. Mr. Popowich put together the following motion based on comments from the Committee:

“WNC-PWT-082405-1: The WNC will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the project. The ceremony will include the Public Works Committee, Mr. Lee, and Councilmember Zine. The WNC will present Councilmember Zine with a certificate of thanks at the ceremony for his efforts of behalf of this project. (Chelebian-Sims-Robinson-Popowich).”

6.1.12.1. Mr. Sims seconded the motion.

6.1.12.2. Ms. Chelebian called for a vote and the motion was approved 5-0.

6.1.12.3. Mr. Popowich asked for this to be on a Saturday.

6.2. Discussion about dissolving the ad hoc committee and continuing all efforts as part of the PW-T Committee meetings.

6.2.1. Ms. Chelebian addressed the ad hoc committee and why it was formed to discuss the details. She realized that committee met a few times and ironed out all the issues and got the general plans. She wanted to know if we see the continued need to have the ad hoc committee going forward. She believes it's beneficial to have it, but she wanted to address it.

6.2.1.1. Mr. Sims said that he believes we should dissolve the Committee.

6.2.1.2. Ms. Robinson said she would like dissolve it as well.

6.2.1.3. Mr. Popowich would like to make a motion.

6.2.1.4. Mr. Burgess said he wasn't sure about it. He asked if the specifics have been ironed out like lighting.

6.2.2. Mr. Popowich made the following motion:

WNC-PWT-082405-2: We resolve to dissolve the Winnetka Sign Beautification Ad Hoc Committee effective tonight. Furthermore we move that all discussions on the going project be held during regular PW-T Committee meetings. We also resolve to appoint Mr. Sims to the PW-T Committee until such time as the general Board determines Committee structure. (Popowich)

6.2.3. Mr. Popowich pointed out that at least this will address Mr. Sims' status until we determine what we're going to do.

6.2.4. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

6.2.5. Ms. Chelebian called for any opposition and the motion passed 5-0.

6.3. Ad Hoc Street Grading & Evaluation Committee report. Includes and update on Lubao Street (Sims)

6.4. Mr. Popowich suggested we post pone this until they meet.

6.4.1. Mr. Sims agreed as he doesn't have enough info.

6.4.2. Ms. Chelebian agreed. She went on to say that we should really appreciate the efforts of those on these committees. But it's a big job she would like to see everyone realize that this will require patience and effort. She went on to say that we really need to see more people get involved. She also thanked Mr. Sims for accepting the position.

6.5. Mr. Sims said he would like to see some of the stakeholders get involved.

6.5.1. Ms. Chelebian suggested that maybe the committee should be opened up tonight.

6.5.2. A stakeholder asked what this involves.

6.6. Ms. Chelebian said it's a combination of using all the info (BOS and stakeholder, and operations) to create a plan.

6.7. Mr. Popowich explained the committee idea and the needs of a committee. He went on to say that any committee has to work within the process and get approved by the Board. The issue is that it has to be fair. We have to have minutes and it has to be approved by the Committee and Board.

6.7.1. Ms. Chelebian agreed. She went on to clarify that any letters or communications need to be passed through her as Chair because it happens too often where she finds out after the fact. It reflects poorly on the Committee and the City.

6.7.2. Mr. Popowich provided an example of the Lubao Street.

6.7.3. There was a general discussion about keeping people informed, why it's important and what the process will be. It was generally agreed that this would be the good way to operation that the ad hoc committee get approval, keep the Committee in the loop, who will get the necessary approvals from the Board and keep the Board in the loop.

7. DWP Oversight Committee Report.

7.1. Ms. Chelebian presented her report. She started by providing information on the background. She explained the difference between the Liaison and the Oversight Committee. She outlined that the Oversight Committee is designated to ensure that the DWP & NC's are following the agreement. At the meeting there was a lengthy discussion among the members to determine what the difference is and whether the Liaison could be an Oversight Committee member. There was another issue with the individuals who came up with the MOU and what their involvement. Those individuals who have spent hours working on this issue to get it to this point. She said that this group has elected an Executive Committee which they have determined that they will be in place until June of 07'.

7.1.1. Mr. Popowich said that he was not aware of that in the agreement.

7.2. Ms. Chelebian went on to say that the Chair of the Executive Committee Chair decided on his own to add three new comers to the Committee. She raised objection to that and it was eventually agreed to put a vote to it. The Executive Committee is the voice for Oversight Committee regardless of the

7.3. Ms. Littlefield, a WNC Board member, asked what the interests are to the stakeholders of this information.

7.3.1. Mr. Popowich pointed out that the stakeholders need to know about what is happening because we have a situation where people who are not elected or appointed to this are making decisions without the opportunity for input from stakeholders and these are major decisions that affect their every day lives. He pointed out the real costs of a rate increase or taxes and service levels. He concluded that this type of behind the scenes action needs to be stopped now.

7.3.2. Ms. Chelebian went on to voice her opinion that it wasn't fair because a lot of Committee members would be termed out, not elected, and so on. She said that there were proposals to limit to have four term out earlier. There were comments from some that if people wanted to know then the public can come. In the end there are issues to be addressed.

7.3.3. Mr. Popowich commented about the Brown Act and how he feels this has to be Brown Act.

7.3.3.1. Ms. Chelebian said the general feeling including attorneys were that the Brown Act does not apply.

7.3.4. Mr. Popowich pointed out the issues surrounding the fact there are elected people or appointed people by the Board who are making decisions and that falls under the Brown Act.

8. Discussion and possible action on the notice of the LADWP Board Item: Proposed Employee Cost of Living Adjustment. This will include a possible decision to submit a CIS regarding this matter.

8.1. After a brief discussion it was pointed out that the item has been heard by the City Council and is no longer up for discussion.

9. Discussion and possible action on BFI and trash dumps in the Valley.

9.1. This item was postponed until a future meeting.

10. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

11. 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.**
- D. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.**

12. Adjournment