



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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REGULAR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 09, 2016, 6:30 PM

Winnetka Convention Center, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, CA 91306
 (Located next to Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following location: **Winnetka Recreation Center**, 8401 Winnetka Ave.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is not specifically listed on this agenda yet is within the Board's jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card ensures that each speaker's name is complete and correct in the meeting's Minutes. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a Board vote on any item, any member of the public who has not filled out a Speaker Card will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will last no longer than 5 minutes total.

1. Meet & Greet and Refreshments.
2. Convene Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance
3. Board Member Roll-Call, Introductions, Meeting Rules & Announcements

of Guests 14

2016	Jan.12	Feb. 9	Mar 8	Apr 12	May10	Jun 14	Jul12	Aug 9	Sep 13	Oct 11	Nov 8	Dec13
Steven Fuhrman	X	X										
Erick Lace	X	X										
Victor Lerma	X	X										
Eric Lewis	X	X										
Trevor Owen	X	X										
Jaime Pelaez	EL X	X										
Carlos Perez	X	A										

John Poer	X	X										
JJ Popowich	A	X										
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X										
Bettie Ross-Blumer	X	AE										
Craig Ruggless	A	A										
Tom Sattler	X	X										
David Uebersax	X	X										
Vacant (Youth)	-											
Total	12	11										

4. Government Representative Updates: The latest information from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield (CM BB), Congressman Brad Sherman (CMN BS), State Senator Fran Pavley (S FP), State Assemblyman Matt Dababneh (ASM MD), the LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), and any other local, state, or federal agencies in attendance.

[Officer Parker]

- He covers the area in the North part of Winnetka. There has been good progress in the Winnetka Park area near the fire station. Co-operating with other agencies, to go with police to have one-on-one with homeless to offer more than citations. Homeless moved from park to sidewalks. Many calls from local stakeholders about them, then. A person who was disturbing the UPS store is now on probation for 3 years to stay away from UPS. 8612 Winnetka Avenue where Williams is now building had as many as 30 homeless living there, until it was torn down and closed off for the construction. After many complaints and problems the City Attorney forced Williams Homes to clear and fence the property. The fence at Winnetka Park now effectively separates it from the adjacent homes.
- Down about 19% in terms of numbers. GTA and Burglary in Autos is up in the Desoto and Parthenia area.
- Knock-knock burglars seem to be less.
- Parthenia between Tampa and Desoto.
- Many phone scams, credit card scams. Note: IRS will never make phone calls and demand payment.

[Lace]

- Thanks for 10 foot fence in park.

[Alin Sahagian]

- Deputy City Attorney – Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Valley Bureau
- Duty is to work with city agencies, law, councilmember, building and safety, public works. Deal with quality of life issues. Outreach before prosecution. Family housing, rescue mission.
- Winnetka Park is one of six major parks visited to learn if they could help people in park.

- Changes in ordinances have made it difficult to control where homeless sleep and where they leave property.
- Property can be taken away from certain areas. LAPD can remove, store for 90 days.
- No longer a crime to live in a vehicle.
- Working closely with police, other law enforcement, and departments to try to resolve issues with homeless/transients.

[J.J. Popowich] What is city going to do with cases lost? Does office work legislatively? Can cases be emailed?

[Sahagian] – That’s something Councilman can answer.

[Erick Lace] – Can she (Sahagian) help with graffiti? 7013 building keeps getting tagged. Sent letter to City Attorney. House burned down. Little shack on platform. Nothing has been done. When reported to 311 it gets painted over than immediately tagged. It’s a nuisance prosperity. I see it all the time when walking my dog. It’s pointless and needs to come down.

[Sagagian] – I can call and will see if something can get done. I will forward info.

[Sagagian] – When a person is arrested they will get several months (24 to 36) probation. 3 years with a criminal record. There is always a stay away in place. Senior lead officer is always notified. Additional jail time is posed. Right now it is suspended and not posed. Bench warranted now.

5. Comments and updates from Councilmember Bob Blumenfield District 3.

- He lives in Winnetka, his parents live in Winnetka and his children go to school in Winnetka.
- 2.5 years on council. State legislature before.
- Thanks to LAPD, Prosecutor, and others helping to improve quality of life.
- Thanks to WNC for volunteering and being here every month trying to improve Winnetka. They are doing it out of love of community and he appreciates everyone who volunteers.
- In previous years: Homelessness, 63 different strategy issues in progress and coming through.
- Seismic issues
- Broken sidewalks. 31 million per year for 30 years.
- Improvements of minimum wage passed in an intelligent way in county and state.
 - Approximately one half of most people’s income going to housing
- Serving on Budget Committee, hoping to end structural deficit. He was the first freshman to serve on the Committee.
- Held DWP raises to zero. Just now gearing up for budget season.
- Public safety is largest portion, is now at 70% and LA is still under policed for such a large city
- On Energy and Environment Committee. Passionate about environment. Has put forward several motions.
- DWP is a big issue. DWP wants big rate increase for infrastructure. 100 year old pipes and grid. Upgrades needed. Will study rate increase to ensure it is as low as possible and go to the right areas.
- Average user will pay 4.25 per month more for energy.
- Mitigation: Studies how to get LOWER rates for users in hottest areas. Can’t do that, but proposes cost saving AC Tune-up. Pushing DWP to do this. Free energy audits and upgrades for people in hot areas. Could save MORE than the increase.
- Not content to just raise rates. Have a structural problem with DWP. Many “cooks in the kitchen”. Accountability is problem. Need to reform DWP thru ballot issue. Reform department to improve accountability. Needs to be professional AND accountable.
- Working on Arts and Parks commission: Getting money for arts. Micro-grants for local artists.

- LA River project: Transforming LA River from a ditch to a resource. Expanded bikeway by three miles. Wants to make river a “linear park”. Transform from an eyesore to a place people will want to come to. Wants coffee shops, store fronts, etc.
- ITGCT Innovation Grants Technology Commerce and Trade. Grants part, state is not getting enough money in grants. Technology: pushing government into 21st century. Do more with less. Off mainframes and into cloud. More access to needed services thru internet. Wants interface with government through technology. The virtual infrastructure is important. Plan-checks done on line, for instance. Put forward “City “magilla”. Fiber to every home, wireless throughout city. Possibly free. Wants LA to be most connected city in US, if not in the world.
- City Link LA. Put out RFI and the RFP. Three major companies have bid to be partners with LA to achieve this connectivity. They will make billion dollar investment. Hope to choose by May. Highest speed access will be fee based, but some will be free. Tax dollars will not be used. Leveraging our assets to work smarter.
- On Olympic Committee. Committed to getting Olympics here, and making money from it. LA made money in previous. Do in financially smart way. We want it but we don’t want to be taking risks. Committee wanted “piggyback yards”. Now considering UCLA for competitors and USC for media. Other existing facilities for other things. State has pledged 1 billion for security. The Olympic Committee is still meeting with Italy and Paris seeking bids.
- Ad Hoc jobs committee: All connected. Jobs connected to homelessness. Policing connected. Etc. How to put all together. Very important to link it all together. Incentives don’t always line up with benefits. City and stakeholders need to benefit from incentives.
- Strategic plan: Rapid rehousing can prevent decline into long term homelessness. Veterans’ issues. Founded parade 11 years ago. Vets homelessness, mental illness homelessness. Repurposing some state money to housing homeless with mental issues. Average unit costs 330K for *permanent supportive housing* with wrap-around services. You can’t build your way out of homelessness. There are close to 47,000 homeless. No one approach can solve it all. No silver bullet. Laws need to be changed.

[Popowich] raises issue of the senior housing project that changed to homeless, drug rehab without coming back to council. Also constant desire for increase in density in Winnetka. People are leaving the area.

- [Blumenfield] Balance between development and preservation of community life style. Unit is not a rehab. It’s housing for seniors of low income and has wrap around services. Wants to talk to council first. He is excited about what is happening.
- Credits Jenny P. for getting the fence done at Winnetka Park. Cost was over 20,000.
- [Blumenfield] On Increase in technology: Virtual wireless coverage that’s free. Biggest jump in technology is body cams. 152 sworn officer employees to view cams cost too much, but body cams will give improved tools to officers.
- \$115 million will fund a fast fire truck for one year with nurse practitioner that can be sent to emergency room.
- DWP line worker inspecting pipes reported he was tired of being bite by snakes. 20,000 towards drones with visual and infrared camera can replace manual inspection. Only needs to inspect when something is actually broken.
- iPads take pictures of license plates. City and police more connected.

[Officer Parker] – GPS model can cut time to respond to make more efficient.

[Unidentified speaker] Question posed regarding the Madrid Theatre. What is the hold up on repair/development?

[Blumenfield] Grid Theater. Got face lift on marquee. Needs light bulbs. Too expensive to use for plays etc.

[Reyes-Dunn] – Barnsdall. Needed to have someone interested in doing the job.

[Portillo] Department of Cultural Affairs looking to hire a person to revitalize theatres and other parts of dept.

[Popowich] Other communities have community theatre activities.

[Unidentified stakeholder]

- How do we prevent influx of homeless when we start to provide more services?
- Why is police department always understaffed?
- Moved kids from Porter Ranch School. To Sunny Brae Avenue Elementary. 1st week there were 6 police men. 3000 new people at school.
- Someone ran over the trash cans twice today.
- No parking for teachers. One teacher parked in driveway for 3 hrs.
- Need police assistance.

[Blumenfield] Will work with Jenny Portillo. to get better enforcement and get more patrols out. It is not acceptable to park in driveways. Under policed because of finances. The budget goes towards public safety. People dream about going to Golden State (California). Our benefits are not very high. New York has lower homeless rate.

[Fuhrman] – A week and a half ago a tree at Mason landed on a parked vehicle. The man couldn't move his vehicle and was ticketed. Vehicles on Armenta not enforced with 72 hour parking enforcement.

[Blumenfield] Parking enforcement person needed to have more compassion. City will pay for this. Forms need to be filled out. Occasionally people will not use common sense. Put me in touch with person. Can get ticket dismissed.

[Poer] Why can't the city require solar on new developments? New developments are saying solar is not required or not in code. Wants to have code require new construction include working solar. Need to change code to make it a requirement.

[Blumenfield] – Can't make it a requirement but can give incentives for green building. We can approve buildings.

[Uebersax] What kind of influence can we exert on state and federal re the issues of reliability on water and power issues?

[Blumenfield] Likely hold off rolling back those requirements is unlikely. Compared to all other utilities in area we are low (SMUD). LA utilities are cheaper than San Diego and other communities. DWP is supposed to be close to finishing the correction of the billing issues.

[Uebersax] – His meter hasn't had correct reading for some time (6 months or so). He is being billed based on readings from months ago..

[Patricia from Blumenfield office] Focus on economic dev. Major initiative on Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) land. Have 36 months to develop that property. Major development of the disused and decrepit areas. Partnered with LA Kings to help build an ice-rink in Reseda. Working with owner of those properties to develop. 3 million invested. Soccer field on top. 1 year had gone by. Major stores, housing and walkways are catalyst for Sherman Way. Trisha is working very hard on that. Contact her for questions about the "theater".

[Oscar Garcia] For Assembly member Dababneh:

- Member voted in 2013 Interested in protecting prop 13 for homeowners.
- Next month will come with legislative update.
- Opposition in Northridge "double track" that will bring more trains into Winnetka.
- Cognizant of gas leak issue.

[Uebersax] Thinks development could be aided by addition of better rail service.

[Garcia] Many residents would be affected. Rails close to homes. There will be more trains.

[Lerma] Does gas leak affect Winnetka?

[Garcia] Wind currents could bring into gases into Winnetka.

- There is a five mile buffer.
- To burn methane by flaring deemed unsafe because you can't cap at site. Gas company decided not to flare.
- It's become a new landmark. You can see the towers all lit up.
- Will be capped around Feb. 14th.
- Problems with moving school back to location.
- Eric is point of contact with council.

- There are 126 wells. When capped it won't be used ever again.
- It should not happen again. Residents need to be informed quickly.

[John Poer] – The cost is not to be passed on to consumers?

[Garcia] – The Gas Company would be foolish if they did. The concern is to how to make it safer.

[Popowich] – Councilmember Englander is working to prevent them from putting costs on community.

[Tess Reyes-Dunn] – She has a neighbor with low income. Who do you complain to?

[Garcia] – Me and Jenny.

6. Public Comments: Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members should not address or discuss these comments other than to direct matters to the appropriate Winnetka NC committee or other government agency.

- NONE

7. President's Report (Lewis)

- 2016 WNC Elections, Sunday, April 17th.
- Candidate sign-up period open until Feb. 17th
- Upcoming WNC Officers' elections.
- Need to appoint Assistant Secretary.
- Voting status of Board Membership.

8. Vice-President's Report (Lace)

NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following agenda items.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding: Meet and interview possible candidates for committee positions. (Lewis)

[Popowich] – Stakeholders are needed.

[Uebersax] - Need to publicize vacancies.

[Poer]- Often fill Board vacancies from committees.

[Popowich] – Has anyone filed?

[Lewis] – Has article on Website inviting people to file.

[Benjamin Hill]-He's an Attorney. Wants to be a candidate and elected in order to be involved. He wanted to get involved last year but had back issues.

[Unknown] We need an article on our website inviting people to file.

10. TABLED Discussion and possible action regarding: Concerns over the SoCal Gas leaks in Porter Ranch and their possible effects on Winnetka. (Ross Blumer)

11. TABLED Discussion and possible action regarding: The appearance that SoCal Gas is sending much higher bills in the recent months and the possible relationship to the ongoing gas leak issue. (Ross Blumer)

FINANCIAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Any items not agreed to shall be moved to the end of the agenda for further consideration.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding: Payment of outstanding invoices for Moore Business Results for January and February. (Pelaez)

- Motion: The Board approves payment of Moore Business Results invoices for January and February.
- Motion: The Board approves payment of the Invoice from Laser Toner & Computer Supply in the amount of \$154.22.

MOTION: Motion to approve all items within the Financial Consent Calendar: "The Winnetka NC Board hereby approves all items contained in the Consent Calendar for February, 2016."

Motion by: Lewis Second: Poer

APPROVED: YES: 7, NO: 0, Absent: 5, Ineligible 2

WNC-2016-020916-01

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Fuhrman, Steven	x					
Lace, Erick					x	
Lerma, Victor	x					
Lewis, Eric	x					
Owen, Trevor					x	
Pelaez, Jaime	x					
Perez, Carlos					x	
Poer, John	x					
Popowich, JJ						x
Reyes-Dunn, Tess						x
Ross-Blumer, Bettie					x	
Ruggless, Craig					x	
Sattler, Tom	x					
Uebersax, David	x					
Vacant, Youth						
Total	7				5	2

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following Winnetka NC Committee reports.

13. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich)

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 3rd Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- PLUM Cmte Report
- Discussion and possible action regarding: PLUM Motion #WNC-PLUM-012616-01 approved at PLUM meeting 01/26/2016 (Popowich/Ross-Blumer)

A) Regarding the proposed Small Lot Ordinance (Draft - CPC-2015-4499-CA): It is a "proposed ordinance amending Section 12.22-C.27 (Small Lot Ordinance), Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require greater front and rear yard setbacks, create a division of land process of "adaptive reuse" small lot projects, and add an incidental administrative clearance process and establish design standards for small lot subdivision projects." [Quoted from the draft Ordinance, first paragraph]

The WNC PLUM Committee recommends that the WNC Board submit a Community Impact Statement that we **oppose** the Small Lot Ordinance, Draft - CPC-2015-4499-CA. We feel that it will increase density and allow an end-run around the General Plan. We believe this could be used to significantly alter the character of existing neighborhoods. The administrative clearance process would appear to prevent any NC from having an ability to discuss, comment and make recommendations regarding specific projects with this type of zoning. Proposed Ordinance Section 27(c) is unclear, and refers to a section of the Zoning Code that does not address the following zones: RD, R3, R4, R5, RAS, and P and C. It is therefore ambiguous and could be construed to reduce the number of required parking spaces for these dwellings. Motion #WNC-PLUM-012616-01

MOTION: The WNC Board concurs with the PLUM Committee recommendation that WNC shall submit a CIS in OPPOSITION to the Small Lot Ordinance Draft - CPC-2015-4499-CA with the comments: The WinnetkaNC opposes the Small Lot Ordinance, Draft - CPC-2015-4499-CA. We feel that it will increase density and allow an end-run around the General Plan. We believe this could be used to significantly alter the character of existing neighborhoods. The administrative clearance process would appear to prevent any NC from having an ability to discuss, comment and make recommendations regarding specific projects with this type of zoning. Proposed Ordinance Section 27(c) is unclear, and refers to a section of the Zoning Code that does not address the following zones: RD, R3, R4, R5, RAS, and P and C. It is therefore ambiguous and could be construed to reduce the number of required parking spaces for these dwellings. If a CIS cannot be filed, then a letter will be generated and forwarded to appropriate officials.

[Benjamin Hill] – Asked for clarification.

[J.J. Popowich] – Asked developer to go to City Council. Developer will meet with planning committee than need to go to City Council for suggestions etc.... Small lot ordinances will go around council for approval. He wants to submit a letter.

[Poer] – If CIS can't be filed then appropriate letter will be sent.

Motion by: Popowich

Second: Fuhrman

APPROVED: Consensus

WNC-2016-020916-04

- Discussion and possible action regarding: PLUM Motion #WNC-PLUM-012616-02 approved at PLUM meeting 01/26/2016 (Popowich/Ross-Blumer)

B) Regarding the proposed (Ordinance Draft - CPC-2015-4474-CA): It is an "ordinance amending Section 14.00, Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to create a process for granting legal status to currently existing unapproved dwelling units in multiple-family buildings when certain affordability criteria and performance standards are met." [quoted from the draft Ordinance, first paragraph]

The WNC PLUM Committee recommends the WNC Board file an official complaint regarding the proposed Unapproved Dwelling Unit Amendment for the City's incorrect citation of the Los Angeles Municipal Code which prevents the average citizen from being able to determine what the code is amending. This would appear to be an attempt to circumvent the Brown Act.

On the substance of the Ordinance itself, the WNC is opposed to the concept of allowing additional and/or increased density of existing properties, especially if that increased density reduces or eliminates parking requirements. Further, the WNC is opposed to the elimination of certain performance standards that are prevalent in other parts of Chapters 2 and 4, such as the elimination of the requirement to maintain a graffiti abatement program. This particular omission appears to mean that property owners no longer have the responsibility to maintain the appearance of the property. Other notable omissions are the requirement that the streets, alleys, sidewalks adjoining to the property meet standard code requirements. Motion #WNC-PLUM-012616-02

MOTION: The WNC approves the submission of a letter of complaint re: (Ordinance Draft - CPC-2015-4474-CA) with additional comments as approved at the Board meeting of February 9, 2016.

Motion by: Popowich

Second: Poer

APPROVED: Consensus

WNC-2016-020916-05

14. Public Safety Committee Report (Pelaez)

- PS Cmte meetings: 3rd Thurs. of each month, 7:00PM, Limerick Avenue Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave.
- PS Cmte Report
- [Franklin Solis, Vice Chair] No Meeting. Planning to meet this month (February) with Officer Maldonado who will be retiring and a replacement will be needed.

- [Lewis] Read letter dated Feb 4, from Public Safety Fair. Thanks to WNC for helping host the fair. Sat Oct 1, 2016 is next meeting.

15. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Uebersax)

- PWT Cmte meetings: 4th Mon of each month, 7PM, Limerick Avenue Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave.
- PWT Cmte Report
- Still considering Winnetka Park as the site for the Spring Clean. Sutter Middle School is not ideal. Set up 9am. Need to find source for food for volunteers. Need to build teams.
- Need to confirm with Jenny Portillo on date. April 9, 2016 and Park location, also truck for day.
- Discussion and possible action regarding: The Public Works and Transportation Committee recommends that the Board support motion WNC_PWT_2016-012516_01 approved by PWT.

MOTION: The Winnetka Neighborhood Council Public Works and Transportation committee hereby requests that the city of Los Angeles city Council draft an ordinance requiring that tow trucks do not drop off vehicles that are inoperable within the public right of way. This requirement should be tied to the tow truck operator's business license, and any known violations shall be subject to a fine reviewable at the time of renewal of said business owner's license with the city. (Uebersax)

Motion by: Uebersax Second: Popowich

APPROVED: Yes 4, No 2, Absent 6, Ineligible 2

WNC-2016-020916-06

16. Outreach & Social Media Committee Report (Lewis)

- OSM Cmte meetings: 4th Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- OSM Cmte Report
- January meeting was cancelled
- Election Day volunteers needed at Convention Center
- Election outreach plans: newsletters, banners, pamphlets, social media, candidates
- 2016 Lecture Series information. Still continuing lecture series. Two weeks from now: Health and Nutrition, part 2

17. TABLED Youth Advocacy Committee Report (Owen)

- YA Cmte meetings: 3rd Thurs. of each month, 7:30PM, Limerick Avenue Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave.
- YA Cmte Report

ADDITIONAL REPORTS & MOTIONS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports.

18. Secretary's Report (Poer)

- Discussion and approval of the Winnetka NC Minutes for January 12, 2016.

MOTION: To approve of the Winnetka NC Minutes for January 12, 2016

Motion by: Poer Second: Uebersax

APPROVED: Consensus

WNC-2016-020916-07

- Advisory: CIS approved at January 12 meeting (Council File 13-14903-S2 relative to street vending at city parks) has been filed with the City Clerk.

19. Parliamentarian's Report (Owen)

20. Treasurer's Report (Pelaez /Uebersax/Popowich)

[Popowich] DONE paid check to Stanley Mosk Elementary without notice or authorization. Submitted request to DONE to pay newsletter, Halloween, Valley Village. No response from DONE. [Lewis] asked Howard Katchen to check on Newsletter payment. No response.

Perez, Carlos	X					
Poer, John	X					
Popowich, JJ						X
Reyes-Dunn, Tess						X
Ross-Blumer, Bettie					X	
Ruggless, Craig					X	
Sattler, Tom					X	
Uebersax, David	X					
Vacant, Youth						
Total	7				5	2

- 21. TABLED Budget & Finance Committee (Uebersax)**
- 22. TABLED Executive Committee (Lewis)**
- 23. TABLED Rules, Elections, & By Laws Committee (Lewis)**
- 24. TABLED LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison (Ross-Blumer)**
- 25. TABLE DLA DWP Committee/Memorandum of Understanding Cmte Representative (Uebersax)**
 - LADWP Cmte/MOU Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Av., Hollywood
- 26. TABLED LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Representative (Uebersax)**
 - LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10:00AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood
- 27. TABLED LA Public Works Liaison (Uebersax)**
- 28. TABLED Neighborhood Watch Representative (Owen)**
- 29. TABLED Mayor's Budget Representatives (Lerma & Uebersax)**
- 30. TABLED Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Liaison (vacant)**
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- 31. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Representatives (Lewis)**
 - VANC meetings: 2nd Thurs. of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1st fl. Conference rm.
 - Need a representative for VANC. Good opportunity to learn how other councils work.
- 32. Good of the Order**

Good turnout for Winnetka residents on the homeless count.
- 33. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events**
 - Discussion and possible action regarding funding the upcoming 2016 WNC Election Edition Newsletter, to be printed and mailed by our usual vendor, MP Printing & Mailing. (Lewis)
 - Discussion and possible action per WNC Bylaws regarding the multiple absences of some of the current Boardmembers. (Lewis)
 - Discussion and possible action regarding utilizing the \$500 NPG for the Senior Symposium instead as a \$500 outreach booth purchase for the WNC at the same event. (Lewis) [4 min]
 - Discussion and possible action regarding: The appearance that SoCal Gas is sending much higher bills in the recent months and the possible relationship to the ongoing gas leak issue. (Ross-Blumer)
 - Discussion and possible action regarding: Concerns over the SoCal Gas leaks in Porter Ranch and their possible effects on Winnetka. (Ross-Blumer)
- 34. Adjournment: _____ 9:49PM**

Members of the public may request and receive, without undue delay, copies of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at 818-341-6256, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to secretary@winnetkanc.com.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (310) 562-3268.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad-hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days, for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.
