



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

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REGULAR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 6:30 PM

Winnetka Convention Center, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, CA 91306

(located next to Winnetka Bowl)

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.; and might also be posted at: **Winnetka Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Blvd., **Gil's Barber Shop**, 20433 Sherman Way.

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. [10 min] # of Guests_10
2. Convene Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance [1 min]
3. Board Member Roll-Call, Introductions, Meeting Rules & Announcements [4 min]

Board Member Name	Jan-14	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-8	April-29	May-13	Jun-10	Jul-8	July22	Aug-12	Sep-9	Oct-14	Nov-11
Marilyn Robinson	AE	X	X	X	x	x	x	AE	AE	AE	x	AE	AE
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Lewis	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	AE	X	X
JJ Popowich	x	AE	x	X	X	AE	X	X	X	X	X	X	AE
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X	x	X	AE	X	X	X	AE	X	X	AE	AE
Kathleen Pelaez	/	/	/	/	X	X	X	X	AE	X	X	X	AE
David Uebersax	x	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MaryEllen Moreno	X	AE	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bettie Ross-Blumer	AE	X	x	AE	X	X	X	X	X	AE	X	AE	X
Trevor Owen	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X
John Poer	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X	X	AE	X	X	AE
Steven	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Fuhrman																							
Victor Lerma	X		X		AE		L		X		X		X		X		L		X		X		
Tom Sattler	AE		X		x		x		AE		X		X		X		X		X		X		
Total	12	13		14		14		12		14		15		14		12		12		13		11	9
X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early Quorum is 8 members																							

4. Government Representative Updates: The latest information from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilman 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. [5 min each, 20 min max]

Officer Maldonado- Senior Lead Officer

We have a burglary problem since Prop 47 didn't pass. More criminals will be on the street. While shopping for the holidays, be sure to lock cars. Crime is on the rise after having a downward trend for a while. Don't leave anything within view in your car or it may be broken into. He left flyers on community alert tips. Undocumented folks are able to get a license now so he left info on that. Officer Ortiz sent his thanks to the Council for their support in the recent golf fundraising event.. There will be a grand opening tomorrow at 10:00am at Canoga Park High school for PALS program. Athletics and tutoring are also a part of the program. This provides a learning environment for the youth of the community to keep them off the street. Topanga Station has a community relations office and they now have a library. Book donations are welcome.

Lydia Grant The NCs have really been struggling working with the department due to low amount of staff. The vision was to have one person to support each council, but currently there are only 3 NEAs on staff to help all 95 neighborhood councils. Lydia is growing the council for council system to help councils as needed. Tomorrow there will be city hall meeting and the commission is asking for 6 of the 7 open positions to be filled immediately to help staff the office positions. Learning curve is 6 months to a year to learn the positions to support the neighborhood councils and it will take 3 months to process before training begins. Funding will get better. We just changed to a new system in July. Eric Lewis' point of view is that they are making things impossible for the NCs to function because they don't want us to exist. Lydia and Glenn are on our side. They are volunteers and work hard to represent the NCs.

Glenn Bailey-

- VANC 11/13 - Ron Galperin will be there
- VANC planning workshop 12/11
- LANCC-Selita Reynolds, new general manager of transportation, will be there. Bring your transportation issues.
- Budget advocates survey will be forthcoming.

5. 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. [3 min each, 15 min max]

David Somers, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

He presented a powerpoint. He wants to start conversations with neighborhood councils regarding street safety. Selita is the new general manager of transportation. Her number one goal is safety. Great Streets Initiative- Traffic collisions with fatalities are one of the leading causes of death. It is the highest leading cause of death to children under 4 years old. Roads are designed to move high amounts of traffic. Wide streets are designed to accommodate higher speeds than posted. As people drive faster, their field of vision narrows. How streets are engineered is a major contributor to speeding. Parthenia is one of the study corridors that have been selected to be studied for

collisions. A road diet is a solution for safety. This design changes 2 lanes on a roadway in each direction to one lane in each direction with a center lane for turning and for emergency vehicle use. It also incorporates bike lanes. Research shows this design reduces collisions by 30%. There is safety in numbers regarding bicycle safety. The more bicyclists there are, with designated bike lines, the safer it is. When there is a higher level of expectation for bikers to be present, drivers are more aware. Officer Maldonado's point of view is that using this road diet design on major corridors will slow traffic too much and streets on either side of it will be heavily impacted.

Bob Dager, Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

They are the oldest and largest environmental organization in the SFV. Update: They have taken our letter regarding our support given last year for open space initiative, and other letters to over 20 government agencies. Bob gave out a pamphlet with info and websites regarding the preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills. He thanked us for our support.

Glenn Bailey – He is running to be a candidate for LA Community College Board of Trustees, which oversees Pierce and 8 other community colleges. He is the past student body president of Pierce College. In order to get on the ballot, he has to collect 500 good signatures.

Wendy Moore- Website has been moved. She wants to update the site. New menu item called News is available for committee minutes. She handed out our bios to the committee to update our personal information. Her standard of service is to be up in one business day after receiving notice.

6. President's Report (Lewis) [2 min]

7. Vice-President's Report (Lace) [2 min]

- Shirts for John, Steven and Kathleen will be \$25.00 each. As soon as payment is received, we can get them.
- Storage unit is now available for use. Things were trashed. Shelves were turned over. Erick is cleaning it up. We are up to date now with our payments.
- Options are to get a storage unit through Blumenfield's office. Trevor suggested we get a pod at Winnetka Park and use it to stockpile emergency supplies for the community as part of a deal to get it.

8. Secretary's Report (Moreno/Pelaez) [4 min]

- Discussion and approval of the Winnetka NC Minutes for October 14, 2014. David made two corrections. On page two under Mark Reed's presentation, the sentence should have read that the manufacturing jobs are now down to 500,000, not 500 as erroneously stated. The second correction is on page 7 line 8. The word "daily" should be inserted before "for years", so as to read, "There would be hundreds of truckloads removing the land daily for years." Erick Lace moved to approve as revised. Trevor seconded the motion. All in attendance approved.

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9. Parliamentarian's Report (Owen/Robinson) [2 min]

10. Treasurer's Report (Popowich/Uebersax) [4 min] **Tabled as JJ is absent.**

- Update, discussion, and action regarding Winnetka NC finances as needed.
- David and Trevor both commented on the outpouring of support from the public after our last meeting and the frustration over DONE funding issues. Glenn offered a solution to get the P card to JJ.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS

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

11. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich) [4 min]

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 3rd Tue of each month, 6:30PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- No PLUM Cmte Report

12. Public Safety Committee Report (Lerma) [4 min]

- Public Safety Cmte meetings: 3rd Tues of each month, 6:30 Limerick Elementary School 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
- PS Cmte Report. They are working on changing the day of the meeting. Victor needs to get feedback from his members. No meeting this month due to Thanksgiving and in December school will be closed. Bettie suggested the first Tues of the month. Victor will survey his committee. They will try to have the Safety Fair after April 15.

13. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Uebersax) [4 min]

- PWT Cmte meetings: 4th Mon of each month, 7PM, Limerick Avenue Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
- PWT Cmte Report
- Discussion and possible action regarding sidewalk repairs. There are some open council files. One seems to be moving forward, which is pending litigation on ADA. Second is a sidewalk repair trust fund. A lot of funds were set aside last year for sidewalk repair but the money wasn't used. It did roll over. There is talk for a 50/50 program. In the past the city would take responsibility for sidewalk repair when trees caused damage, but the city no longer has sufficient funds to pay for total repair. They will pay half for repairs, but only one time. Steven said in reality the city cannot start a 50/50 program without a vote from the public. David read a CIS from other councils regarding sidewalk repairs. There was not a quorum at his latest PWT meeting so no motions or CIS were written. Holly Poer presented issue of installing bike locking stands near businesses. She will take pictures and do research. Another issue Holly presented was that many Pierce college students are parking in the Orange Parking lot. David read report about having a water budget. Talked about use of reclaimed water. (Uebersax) [5 min]
- Discussion and possible action regarding writing a CIS. Hopefully at the next meeting they will have a quorum. (Uebersax) [5min]
- Eric Lewis asked about update on use of \$50,000 before we lose it. Bettie will try to get out and finalized plans for sidewalk repair. Bettie would also like to see it used for tree trimming. Board will help Bettie organize it. City does have a list of needed repairs, but they have not gotten back to us.

14. Outreach & Social Media Committee Report (Lewis) [4 min]

- OSM Cmte meetings: 4th Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- Community committee members needed. Contact the board president if interested.
- No OSM Cmte Report
- Holly Poer joined the Outreach and Social Committee.
- Eric reported we have 110 likes on our facebook page.
- The number of Early Notification System Subscribers (LA city.org) As of October 20, we had 156 people.

15. Youth Advocacy Committee Report (Owen) [2 min]

- YA Cmte meetings: 4th Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Winnetka Child Care Center, 8361 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka
- YA Cmte Report. Halloween Festival at Winnetka Park was a huge success with over 400 people. We provided trophies and candy. The park was very grateful. Trevor had an idea to make one of our events as a bowling night here at the Winnetka Bowling Alley so we can mingle with the public. Trevor believes having fewer events per year and having time to really organize them would be more beneficial. The next big event for youth committee will be the summer youth job fair, to be held in May. We may want to consider hosting a forum for debate for the March election. We could try to get younger and more diverse people at the event.
- Next meeting will be the 20th of November due to Thanksgiving holiday.

- Discussion and possible action regarding two candidates for the vacant youth representative position on the WNC Board. There are two young ladies interested. They will speak at the next youth committee. Perhaps one could be an alternate, since both seem like great candidates. (Lace) [5 min]

ADDITIONAL NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 16.** Discussion and possible action regarding the lack of reserve animal control officers in the City of Los Angeles, whose training has been funded by many of the neighborhood councils and has not been implemented. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to date have donated approximately \$30,000 to implement training of Reserve Animal Control Officers (RACO). This has been ignored and the monies have been sitting in an account for over three years with no action taken. Furthermore, the GM of LAAS wants to return the money and not honor the needs of city. There are no plans to implement this training. (Lewis) [5 min]

This issue needs to be addressed immediately. It is our job as NCs to be accountable for the money we spend and these departments need to be accountable to us. The WNC gave \$1500, which we cannot get back.

Paul Darrigo would like us to join in taking action to get this much needed program moving forward;

- 1. Write a letter, like the STNC did, add it to your agenda for discussion and vote.**
- 2. Send that letter to Mayor Garcetti, your councilmember, the PAWS committee, Animal Services Commission, and Animal Services General Manager.**
- 3. Encourage your stakeholders to write individual letters to the same above.**

Eric Lewis made a motion for writing a letter from the council to the mayor and promoting it on social media. Erick Lace seconded. All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Glenn said to CC Max Reyes and Rick Cole on the letter. **WNC- 111114-02**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Fuhrman, Steven	x					
Lace, Erick	x					
Lerma, Victor	x					
Lewis, Eric	x					
Moreno, Mary Ellen	x					
Owen, Trevor	x					
Pelaez, Kathleen					x	
Poer, John					x	
Popowich, JJ					x	
Reyes-Dunn, Tess					x	
Robinson, Marilyn					x	

Ross-Blumer, Bettie	x					
Sattler, Tom	x					
Uebersax, David	x					
Total	9					

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the lack of street lighting on Mason Avenue between Victory and Sherman Way. It will be addressed by the PWT committee. (Bettie) [5 mins]

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports.

18. **Budget & Finance Committee** (Uebersax) [2 min]

19. **Executive Committee** (Lewis) [2 min]

20. **Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee** (Lewis) [10 min]

21. **Business Relations Ad-Hoc Committee** (Lace) [2 min]

Perhaps this committee can be involved in the International Special Olympics in July 2015.

22. **DONE Funding Problems Ad-Hoc Committee** (Lace) [2 min]

23. **LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison** (Ross-Blumer) [2 min]

24. **LA DWP Committee/Memorandum of Understanding Cmte Representative** (Uebersax) [4 min]

- LADWP Cmte/MOU Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Av., Hollywood
- New vision for LA landscaping was discussed. There is oversight with water budgets for units of 500 or more. Storm water capture plan to use water that is running down the drains. Problem of killing rats with poison which in turn affects the food chain. The bobcat in Griffith Park is dying.

25. **LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Representative** (Uebersax) [4 min]

- LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10:00AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood

26. **LA Public Works Liaison** (Uebersax/vacant-alt) [2 min]

27. **Neighborhood Watch Representative** (Owen) [2 min]

28. **Mayor's Budget Representatives** (Lerma & Uebersax) [2 min]

29. **Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Liaison** (vacant) [2 min]

30. **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Representatives** (Lewis/vacant-alt) [2 min]

- VANC meetings: 2nd Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1st fl. Conference rm.

31. **Good of the Order** [2 min] Holly said the mayor is giving away free rain barrels.

32. **Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events** [2 min]

33. **Adjournment Time:** _10:00 pm_____

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 818-718-0629, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to mmoreno@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.