



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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REGULAR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 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: **Canoga Park 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- 7
2. Convene Meeting, Board Member Roll-Call & Introductions [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	
Erick Lace	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	
JJ Popowich	x	AE	x	X	X	AE	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X	x	X	AE	X	X	X	A	X	X	AE	
Kathleen Pelaez	/	/	/	/	X	X	X	X	AE	X	X	X	
David Uebersax	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	
Bettie Ross-Blumer	AE	X	x	AE	X	X	X	X	X	AE	X	AE	
Trevor Owen	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	
John Poer	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X	X	AE	X	X	
Steven Fuhrman	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Victor Lerma	X	X	AE	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	
Tom Sattler	AE	X	x	x	AE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Total	12	13	14	14	12	14	15	14	12	12	13	11	

- 3 Explanation of Meeting Rules & Safety Announcements [1 min]
- 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 Ortiz thanked the board for their support for the upcoming golf tournament and ball drop scheduled for October 27th. There will also be a nationwide campaign to be kicked off on Nov. 12 at Canoga Park High School at 4:00pm. The Police along with some professional athletes are starting a campaign to provide a football, basketball, or soccer ball to all under privileged children in the US.

- 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]

John Bertolle- There is an important election coming up on Nov 4th. He spoke in support of Bobby Shriver for Supervisor. Shriver has received several important endorsements, not from special interest groups. He has made himself visible and approachable. People can go to Bobbyshriver.com for more info.

Diana Olarte- Helping hands against domestic violence from Hope Chapel. They will be having a fundraiser Oct. 25th. They are a non-profit organization looking for our support.

Spike Ward- Reseda Renaissance is looking to bring the arts back to Reseda. Visit Reseda renaissance. com for information about the upcoming event.

Mark Reed- West San Fernando lifelong resident. Running for Congress. He wants to bring resources back to SFV. Aerospace, Cars, Research etc. jobs to be here. We are driving businesses out of the Valley. The West Valley is now a service industry. The 2nd largest aquifer in the US is under the SFV. We should be capturing water run-off from rain and we are not replenishing the aquifers. We have been depending on snow melt and that is undependable. We need to have more options for youth not going to college. We used to have 1.1 million manufacturing jobs and we are now down to 500. Mark has many endorsements from Valley politicians.

- 6 **Guest Speaker Presentation-** Doug Arseneault, Valley Industry & Commerce Association. Discussions about proposals to the Metro Orange Line.
Discussion by David-Orange Line –background info looking for options in the Valley for expansion. Started back by Assembly bill in Feb 2013. Options-leave it as a bus way or have it changed to light rail. It seems to have unused capacity, especially in the West Valley.

Sara Mitchell spoke on behalf of Doug. Transportation is a number one indicator of quality of life. Measure R2.0 will be on the ballot in the future. They want to get conversation going now about Measure R2.0. Valley needs their fair share of funding. They are getting support from Valley NCs, Chamber of Commerce, and other entities. Update bus way to light rail. Bus was our only option before. It is successful but it is overcrowded. Trip from one side of Valley to the other will decrease from 45 to 25 minutes and the light rail will double the current capacity. The light rail would improve air quality, provide better transportation, and will open up job opportunities. Light rail

down Van Nuys corridor, east San Fernando Valley. Heavy rail through Santa Monica mountains to connect Valley to the West side. The county has funding and state revenues for transportation. We want funding for Valley to get our fair share.

Discussion:

David- In terms of cost, the Sepulveda pass is huge, East Valley is also important. The West Valley is not as urgent although all three are important.

Steven- Committee's view is priorities 1 and 3 swapped. Completion date unknown.

Sara-They are not in a specific order. Number 2 will be completed first because it is already in the works.

Steven- Doesn't think people will vote to increase taxes to support all these projects.

Holly- Glad to have conversation to improve transportation. She disagrees that if we put in light rail we will get more riders. She says it is overcrowded, but Holly feels that we need to add more seats or more buses.

Sara- We can't have more buses. We need to have something put in place to have buses go faster through intersections.

John Bertolle- It is a matter of money. Thinks there needs to be private partnership to succeed.

Mark- The light rails are going to be built out of state. They are asking for more and more money for support but he doubts it will be successful.

JJ- Not worth it if it will not be elevated and he is concerned about funding.

Mary Ellen -Supports joining the coalition but not all 3 projects.

Kathleen- Agrees to joining the coalition but not supporting all of the agenda items.

Trevor- Supports joining but doesn't believe in LA people are ever going to use public transportation en masse because we are so spread out. Valley should get more funding.

Erick- Supports joining so we have a voice in the discussion.

Eric Lewis- Agrees we should join so we can be involved in this democratic process.

John-He also wants a seat at the table so he supports joining.

Steven- Concerned that we will not have a voice once we join the coalition.

Sara- We will be notified about meetings regarding this issue and we could send a representative from our council. We need our fair share in the Valley if they expect support from the taxpayers.

Tom- Supports the WNC but worries that it is a tax burden to retired people.

Victor- Wants join. Going through the Sepulveda pass is very crowded and affects businesses.

David- Wants to have a real say in the issue, not just our name as a rubber stamp to their decisions.

Holly asked how our council will have a voice in the coalition. She quoted the flyer. Give us a voice instead of becoming our voice.

Sara- They will send out information about meetings. We currently only get 4% of the transportation budget in the Valley. Two of the projects have already been started and Valley on Track will hopefully expedite the process to have them completed.

Mark Reed -some of the NCs and chambers of commerce have not endorsed it because it appears that by giving your organization's name you are endorsing all projects as they appear on the flyer.

Motion: David moves that we join in the Valley coalition, Valley on Track, to be vocal on this issue. The best way to give input is to participate. Erick Lace seconds the motion

WNC_2014_101414_01 Motion approved.

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	1	1		3	

7 **President's Report** (Lewis) [2 min]

- Spoke of his family's tragedy in the loss of his brother-in-law who was a proud member of Winnetka. We had a moment of silence.

8 **Vice-President's Report** (Lace) [2 min]

- Cleveland and Chatsworth High schools are working on getting us resumes for a youth representative.
- The shirt company wants payment upfront. Eric Lewis said we need an invoice funding request.
- Management company at storage unit said they have not been paid and will not remove the lock. An alternative is storage behind Blumenfield's office. Jenny will follow up with details. She was unable to be here tonight.

9 **Secretary's Report** (Moreno/Pelaez) [4 min]

- Discussion and approval of the Winnetka NC Minutes for Sept 9, 2014 **WNC-2014-101414-02** Lace moved to approve. Furman Seconded. Two typos- item #4 Braude not Braudy and an errant s before item #5. Add Warren Holden to include his last name. Minutes approved with corrections.
- Discussion and approval of expenditure for a new secretary computer. (Fuhrman) [5min]
- Steven said Office is now a subscription. You must pay annually to continue to use it. We only budgeted for \$750 which is a mid-grade computer. Perhaps we can use some of the unused money budgeted for snacks for the last few months. Eric said perhaps we need to go through a local mom and pop shop and get us to agree on a price that will be good in a few months when we get the funds due to our purchasing restrictions through DONE.
- Discussion and possible action to transfer funds to cover the expense of the computer shall it exceed the \$750.00 previously budgeted.(Fuhrman) [5 min] Eric Lewis said we can up the funding at the same time that we vote to approve.
- Motion by JJ to modify the budget **WNC-2014-101414-0 3**. Motion approved.

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	11				3	

10 **Parliamentarian's Report** (Owen/Robinson) [2 min]

No report

11 **Treasurer's Report** (Popowich/Uebersax) [4 min]

- Update, discussion, and action regarding Winnetka NC finances as needed.
- Presentation of the Treasurer's Report including discussion and possible action to approve the past month's expenditure report. (Popowich) [6 min]
 - Motion: "The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the September 2014 Monthly Expenditure Report including the US Bank Statement for the month ending in September, 2014. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE." **WNC-2014-101414-04** Owen made a motion to approve. Lace seconded. Motion approved.

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	11				3	

- Good news: we have access to bank account. We start with allocation of \$ 5,000. We have spent \$557.50 thus far. JJ paid ABC Plastics and paid Extra Space Storage this month. JJ has given up on getting the Purchase Card. He cannot go to DONE to get it and they refuse to mail it. Trevor may resign this month after the 25th of the month due to the inadequate funding system of DONE and the impossibilities to get money for our events and needs. We will not be able to sponsor the Winnetka Halloween event because there is a NC Event form that is virtually impossible to fill out and there is not enough time. The website maintenance must now be done on a month by month. DONE has effectively shut us down. Eric has had numerous discussions with DONE that they have not listened and made any changes. JJ suggests we plan our next NC meeting to coincide with BONC. The only item on our agenda could be that we are unable to function due to DONE system dysfunction. The hosting company of the web site will not accept checks. JJ is ready to throw in the towel as well due to dysfunction of the system. Erick Lace said that quitting doesn't help. We have a bank of knowledge that no one else has. JJ cannot be attached to an organization that cannot pay its bills because it is bad for his professional reputation. JJ feels that the Halloween event is now an impossibility. The board expressed grave concerns about our ability to continue as a board. Many options were discussed, such as contacting local politicians, the Daily News, calling DONE. We are moving our website from one host site to another. They will not accept checks and we do not have a P card. Wendy wants to pay for the new service and then we would pay her back. Our domain registry for WinnetkaNC.com is about up and we do not have the means to pay it currently. JJ will have Wendy change to the new web host and renew our domain and send us an invoice for payment.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 12 **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 and no PLUM committee will take place this month.
- 13 **Public Safety Committee Report** (Lerma) [4 min]
 - Public Safety Cmte meetings: 3rd Tues of each month, 6:30PM, Limerick Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
 - PS Cmte Report: The Safety Fair is cancelled or postponed until April. No meeting next week.

14 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 on the status of discussion/studies related to the cleanup of the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory (Rocketdyne) (Uebersax) [5 min] Meeting next week. Goes back to meltdown in the 50's. David took a tour with the group that is cleaning it up. If you strip down all the land to the bedrock, you would destroy trees, wildlife, etc. and pollute the air. There would be hundreds of truckloads removing the land for years. Also we would make the land ripe for the building of homes and everything would be prepared for building for them.
- Discussion and possible action in relation to current deliberations by the LA City Council, including the Budget and Finance, Public Works, and Gang Reduction committees.
- Sidewalk strategy of Oct 1st deadline. Want to add to last year's funding and increase it to this year's to get projects done. If city planted tree, they are responsible for sidewalk repair. They are trying to fix some things and use a 50/50 plan to get homeowners to fix sidewalks in front of their own houses.

15 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 SM Cmte Report

16 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 The Halloween event will go on. WNC will have a table at the event. Trevor and his family will be present.

ADDITIONAL NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

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

17 Discussion and possible action regarding the management of bees that has become a problem for stakeholders. (Poer) [5 min] We need bees in CA so we want to remove them without killing them. JJ suggests she get an attorney to get permission to get in the yard. John said that they don't necessarily need access to the property. Eric suggests we send it to Safety committee.

- There are private group that will remove the bees for free or for a minimal cost without killing the bees. The websites of three such organizations are listed below:
- <http://onestronghive.org>
- <http://honeylove.org/rescuebees>
- <http://www.meetup.com/HoneyLove>

18 Discussion and possible action regarding the park at Hart and DeSoto. A stakeholder is concerned that the park is dangerous and unhealthy. She sent photos of a homeless shelter set up under the playground equipment. She added that there is a large amount of trash, including crushed beer cans. (Ross-Blumer) [5 min] Eric sent this info to Jenny Portillo at Blumenfield's office. JJ said to file a police report. Holly said there is no lighting at Quimby Park at night so it is a prime location.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports.

19 Budget & Finance Committee (Uebersax) [2 min]

- 20 **Executive Committee** (Lewis) [2 min]
- 21 **Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee** (Lewis) [10 min]
- 22 **LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison** (Ross-Blumer) [2 min]
- 23 **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
- 24 **LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Representative** (Uebersax) [4 min]
 - LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10:00AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood. Meeting was not held the first Saturday. It will be held this Saturday and neither of our reps can attend.
- 25 **LA Public Works Liaison** (Uebersax/vacant-alt) [2 min]
- 26 **Neighborhood Watch Representative** (Owen) [2 min]
- 27 **Mayor's Budget Representatives** (Lerma & Uebersax) [2 min]

Regional budget meeting last Saturday. Victor attended. They are preparing a 5.1 million budget for next year. Need to prepare before May 20, 2015. Last year there was a budget surplus.
- 28 **Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Liaison** (vacant) [2 min]
- 29 **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.
 - Last Thursday they had a debate.
- 30 **Good of the Order** [2 min]
 - Concern by Bettie that Mason Ave. does not have any street lights between VanOwen and Victory. Eric said to refer to the PWT committee.
- 31 **Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events** [2 min]
- 32 **Adjournment Time: 9:59.**

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.

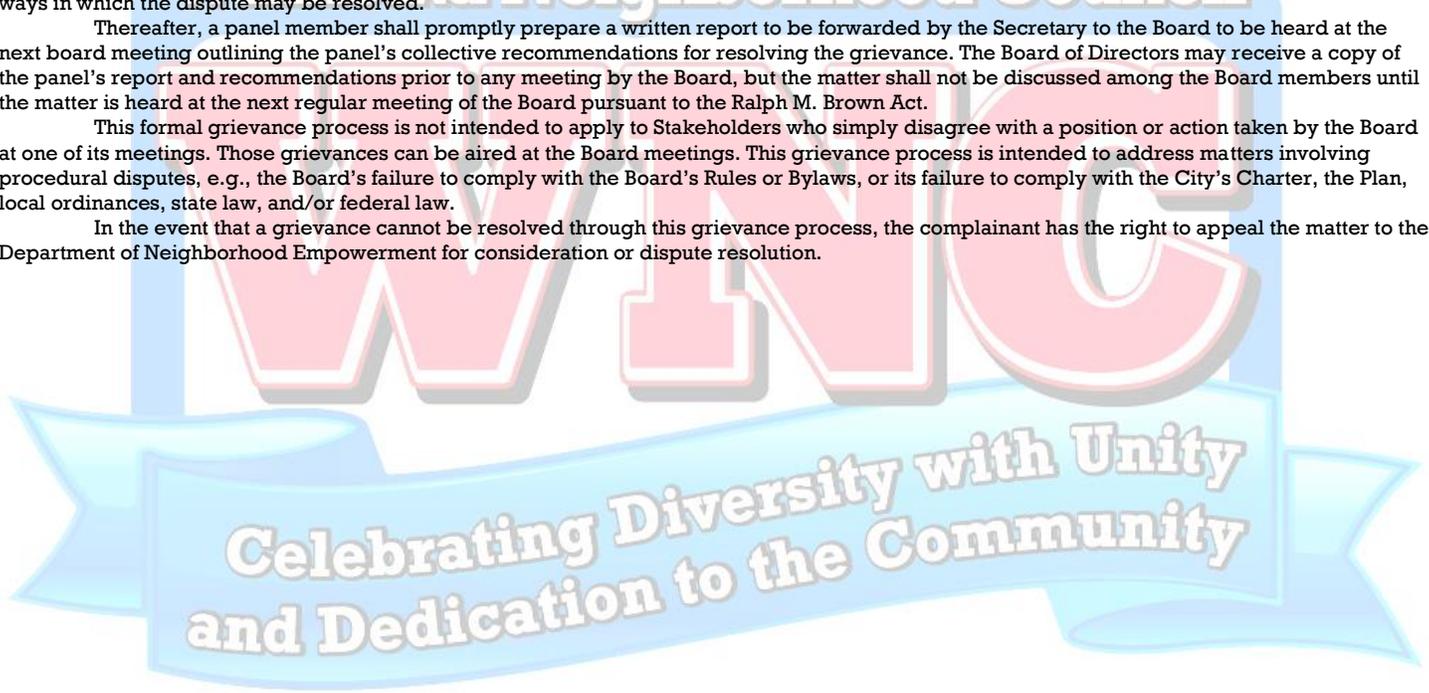
PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

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.



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