



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 7:00 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.

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Convene Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, Board Member Roll-Call 7:15PM

of Guests 5

2016	Jan.12	Feb. 9	Mar 8	Mar 22	Apr 12	Apr22	Jun 14	Jul12	Aug 9	Sep 13		
Steven Fuhrman	X	X	X	AE								
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X								
Victor Lerma	X	X	X	A								
Eric Lewis	X	X	X	X								
Trevor Owen	X	X	a	X								
Jaime Pelaez	EL X	X	X	X								
Carlos Perez	X	A	a	A								

John Poer	X	X	X	X								
Bettie Ross-Blumer	X	AE	X	X								
JJ Popowich	A	X	a	X								
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X	X	X								
Craig Ruggless	A	A	a	A								
Tom Sattler	X	X	X	A								
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X								
Vacant (Youth)	-	-	-	-								
Total	12	11	10	9								

- 2. 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. Candidates' Comments:** Comments from any certified candidates for the upcoming Winnetka NC election.

[Ajunta Ameha Alymia] Doctor in his country, not a doctor here. Here with wife and daughter 8 years. Environment is a special project. From Sri Lanka. Citizen.

- Projects: The environment is his passion and wants Sri Lanka to be free.
- Was a doctor in Sri Lanka.
- Has lived in the United States for 25 years and is a citizen.
- He has a wife and daughter and has lived in Winnetka for 8 years.

[Ben Hill]

- Projects: Community projects have caused some turbulence in neighborhood. (Bike lane, for instance). NC are in good place to interface community and city projects.
- Homeless outreach. Faith based services have caused some conflict. Councils can help.
- Councils can help by being a liaison between the community and city projects.
- 5 years in Winnetka.

4. President's Report (Lewis)

- WNC Election, Sunday, April 17th, 1-5PM, Winnetka Convention Center
- Members are allowed to endorse candidates.
- The meet and greet will start at 11:30 with the new candidates.
- Was suggested that candidates go door to door
- WNC Candidates, Campaigns, and Endorsements
- WNC Officers' elections, May 10th. All positions will be open. Need to fill all officer positions from elected board members.

- DONE update. Have heard back from DONE re problems but no representative will attend this meeting.

5. Vice-President's Report (Lace)

- [Lace] Re: assigning a committee to discuss and present ideas on how to move council meetings along so we get to the important stuff in the 3 1/2 hours that we have. Must be out by 10:00pm.
- [Uebersax] 3.5 hours isn't enough. May need to look at other options for meeting location. Time pressure is inappropriate. Some people spend a lot of time at other meetings. Discussion should be allowed and not cut off by time requirements.
- [??] He suggests that discussions be made at committee meetings and brought to WNC Board as bullet points as is done at City Council to save time. Maybe only important issues should be on the agenda along with committee reports rather than reiteration of full committee discussions. This could result in having Special Meetings unnecessary.
- [Lewis] Tries to let everyone speak as they need to, and still get us out of meeting by 9:45pm.
- [Popowich] Has spent years trying to get two meetings a month. There is nowhere else to meet in Winnetka. Can't use churches because they have many "strings" and we can't do it. We need to have more respect for the owner of the Convention Center space. Mr. Gelb gives us the room for two meetings a month free of charge...we should use them.
- [Lace] Need to know what is happening with the financial issues. He took the long version of the training last night. It lasted 3.5 hours and there are MANY changes.
- [Lewis] A decision on changing meetings should wait until the new board is in place.

6. Secretary's Report (Poer)

- Discussion and approval of the Winnetka NC Minutes for February 09, 2016.
- MOTION:** The Board approves the Winnetka NC Minutes for February 09, 2016 as amended.
- Motion by: Poer Second: Uebersax.

APPROVED by consensus.

WNC-2016-032216-01

7. Treasurer's Report (Pelaez/Uebersax)

- Update, discussion, and action regarding Winnetka NC finances as needed.
- Presentation of the Treasurer's Report including discussion and possible action to approve the February expenditure report. (Pelaez)
- [Uebersax] has not been able to access the account yet. Met with Janet Hernandez. Has log in but it does not work. When he tried to pay Moore Business the account was linked to wrong account, possibly his error. January and Feb invoices are still in "limbo".
- [Pelaez] hopes to have access by next week.
- [Uebersax] is prepared to pay for food for today and last week with card.
- [Popowich] Several outstanding MERS cannot be submitted. Long conversation by email and was told he could email. Too large to email. Was told to use Googledocs. He was never told previously that he could use Googledocs for submission, or how. Finally told how to submit. Was told the access was created for [POPOWICH] personally. He also asked about payment for newsletter required for election, and NPG we submitted. DONE has found the funding request form and the NPG, on a desk. We are now approved to pay bill for newsletter if we ever get a checking account.
- [Popowich] We received an email from DONE today.
- [Ross-Blumer] The new board will have to really move to get some of these issues settled.
- [Popowich] If we don't get the newsletter out before the election we could be challenged on the election.
- [Lewis] We have requested many times to have the election time changed because it is a poor time for the election.

TABLED: - MOTION: "The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the February, 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report including the US Bank Statement for the month ending in February, 2016. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE."

MOTION tabled because of problems with DONE.

WNC-2016-03216-02
Vote Number not used

FINANCIAL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

8. Discussion and possible action regarding: "PWT Committee requests funds of up to \$200 for supplies for 2016 Spring Clean."
 [Uebersax] This was approved by PWT in Feb. We didn't spend this much before.
 We have some people who have expressed interest in helping. Vendor would be Smart & Final, and /or Lowe's.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding: "PWT Committee requests funds of up to \$800 for snacks/food for 2016 Spring Clean." Vendors: Smart & Final or Valentino's Pizza and or Pizzaria Factory.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding: Moore Business Results Invoice #WNC20160101 for the amount of \$366.53 and issues related to returned check and \$25 returned check fee.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding: Moore Business Results Invoice #WNC20160201 for the amount of \$679.05 and issues related to returned check and \$25 returned check fee.
12. **TABLED:** Discussion and possible action regarding: Funding replacement or repair for Winnetka Park and Recreation Center bulletin board.
13. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two WNC vertical banners from Marco for outreach and meeting use. These banners were previously approved by the WNC, at a lower cost, but were never purchased due to financial issues caused by DONE. (Lewis)
 - **MOTION:** "The Winnetka NC Board approves up to \$530.06 for the purchase of two vertical WNC banners from Marco for outreach and meeting use, and adjusting the Budget accordingly."
14. **MOTION:** To approve all items within the Financial Consent Calendar: "The Winnetka NC Board hereby approves all items contained in the Consent Calendar for March 22, 2016."

Motion by: Ross-Blumer Second by: Reyes-Dunn

APPROVED: Yes 9, No 0, ABST 0, AB 5, INX 0

WNC-2016-062316-03

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	9	0	0	0	5	0

NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the ongoing transition of all necessary information, equipment, and materials from the former WNC Treasurer to the current one. (Lewis)
[Popowich] Has all materials and will transfer. New Secretary will use the new computer.
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding the printer purchased from Office Depot/Office Max which arrived damaged, the lack of cooperation from their customer service, and the inability for DONE to assist with this unacceptable situation. (Lewis)
[Lewis] What can we do with the “new printer” which arrived broken?
[Popowich] Office Depot won’t replace/repair. Told that is too late to bring in for exchange.
[Poer] “Laser Toner” (A service company) might be able to repair the broken printer.
[Pelaez] Thinks all filing can all be done electronically now.

17. Discussion and possible action on the following motion:

MOTION: The Winnetka NC hereby resolves to file a formal complaint against DONE with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the Mayor, regarding DONE's intentional dereliction of their duty, as outlined by the City Charter, to provide support to the City's Neighborhood Councils.

- The Winnetka NC elections, a legal requirement of the Charter, has been placed in jeopardy because of DONE's refusal to review, approve, deny with reasons, or take any action, including providing answers to status inquiries of a duly submitted request for approval of payment for a printing vendor to print and mail the Winnetka NC newsletter which included our call for candidates.
- Additionally, DONE has refused to take action, approve or deny with reasons, submitted Neighborhood Purpose Grants. This action has irrevocably harmed the public opinion of the Council.
- These actions follow on DONE's intentional withholding of support of the previous Treasurer of the Winnetka NC by refusing to mail a replacement purchase card after the previous card was canceled by the financial institution. DONE refused to mail the card, instead demanding that duly employed volunteers take time off of work without compensation to visit a DONE office to pick up a card.
- The lack of a purchase card led the Winnetka NC to be unable to mail required Monthly Expenditure Reports to DONE for several months.
- These actions are clearly indicative of the willful neglect of duty and the intentional efforts by DONE personnel to prevent the Winnetka NC from performing its duties.

The Winnetka NC hereby formally requests BONC begin an investigation into DONE management and procedures and implores the Mayor to eliminate DONE and transfer their responsibilities to a more competent department. (Popowich)

[Response email read by Popowich]

Dear Winnetka Neighborhood Council Board Members:

On behalf of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA), I would first like to thank you for the notification on the Winnetka NC Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 which agendizes your dissatisfaction with the Department’s performance on funding matters. Unfortunately, due to scheduling difficulties, a representative from EmpowerLA’s funding team is unable to attend and respond in person. If you would like to have a Funding representative

attend a future meeting to discuss the details of any past or pending concerns, please let us know and we will be sure to have someone present.

Since we were unable to attend, the Department would like to first and foremost, issue an apology again to the entire Winnetka Neighborhood Council for any errors, mistakes, and delays you have experienced in attending to your funding requests. The Department, in no way claims that mistakes were not made, and is ready and willing to work with you in the future to improve our processes to better serve your needs. We have previously stated the challenges we face in terms of staffing and supporting 96 Neighborhood Councils, their particular needs, special requests, challenges, and unique funding ideas, which may sometimes require extensive research and follow up. EmpowerLA, however, vehemently denies any claim that our failure to provide prompt service to any Neighborhood Council is driven by any refusal to assist, intentional neglect, or self-serving motives. This includes any of the particular issues raised by your Board. EmpowerLA's success as a City Department is directly linked to a thriving Neighborhood Council System, and the success of each individual Neighborhood Council. It is in our best interest to help you achieve your goals. To that end, we encourage an open and respectful dialogue between our Department and your Board on any items of concern, suggestions for improvements, or complaints. It is only through meaningful discourse that we can move forward from this point.

EmpowerLA, always looking to improve ourselves and our service and usefulness to the Neighborhood Councils, created a case management system to record, track, and follow up on active requests. As a result of the recent unfortunate events with your Board, we will be implementing additional follow up procedures, in particular to funding requests. Any case that has been actively open for more than 7 days will automatically be reviewed by a supervisor and addressed with the respective staff person to ensure timely resolution, or status updates for the Neighborhood Council. We invite you to be a part of this process by communicating with us regularly on the status of your requests.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns. We recognize the tremendous service you provide to your community and the City of Los Angeles, as volunteers who work long hours for the good of others.

Sincerely,

Armando Ruiz
Director of Administrative Services
Neighborhood Council Funding Program

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[Popowich] Problems with DONE go back many years. Some problems have taken years to resolve. If we had not put this ON the Agenda there would not have been a response. Getting any action from DONE requires endless emails and calls. Found large accounting error several years ago. DONE is there to support councils. I have to ask their intent. Are they that unprofessional where they can't do basic functions? I've been on the council since 2003. I've had many reasons to walk away but never quite. Not one thing has changed. Charter says we are supposed to be here doing business. The department needs to be dissolved. Is this a question of incompetence or deliberate interference? He has decided to quit from the Office because of these issues. We still don't have a bank account or P-card even now that we have a new Treasurer.

[Reyes-Dunn] No change in sight.

[Uebersax] They are not here to assist but to oversee council. I see more ambivalence. I had a different set of problems when he was Treasurer. Things were simpler. Big problem is they are

forced to work with Union Bank and Controller's office as well as dealing with website and support from Union Bank. They are required to deal with the controller's requirements as well as servicing the councils. Doesn't see why the number of councils has an impact. Many people are leaving DONE. The people I've had to work with are aware and just as exasperated as we are. I don't think they have a grudge. I disagree with the idea that the problems are intentional and think they are just that incompetent.

[Ross-Blumer] It doesn't matter if it's other councils or just us it is affecting our ability to function. Have heard these problems as long as she has been on the board. I support Mr Popowich. and thank him for staying on as long as he did. He deserves applause and, David, thanks for taking it on. I don't think things will change much. It needs to go above their heads. Doesn't think anything will change if we don't complain.

[Lace] Has had the same problems. Worked with those people for a long time. Staffing has been cut. More demand from City Controller. More demands less people. DONE Has had a mass exodus. They all want to go now. I agree with Dave there is general incompetence and less people. Twenty letters went out freezing other council funds. We need to go to city council not only to complain but increase staffing and competence. Starting out negative is not quite appropriate. We should give [Pelaez] a chance to work with them.

[Poer] I politely disagree. It should not be our problem. It was set up to service the Concils. We shouldn't be serving DONE but the other way around. Why should we be spending our time right now talking about it?

[Popowich] DONE is primarily here to serve and oversee us but they are not doing that. We can do what people always do. Let the next guy fix it. Since 2003 the city has gotten away with problems. It may be the Mayor and not the employees. He has a charter, and if he doesn't like it, he should change it. BONC should be dealing with this and they are not. This is the problem with the NC system. Not necessarily the employees. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) are the ones to fix this problem. Union Bank doesn't fly. It's just another example of incompetence.

[Uebersax] I don't disagree. Job as it stands may be more than what Gracie Liu is capable of handling. Funding for more staff is a prime issue. The solution may be to pull funding from DONE and shifting to another department.

[Lace] Sick of DONE funding problems. Funding should be moved to the Controller's Office.

[Pelaez] Feels that they have their own problems. We should be willing to go in with good relations I'm person making the calls. I'm in favor of wiping the slate clean. If I'm the one building relationship with them I ask you to hold off a couple of months. I would rather be the one to handle this. This complaint could make the job harder. This is an emergency meeting and lets move on.

[Owen] Agrees that we should let [Pelaez] deal with it. We should VOTE on this and move on.

[Lewis] Feels we weren't targeted, just affected by incompetence, but our credit is tarnished. Feels Gracie Liu is not good at her job. All these items we spend so much time on should be automatic. New management is needed. We need to function; and we should give [Pelaez] a chance to wipe slate clean and give the new board a chance.

[Uebersax] There are systemic issues. There are too many issues.

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Motion by: Ross-Blumer Second: Owen

FAILED: Yes 3, No 6, ABST 0, REC 0, AB 5, INX 0

WNC-2016-032216-04

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
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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	3	6	0	0	5	0

- 18. **TABLED:** Discussion and possible action regarding completing the purchase/acquisition of the “shotbag” weights for the roll-up banners, as previously approved, but never ordered. (Poer)
- 19. **TABLED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the status of the current WNC Budget and its committee and general allocations, including addressing any adjustments that may be necessary to account for such things as, but not limited to, unexpected cost increases and/or overages, election costs, event changes, all approved yet unpaid bills, and other problems caused by DONE’s handling of our bank accounts. (Lewis)
- 20. **TABLED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the current status of all WNC computer-related equipment and potential upcoming needs, post-election. (Lewis)
- 21. **TABLED:** Discussion and possible action regarding an inventory of all WNC owned items. (Lewis)
- 22. Discussion and possible action regarding participating in the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Inspirational Women of the San Fernando Valley Awards Lunch program, possibly through contribution to SWAG BAGS. (Lace)
 [Lace] Want to work with Winnetka Chamber of Commerce. He is on their board. They chose the “Women of SFV”. We want to add swag. He recommends that we participate in the presentation. We just need to put in the bags they are creating, we need 300 of the same item. 300 Chip Clips or 300 Letter Openers. We will be recognized if we contribute.

MOTION: To contribute 300 letter openers to Chamber of Commerce.
 Motion by: Lewis Second: [Reyes-Dunn]
APPROVED by consensus.

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- 23. Discussion and possible action regarding the need for Election Day volunteers for the Convention Center Polling Site on April 17th. (Lewis)
 - Please email him if you want to volunteer.
- 24. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC 2016 Election newsletter. (Lewis)

25. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC 2016 Election outreach banners. (Lewis)
Kathleen updated the banners from two years ago.

- **MOTION:** To put up the new banners.

Motion by: ...Lewis2nd by: [Reyes-Dunn]

APPROVED by consensus.

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26. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC 2016 Election Day events. (Lewis)

Meet and greet booth (located at least 100 feet from voting area) 12:00N to 5:00pm. Election is from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

27. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC website and social media. (Lewis)

Social media is increasing.

28. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC 2016 Lecture Series. (Lewis)

- First one in April. Greg Sullivan will reprise and update his lecture on drought resistant landscaping.

29. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC Spelling Bee. (Lewis)

[Owen] Did Winnetka Park ever get paid? Spelling Bee is cancelled. Money for Spelling Bee can be used other areas.

30. **TABLED:** - Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC's participation in the local 2016 Memorial Day Parade. (Lewis)

[Lewis] We may have in budget to participate and there is money from the Spelling Bee available now. Should the WNC "booth?" There was very low attendance at booth last year.

31. Discussion and possible action regarding the necessities for the upcoming April and May WNC General Board Meeting Agendas. (Lewis)

[Lewis] Need to make sure we get all the required things done.

[Lace] Need to invite Bob Blumenfield, Bob Sherman, Senator Pavley for swearing in.

MAY Meeting:

- Roll call.
- Swearing in.
- Election of new officers.
- New president sets up committees.

[Uebersax] Should invite County Supervisor.

[Lewis] Committee Chairs: Please have everything ready to send for the new budget.

APRIL Agenda

- Spring Clean.
- Candidates forum?
- Newsletter
- Statements on line.

[Popowich] Should invite all candidates to next Board meeting. Needs to talk about getting awards to board members.

[Uebersax] Have as many certificates as possible.

Steven	Fuhrman
Randolph	Gracia
Tamicka	Green
Matthew	Gregorchuk
Benjamin	Hill
William	Hilliard
Daniel	Nystrom
John	Poer

Cristian Ruiz
Franklin Solis
Ajantha Sriramya

ADDITIONAL REPORTS & MOTIONS

Discussion, board action, and meeting assignments are possible on any of the following reports.

32. Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Ad-Hoc Committee (Lace)

Lace will be chairman. Poer, and Franklyn have shown interest in meeting.

33. Discussion and possible action regarding: Returning motion from Regular General meeting on 03/08/2016.

[Tyler Aguirre] Bill is still being scheduled for committee. SoCal Gas will present mitigation report on April 8 (April 8 is the anticipated date). Site would be shut down for a very long time for inspection. City Council has submitted a resolution in support of the bill SB380 and SB887. The Mayor and City Council supports bill. Wants strong community support.

[Popowich] Not in favor of shutting down. No alternative. All people bought there knowing it was already there and assumed the risk. SoCal Gas has been irresponsible and there should be compensation.

[Lewis] These issues were raised and discussed at the previous meeting.

[Popowich] Why were the homes allowed to begin with?

[Tyler] Bill places restrictions on what can be done at site before all inspections and discussions have been done. Inspections need to be done by independent sources and be totally transparent. No one has yet seen the mitigation report. The facility is very old. No matter what is done, there will be costs to ratepayers.

[Lewis] Next rate increase can't be done until summer of 2018.

[??] Moratorium isn't permanent, just for the emergency. SoCal Gas representative indicated that they may NOT oppose this moratorium. This could be an opportunity to move completely away from gas and go to alternate sources. Already saddled with huge requirements for Southern Calif. This could place a huge burden on the ratepayers.

[Tyler] The City Council has recommended a feasibility study on total renewable energy.

[Lace] Recommends we move on this now.

[Tyler] Shut down would last until everything is determined to be safe for use. The Dept. of Oil and Gas is responsible for determination.

MOTION: The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports submission of a letter to Sen. Pavley encouraging a moratorium on gas injection in the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility so data can be collected concerning continued use. Approve support but support is withdrawn if an effort is made to close down without an alternative that doesn't place a significant burden on the ratepayers. (Ross-Blumer)

Motion by: Ross-Blumer Second by: Reyes-Dunn

APPROVED: Yes 9, No 0, ABST 1

WNC-2016-032216-03

34. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich/Ross-Blumer)]

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 3rd Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- PLUM Cmte Report

35. 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

36. 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

- Probably changing location or date. Possibly moving cancelling or rescheduling, to Pizzaria Factory.

37. Outreach & Social Media Committee Report (Lewis)

- OSM Cmte meetings: 4th Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- OSM Cmte Report
 - 2016 Winnetka NC Lecture Series:
 - Landscaping in a Drought
 - Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00PM
 - Winnetka Convention Center
 - Please join us as we welcome back Landscape Architect Greg Sullivan to reprise his engaging and successful lecture about maintaining a beautiful yard in a drought.
 - Assembly member Matt Dababneh will be hosting a Town Hall (meeting) along with Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and Congressman Brad Sherman. The event will be on Sunday, April 3rd, 2016 at Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills, between 4:00-5:30pm.

38. 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
- Discussion about reallocating funds for the Spelling Bee to other WNC expenditure needs. Due to the financial difficulties of funding with DONE the Youth committee will not market and hold the 1st Annual Winnetka Spelling Bee.
- [Owen] Move some money to Graduation.

39. TABLED: Parliamentarian's Report (Owen/Ross-Blumer)

40. TABLED: Budget & Finance Committee (Uebersax)

41. TABLED: Executive Committee (Lewis)

42. TABLED: Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee (Lewis)

43. LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison (Ross-Blumer)

[Lewis will contact]

44. TABLED: LA DWP Committee/Memorandum of Understanding Cmte Representative

(Uebersax)

- LADWP Cmte/MOU Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Av., Hollywood
- [Uebersax] Hopes to be at next meeting.

45. TABLED: LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Representative (Uebersax)

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

46. TABLED: LA Public Works Liaison (Uebersax)

47. Neighborhood Watch Representative (Owen)

Maldonado is leaving replaced by Jose Moreno.

Letter thanking Maldonado.

Motion to send letter to be created by: Lewis and Reyes-Dunn

Motion by Lewis: Second by [Reyes-Dunn]

APPROVED by consensus.

48. TABLED: Mayor's Budget Representatives (Lerma & Uebersax)

49. TABLED: Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Liaison (vacant)

50. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Representatives (vacant)

- VANC meetings: 2nd Thurs. of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1st fl. Conference rm.
- Board representative and alternate are needed

51. Good of the Order

[Ross-Blumer] Because of all the DONE issues, so near to end of fiscal year, we should get and extension. Usually May 31. Now June 31.

52. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events

- Quarterly review of all NPG requests made during the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

- Discussion and possible action regarding completing the purchase/acquisition of the “shotbag” weights for the roll-up banners, as previously approved, but never ordered. (Poer)
- Discussion and possible action regarding the status of the current WNC Budget and its committee and general allocations, including addressing any adjustments that may be necessary to account for such things as, but not limited to, unexpected cost increases and/or overages, election costs, event changes, all approved yet unpaid bills, and other problems caused by DONE’s handling of our bank accounts. (Lewis)
- Discussion and possible action regarding the current status of all WNC computer-related equipment and potential upcoming needs, post-election. (Lewis)
- Discussion and possible action regarding an inventory of all WNC owned items. (Lewis)
- 3rd and final quarterly review for NPG’s. Have one request for Officer Recognition Day.

53. Adjournment Time: _9:47pm

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)

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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.