



Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 6:30 PM
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Guests: 21

1) GENERAL WELCOME [10 min]

- David Uebersax: This meeting is recorded and will be posted in the cloud. Comments made to all should not take away from the conversations happening in real time. This is just like a public meeting in the real world. If we try to go in the same orderly fashion we always do, everyone will be able to speak. It’s seldom we put a limit on comments, but we want to make sure people aren’t talking over each other as well. This is a public meeting subject to the Brown Act.

2) CONVENE MEETING and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [1 min]

Meeting was convened at 6:35 pm. Erick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL [2 min] – Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Member	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 10	Apr 14*	May 12†	Jun 09†	Jul 14†	Aug 11†	Sep 08†	Oct 13†
Ajantha Sriramya	A	A	A	X	X	X	E	N/A	A	X	X	X	LE	X
Lisa Reeber	L	X	L	X	X	E	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Franklin Solis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	A	A	L	X	X
Steven Fuhrman	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	L/LE
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Lerma	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	N/A	X	X	X	L	A	L
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jill Kline	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Celia Vasquez	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marwa Mulk	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	LE
Ana Karen Estrada	/	X	X	A	X	X	X	N/A	A	A	/	/	/	/
Oswaldo Estrada	/	X	X	A	A	E	E	N/A	A	A	/	/	/	/

X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early
 *Cancelled Meeting, †Virtual Meeting

4) MEETING RULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS [2 min]

- o Erick Lace: Not on the agenda, but behind me are the WNC table covers. I also noticed that the email address on the agenda is misspelled.
- David Uebersax: One of the key things I want to mention is the motion for reconsideration. If there’s something that we spoke about at a previous meeting, and someone voted yes on it, they can bring it back up and vote on it. It’s rare but it happens from time to time.
- Lisa Reeber: David, did you see Officer Zamora’s request to go early?
- David Uebersax: No, I did not.
- Lisa Reeber: She asked to go early because she has another Zoom Meeting. She posted it in the chat window.
- David Uebersax: I didn’t see it because I got booted out of the Zoom call. Would we like to do that first instead of approval of minutes?
- Lisa Reeber: That’s fine, David.
- David Uebersax: Let’s go ahead for government representatives.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: We will review and approve the Minutes as available. [5 min]

A Motion to approve minutes for July 14, 2020 (**WNC-2020-101320-5A**)

Erick Lace moves to approve minutes for the month of July as written. Judith Giglio seconds. **There was no discussion and vote was taken.**

Board Member	Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large	X					
Celia Vasquez	At-Large	X					
David Uebersax	President			X			
Erick Lace	Vice President	X					
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X					
Jill Kline	Assistant Parliamentarian	X					
Judith Giglio	At-Large	X					
Lisa Reeber	Secretary	X					
Vacant	At-Large						
Samantha Ludwig	Treasurer	X					
Steven Fuhman	At-Large				X		
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep			X			
Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Jonathan Vickburg	At-Large					X	

Motion passes 9-0-2

B Motion to approve minutes for August 11, 2020 (WNC-2020-101320-5B)

Judith Giglio moves to approve minutes for the month of August as written. Erick seconds. There was no discussion and vote was taken.

Board Member	Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large	X					
Celia Vasquez	At-Large	X					
David Uebersax	President			X			
Erick Lace	Vice President	X					
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X					
Jill Kline	Assistant Parliamentarian	X					
Judith Giglio	At-Large	X					
Lisa Reeber	Secretary	X					
Vacant	At-Large						
Samantha Ludwig	Treasurer	X					
Steven Fuhman	At-Large				X		
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep			X			
Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Jonathan Vickburg	At-Large					X	

Motion passes 9-0-2

C Motion to approve minutes for September 8, 2020 (WNC-2020-101320-5C)

- Lisa has not sent these minutes out yet.

6) GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES: Updates and reports from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Bob Blumenfield (CM BB), Congressman Brad Sherman, State

Senator Stern, State Assembly Jesse Gabriel, LA County Supervisor Sheila Keuhl, the LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA) and any other local, state, or federal agencies.

- **Officer Zamora SLO LAPD Devonshire:** Thank you for having me tonight. Just a little information I wanted to pass on regarding my area A-81. I cover the area between Lasson and Roscoe and Tampa to Topanga Canyon. This past week I had 19 crimes in my area and that's a huge jump from ten. I had no rapes, no robberies, four aggravated assaults. No burglaries, four grand theft autos, four theft in vehicles and seven vehicle thefts, and I have a cluster of crime happening in my lower area between Roscoe and Parthenia and the De Soto area. We had an increase of shooting calls and shots fired calls in the Wilbur-Roscoe-Tampa area, and to go from ten to 19 crimes, that's a huge jump. We are trying to see if there are any crime trends for the vehicles being broken into. The primary thing is electronic devices. Laptops, kindles, etc. are being stolen. If you're travelling with your devices, make sure you don't leave them visible or take them with you. We have a community awareness day on Oct 20th at the Porter Ranch shopping center in front of Walmart. Myself and my fellow officers will be there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing our masks. I also plan on doing a Winnetka park cleanup. There have been some concerns about transient activity. Unfortunately, we can't kick out people hanging during the day in the park, but at night we are trying to make an effort to close those gates. Unfortunately, the park doesn't have any staff to lock those gates up to prevent people from driving in. I'm having officers lock it up for me. It's not part of their duties, but if they don't have any radio calls we're hoping we can have people do that to prevent narcotic sales and loud music. We just had the disaster preparedness fair this last Saturday. It was a good event, a lot of information was out there. I do have a basic car meeting next Thursday, October 22nd. It will be on Zoom. Unfortunately, my computer crashed at work, so I lost all my emails and contacts so I will have to find that again. I found an email and resent it, and I have some people that have responded, but if you'd like to be added to my roster and receive information about once a week for what's going on in the community. Send an email to 35947@lapd.online and I will add you to the roster. I'm currently trying to find out how to clean the encampments on Independence and Nordhoff, and I also heard some concerns about people living in the brush and having barbecue by an Arco in the area so we are trying to get people on that. I think that's it. If anyone wants to do a neighborhood watch meeting, feel free to email me, I'm doing them from Zoom. I will identify the problem locations in your area and we can discuss whatever your concerns are. For the next Basic Car Meeting, officer David Benavidez will be there to discuss street racing. Other than that I don't have anything to offer right now, but if you have any questions for me, feel free.
- Erick Lace: On the Winnetka Park cleanup, do you have a tentative day on that?
- Officer Zamora: I'm waiting to find out my days off, once I know that I will plan it. It needs to happen before the election, so October 22nd is my last basic car meeting for this year. Next year we plan on having all the Basic Cars together, and in December we're going dark. Until we find out what's happening with the elections, I'm going to try to plan this cleanup for before November.

- Erick Lace: Do you mind if I invite my other group, the Chamber of Commerce for Winnetka, and they're also interested in joining the NHC for certain opportunities. Can they join us?
- Officer Zamora: Invite anyone you want. Also, if kids need service hours for school, I will sign off on those as well.
- Erick Lace: Thank you, I will let the high schools know.
- Celia Vasquez: Thank you officer Zamora for everything you're doing. On the park, I did notice that there were transients hanging in the back of the park by Chase. I didn't know if you had scoped out that area or –
- Officer Zamora: Yeah, the problem with the park is that everyone wants to go there and we can't be there 24/7. I try to drive out there as often as I can when I'm on patrol, and I ask my guys to drive through there as well. I received an email this morning saying the park looked great and clean, then two hours later someone showed up and it was dirty again. We're always going to be cleaning it up until we can identify a place where these individuals can go to, otherwise this will be a place they frequent. We have a lot of people in the neighborhood coming out and offering food to these people. We have a lot of places to get food for these people, but why leave if people are bringing them stuff. I understand where people's hearts are, but it's going to be a rotating wheel. I'm working with General Services, they reached out to me, and like I said, it's not a part of our duties to close the gate, but our officers are glad to do that at the bare minimum when they're not responding to call. The only way to do this is together and continuously doing these cleanups.
- Samantha Ludwig: I have one comment for Officer Zamora. Specific to the Winnetka Rec Center, inasmuch as it's adjacent to a fire station, is there a way to see if they can reach out to them to lock up the gates so it's not falling directly on the PD?
- Officer Zamora: As a matter of fact, I went into the Fire Station because they were making complaints about noise there, so it was a concern on the fire department's part. Officer Pimentel and I spoke and we wanted to see if they would want to be responsible for locking the gates. I hope they take that job from us, but the only issue is clearing people out of the parking lots. There are regulars that hang out in that parking lot, and we know who they are. I already went there and told them they'll get their cars towed if they hang there, so now they're leaving. But it has been brought up.
- David Uebersax: I will note that just now Steve Fuhrman joined the meeting. Steve, we're speaking with Officer Zamora right now.
[Steven joined at 6:59 pm](#)
- Erick Lace: One last question – Officer Zamora, I have a friend who's been kicked out of his house, and he's been going to the park and sleeping in his car, and his reason for staying there is because it's safe. He noted there are other regulars who do that as well. What do we say to those people when you ask them to leave?
- Officer Zamora: There are plenty of places for people. The parks are not monitored and even being in the parking lot of a park is just as unsafe as being down the street in a different parking lot. Unfortunately, he's going to have to look for another location, we can't make exceptions.
- Celia Vasquez: There are so many places too. There are so many beds, there's pamphlets that can be given to him with these resources.

- Franklin Solis: There's an office in Reseda who has a program for a safe place for people to live in their vehicles, you do have to register, but they're allowing people to park and sleep in their cars in the office parking lot.
- Erick Lace: I understand that, but his home that he got kicked out from is close to the park, so I wanted Officer Zamora to know who these people are.
- Officer Zamora: We understand that, and most of the homeless community choose to stay in areas close by. However, in order to get help, some people need to step out of their comfort zones, get the help they need, and not make it a problem for everyone else. I encourage you to tell him about what these people have shared tonight in regards to safe parking.
- **Mikkie Loi, Community Police Advisory Board, Devonshire:** Most of the presentation was on a PowerPoint presentation called "It Can't Wait." It's a non-profit organization that is non-police related, and it sets out 8 procedural rules that if adopted by police departments will reduce police violence by 78%. OVB has used this campaign to explain the changes that LAPD has made over the past year. I'll send you the PowerPoint so you can determine how to share that. Also, the LAPD Valley Traffic commission has a virtual traffic meeting starting at 6 p.m. tomorrow night, so I will send you details if you will share with your constituents later tonight.
- **Tessa Charnofsky** of Supervisor Kuehl's Office: In case you didn't get your ballot information, I can send you a link so you can look up your vote center as well as your drop boxes. The ballots put in the drop boxes are picked up every 48 hours and brought to Norfolk. For Winnetka, the closest location is Winnetka Elementary, and of course it closes on Nov. 3rd. Because I work for the county, I wanted to just remind us that we are still in the most restrictive tier, purple tier one (For Covid-19). We are doing well in a lot of ways, but our case rate fluctuates and is still too high to move us into tier two. It's imperative that we remain wearing masks and that gatherings are not permitted. We should continue to hunker down and stay home, and wear masks when going to businesses. Just wanted to send that reminder. And because you were talking about homelessness, we currently have project room key sites, hotels and motels being leased (about 32 hotels) with 3,600 rooms open. Those are slowly being demobilized, but some of those hotels and motels are being purchased with funds by the state. Currently 23 are being purchased with 1,129 rooms. It's sort of like bridge housing. I also have some grant information, and every week I send out grant opportunities and the like. I will hold off on that for now, but to a few of you on the board, I will make sure you're on my list, and if not I will add you.
- David Uebersax: We appreciate you having your ears open for us and the views and concerns of our stakeholders. Jasmine, would you like to go now, or after the next few shorter presentations?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: They can go first.
- David Uebersax: We have updated our budget guidelines recently, so I'll let Erick go over that. Pat, you go next.
- **Patricia Bates, Budget Advocate:** Hello Winnetka. I did send over a Budget Advocate's

report to Neighborhood Councils to David this afternoon. We did have a meeting with the Mayor's office this week. It was very interesting. I'm not quite sure what to conclude from it other than there's going to be cuts. We're not one hundred percent sure what those cuts are going to be. City departments have been asked to cut 3% from city budgets that have already been reduced. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment decided to take some of their 3% budget cut from funds that the budget advocates had accumulated. These were donations that were meant to support budget advocates. When DONE went to the CAO, that request was turned down. I don't know at this point where they're taking the money from, but there was a lot of opposition to that. Other things that have come up is there's some research being done into where the budget advocates came from. Always interesting to see how these are formed. I put in the chat thing our new website for Budget Advocates. www.budgetadvocate.org It has good information for all of us. Do not hesitate to contact me for any requests, things you want me to put forward, whatever. That said, I'm going to let you get back to work. Thank you. (Handout)

- David Uebersax: Don't go away just yet. It just so happens that this was reported upon from our (LANCC) meeting on Oct 3rd, and is mentioned in an agenda item further down. Did everyone get a copy of this report, I think I tried to share it with the board. (Jumping to agenda item 11D).

Victor arrived to meeting at 7:30 pm.

- **Tara Vahdani**, representative for Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD Board: Hi everyone, my name is Tara and I work for Scott Schmerelson. First, I want to let you know about the local Virtual Town Halls. The October Town Hall is coming up on the 22nd at 6 p.m. If you'd like to sign up, it's right here. I would appreciate your help as a neighborhood council letting people know about these town halls, especially this town hall, where we'll be discussing and reviewing with the community what the Choices Application actually entails. The deadline is November 13th. Again, the one for your cluster of schools is the Cleveland community of schools. Also, for our parents out there, we have an upcoming workshop on Cyberbullying on Wednesday, from 10-11:30 a.m. It'll be recorded so if you can't participate, you can still watch. We're going to have an honest conversation about cyberbullying and how it's changed. There are so many questions and information that parents have so this is just to educate parents and provide resources and strategies for home. Also, next week, we'll be hosting an event to offer strategies to create more balance at home and learn how to have their child leave a positive digital footprint. We want to empower parents and students to participate in this event on Monday from 4-5p.m. I also want to go over LAUSD's testing program. I got tested 2 weeks ago, the test was painless, and right now staff members are required to get tested. The superintendent has invited students and their family member's to also get tested as we build out the program. On most days we test about 4-5,000 people right now, and we want to get that capacity up to 40,000 a day. Students wouldn't be tested every day, it would occur every 2-3 weeks, and offered more frequently if a child at school tests positive. As you can see, based on questions at the last council, we've had about 95 positive cases, and 35 are still active. Just so you know, if your child tests positive for COVID, your child's name wouldn't be revealed to the rest of the school community, that would remain private. What they would know is that a student tested positive and families would be urged to get tested. Some of our schools

started offering in-person tutoring last week. We're hoping to expand that to all our schools soon, with a focus on special needs and English learners first.

- David Uebersax: I had a question – Is there any sense as to the proposed target for heading back more increasingly in the classrooms?
- Tara Vahdani: The county has said that no schools will be allowed to go back until November at least. LAUSD can't open until the county first gets to a good level for it, but with that I can tell you that on the 29th of this month we are hosting a webinar on reopening schools safely. I don't have the fliers for that event at this time, but I will send them as soon as I have them. We're trying to synthesize all the information into a 90 minute event later on.
- Tessa Charnofsky: It's my understanding that students can apply for a waiver. The state does not allow schools to open in tier one unless they're working with just English-language learners and kids with IUP's. Once we get into tier two, that is when we'll start to see more movement, and the County Board of Supervisors has more room to open schools for older kids.
- David Uebersax: Thank you, Tara.
- Tara Vahdani: And thank you Tessa for jumping in.
- **Jasmine Elbarbary**, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Part of new training is training for Planning ([Planning and Land Use Management](#)), so we are planning two virtual seminars for this. It's a training that goes for an hour and a half in order to receive the credit. I've emailed the RSVP link, but please do RSVP for that, especially if you're on the committee to fulfill that planning requirement. We're asking for feedback by survey, and we've started a one-stop shop for all the Neighborhood Council workshops and events taking place. That link is: tiny.cc/ncevents Another event is on October 22nd, it's Social Media and Digital Print outreach for NC's, as well as DIY and media and public relations for NC's. I just want to remind people as well that if you have funding trainings that are expired, get those done so you can vote. I know you guys have also done a great job amending your bylaws and they are current, these are just standards that are minimum, including some micro-changes, that may need to be updated, but I'm happy to go over them with the board before they're implemented.
- Erick Lace: So do I have to do anything, or will you all handle this?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: There's nothing you have to do, I just wanted to talk to you about it before you see the updated bylaws.
- Erick Lace: Please send me an email with that.
- David Uebersax: And we'll want to make sure they have the most recent version of our bylaws.
- Erick Lace: They have the most recent version and they approved it at that time.
- Jasmine Elbarbary: Yes, I have it, I just want to make you all aware of it so you know what's being changed.
- David Uebersax: We appreciate that.
- Jill Kline: Jasmine, I RSVP'd for the social media one, but I haven't received an invite or anything on how to attend. Do you know when that's going to be sent out?

- Jasmine Elbarbary: I don't but I will follow up on that so you know how to join.
- Glenn Bailey: Regarding the bylaws, your youth member age is 16-17 and the city council vote was to make it 14-17, so that's one of the changes that would be imposed, and I didn't hear that being specifically mentioned.
- Erick Lace: And Jasmine, the voting age you're saying for all of us is down to 14?
- Glenn Bailey: No, that won't change, it's still 16 for the at large director's seats.
- Steven Fuhrman: So you're saying we're supposed to actually consider youth reps that cannot vote? I do not understand what the reasoning behind that is.
- Jasmine Elbarbary: I suppose that would've been a question for city council as they were considering reforms, but yes, 14-18 year olds would be able to run for a youth seat and the minimum voting age for all NC board seats would be 16.
- Steven Fuhrman: So you're saying we can have a full on board member that's still a teenager who would have the right to vote, but couldn't on budget issues because they're not able to sign contracts, but we also can have a youth member who wouldn't be able to vote on anything?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: No, a 14-year old could still vote as long as they take their training. They can still vote on CIS and participate through advocacy and outreach efforts that you do. It's just funding and some planning items they can't vote on.
- Steven Fuhrman: Okay, that's perfectly fine, I was just confused because it sounded like they couldn't vote at all. Thank you.
- David Uebersax: If we have this youth rep, do we want to redefine that or is it made moot by the fact that we can have one or more board members that are under the age of 18?
- Erick Lace: I'd like to know, in answer to David's question – We have one youth rep that is required to be age 16 at minimum. Now when you lower the youth rep position down to age 14, is that for the Board seats as well?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: No, it's just for the youth seat. You already have a youth seat, so it's not so much we insert language that it's an option, but it's about modifying what you already have to fit that requirement. The only condition not met right now is the youth seat is specified to be 16 and older, this would update it to 14 and older.
- Glenn Bailey: Just to clarify, since other neighborhood councils have elected positions, but since yours is appointed, then you guys can decide who you want. In other districts it's up to the voters, but in your district it's up to your discretion.
- David Uebersax: Which reminds me, Neighborhood Council elections are coming up, and I want to discuss some of our candidates today, if there's no further questions for Jasmine. I'd like to do that before we go onto minutes.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT: 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 agency. [3 min each, 20 min max]

- David Uebersax: Are there any public comments for anything not already on the agenda?
- **Glenn Bailey:** For the Congress of Neighborhoods, we had all 99 neighborhood councils **attending with** one or more board members, so I appreciate your board for making reservations and attending. It was a very smooth event, and because the seven networking

sections were simultaneous, you may have been interested in what was going on in the other sessions. All the sessions were recorded and are available at www.nccongressla.com and just click on the icon and you can watch the video for what you didn't see, or if you want to see it again. We're now going to talk about what went well and how we can improve, which may include quarterly workshops. Lastly, just a reminder that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets monthly on Zoom. The next meeting is the second Thursday of November, and meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

8) NON-CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A** Discussion and possible action to fill Board Vacancies and update Committee Memberships.
- Pursuant to discussions at the July 14 and August 11 Board Meeting, following our outreach efforts, we have continued to have correspondence from several candidates, including 4 who attended our September 8 Meeting. At that time, in addition to hearing from each of them, the Board voted to encourage them to join our October meeting, at which time the Board can choose to fill any or all of our 3 At Large Board vacancies (expiring in 2023). (Since then, we have heard from several more candidates).
 - ◇ Stakeholders expressing interest have been encouraged to join this call (and if applicable, past Board and/or Committee Meetings). We will be sharing any additional information as to their background, interests, and resume, which will be posted withing the Agenda Packet for this Virtual Meeting.
 - ◇ Board Members may ask any candidates to further explain their background, interest, and areas of focus in which they would engage (on the WNC Board AND Committees).
 - Following any selection of Board Members, they may be sworn in. While they may immediately be a part of ensuing discussions at this September 08 Meeting, eligibility to vote on general motions may (or may not) may be subject to the fulfillment of the normal requirements for Board Members (Ethics Training, Code of Conduct), and/or Financial Motions (Funding Training).
 - David Uebersax: Last month, we had 4 people who attended with interest regarding our three vacancies. We have since received other information from at least one other candidate as well as a lot of other submissions. The motion that passed was to approve two members who had made their presentations. One of those people has decided not to move. So we have 3 of the 3 people on the call last month here. I wanted to give just a couple minutes for them to speak up.

Statements from people running for the vacancies:

- Vanessa: I appreciate you all allowing me to speak, but after further examination, I will not be able to pursue this further.
- David Uebersax: Thank you, and in addition to this, we have 8 seats up for election next year. Somewhere someone might have the dates for when that election might be. Not all NC's have elections, but all elections for this will be done vote by mail and no in-person voting. They decided that one of the alternatives to have one election day for all 99 NC's may not be achievable, so they may break it down by regions. Vanessa, and anyone else who has an

interest can serve on the committees. We have 3 seats open and there's ample opportunity to jump in and we appreciate it.

- Erick Lace: These seats that are open are 4-year seats, so they will go through the 2023 election.

The vacant seats are for 2019-2023 so those elected will fulfil the remainder of the term.

- David Uebersax: Alexander, would you like to go?
- Alexander Tsao: Yes, I'm a lawyer by trade and I grew up in Winnetka. My professional life took me all over the country until 2018 when I bought a home in Winnetka, and a big part of that is because I want to make Winnetka a better place.
- David Uebersax: Jonathan Vickburg.
- Jonathan Vickburg: I'm a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and I know we talked about the Valley Disaster Preparedness fair, and I went a few years ago and the Winnetka NC was not represented, but then I went the year after and Samantha's passion was so infectious, I wanted to make sure that I was prepared to join at a time where I could commit myself to Winnetka NC. I see so many good things in Winnetka and I see so much potential for even more.
- David Uebersax: Shania Accius?
- Shania Accius: I have been a Winnetka resident for 8 years but have been a valley girl for quite some time. I have two children, I am very involved with their school, our community school in Chatsworth. I have also started a girl scout troop in my area with 84 girls from Studio City all the way to Calabasas. We focus on cultural and community events and activities, and it grows every year. I am also the founder of a Non-Profit called Ziwadi Cultural Collective, where we host a Kwanzaa event and Juneteenth event, and we do a lot of outreach and community service. We also like to bring a lot of people and organizations together, and even though these events are focused on the African-American community, we want everyone to be welcome at these events so we can grow and learn from each other and our culture. I would be committed to the four years, I'd love to be in outreach. I've sat in their Zoom meetings before and it's something I'd love to be a part of, as well as Youth Advocacy because children is my passion. I want to do things like the Winnetka park – I'd love to see that improve so my kids and I can feel safe living in our community.
- David Uebersax: I have the resumes that I'll pop up in a second, but I want to make sure there aren't any other questions or candidates. Is there anyone on the call who's sent me an email in the past few days? Some of the other names I had are from Maraya Norris, Gaston Hinostrosa, Elizabeth Pacheco, Steven Smythes, Betty Ross Blumberg who was a former secretary, but she's not able to move forward at this time. We had Felipe Gonzalez, Juan Beserra, Madison Lamereaux, Sheila Kauffman, so there are other people out there, but if they're not on the call right now, I'll consider the motion on if we want to move forward on filling 1, 2 or 3 seats.
- Erick Lace: I'd like to make a motion to have Alexander, Jonathan and Shania to fill the seats we have open.
- Jill Kline: I second.
- Steven Fuhrman: So of the other half a dozen names listed, none of them took the time to join us this evening?

- David Uebersax: That's right. Am I missing anyone else, Jill, who submitted a resume and cover letter?
- Jill Kline: I think one other did, but they're not here tonight, and showing up is my top priority for electing someone. So there was that one other person, but they're not here.
- Erick Lace: Madison wants to stay just with the youth committee and is withdrawing.
- David Uebersax: Right now the motion is for all three, are there any further questions for the candidates?
- Steve Fuhrman: Since we insisted the individuals come to a second meeting to be considered, it wouldn't be fair to Jonathan and Alexander since they've come to their two already, so I'd like to make an alternative motion to vote for filling two of the seats, and wait until the next meeting to fill a third seat.
- Erick Lace: That's true, I'd like to withdraw my motion and second Steven's motion. I hope Shania can attend next month and we can move forward on that.
- Lisa Reeber: Did we say last month that it had to be two board meetings, because the third candidate has been to committee meetings. My understanding, but I might be remembering it wrong, was that it was meetings, not just board meetings.
- Erick Lace: My notes say it's exactly as Steven said, it's attending two board meetings.
- Samantha Ludwig: I pushed for that because I wanted to make sure that people would come back. Shania has made a demonstrable willingness to come back to meetings and follow through with that, but at the same time just for fairness, if we want to hold off I think that'd also be appropriate.
- Alexander Tsao: For what it's worth, I have no reservations or feel it's unfair. If she's come to meetings, as I have, I think it's okay to move forward rather than have a motion for a swearing in of a single member.
- Jill Kline: I agree with Steven's point because I like to see people come back and interact with the board. I did warn everyone that if we did delay your appointment, that was a possibility and a standard that had been set in previous meetings. I agree with Steven on this one and while I'm confident Shania will meet that standard, I just want to follow the standard.
- Lisa Reeber: Any other comments?
- Jill Kline: We haven't actually had a chance yet to ask Shania questions, can we have some time to ask questions as well?
- Erick Lace: We can do that, there's nothing inappropriate.
- Lisa Reeber: Can we take the vote for the two first since that motion is on the floor?
- Erick Lace: Yes.
- Jill Kline: Clarification, it's about appointing two people to fill the three seats, so a yes vote would be to appoint Alexander and Jonathan.
- Steven Fuhrman: I would like to withdraw my initial motion, and instead motion to vote on individuals individually, and to appoint Alexander for the first seat. Erick Seconded. [There was no further discussion and a vote was taken. WNC-2020-101320-8A1](#)

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Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X					
Jill Kline	Assistant Parliamentarian	X					
Judith Giglio	At-Large	X					
Lisa Reeber	Secretary	X					
Vacant	At-Large						
Samantha Ludwig	Treasurer	X					
Steven Fuhman	At-Large	X					
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep	X					
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Motion passes 12-0-0

- Erick Lace: David, can we now continue with the motion to vote for Jonathan separately?
- David Uebersax: Yes, I just have one question for Jasmine, can Alexander vote now that he's been sworn in?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: They won't be able to vote tonight, they still have to complete the trainings.

Erick moved to appoint Jonathan to one of the vacant board seats. Steven seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and a vote was taken. WNC-2020-101320-8A2

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Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large	X					
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David Uebersax	President	X					
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Steven Fuhman	At-Large	X					
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep	X					
Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Vacant	At-Large						

Motion passes 12-0-0

- David Uebersax: I am closing this matter for this month without objection and we will

discuss the third seat next month.

- Jill Kline: We haven't had the opportunity to discuss with Shania, can we still do that.
- David Uebersax: If we are not filling that seat, do we want to have the discussion now or should we wait until next time?
- Erick Lace: I'd like to ask questions now, we did that for Alexander and Jonathan last month.
- Lisa Reeber: We still have a lot on the agenda.
- Erick Lace: So are you suggesting we wait until next month?
- Lisa Reeber: Or until the end of the meeting if we have time.
- Judith Giglio: When I was elected on the board, we didn't have the precedent of having to be here twice, so that two meeting thing to me is kind of a waste of time when we can move onto other things that are pressing, and that's just my take on it. I don't feel that a second meeting is a litmus test for anything because any one of us could get sick or whatever and not be able to show up for any more meetings.
- David Uebersax: Absolutely, and I can give a historical perspective. In the past that has been something we have done where there was that requirement of having been at a meeting or two for this appointment. Judith, we got lucky you've been great, and we had met you before, so you're one who has turned out great without that precedent. Sometimes we've invited people to the meeting not knowing they'd be voted in at that same time, and so this is something we've discussed with the outreach committee. I think it's important to return back to the spirit of the policy we had years ago
- Lisa Reeber: Maybe at a future meeting we put this on the agenda to make this official one way or the other, and maybe go over again the responsibilities for being on a committee that are in the bylaws and set that as an agenda item for further discussion.
- David Uebersax: Erick, do you remember if we had a standing rule for open seats?
- Erick Lace: In the past it has been our standard, first time to introduce themselves and watch us, and then the second time, if they came back twice, they're asking for it, so they are probably more committed at that point. Not to be negative or anything, it's like Vanessa, she looked at it, thought about it for a month, then came back to withdraw, so it gives the candidate the view of if they want to join us or not.
- David Uebersax: That is something that really affects the elections as well, where someone could get elected but may or may not have the ability to continue serving on the board. In addition, two years ago, we didn't have an election because seven people filed the application and there were 7 seats open. Unfortunately, some of the people from that crop weren't able to continue in the long run, and sometimes in the short run, so we understand that it's a big commitment. There is a good argument to be made to hold off on further introductions and move onto the swearing in of candidates, if there's no objections.

Erick swore in Alexander Tsao and Jonathan Vickburg. – 8:30 p.m.

Steven left meeting at 8:33 pm.

- Erick Lace: Shania, do you envision any issues being with us next month?
- Shania Accius: I do not, as I will be here.

- Jill Kline: I just wanted to tell Jonathan, Alexander and Marwa that I'm putting my email in the chat box. It would be great if you could respond with a photo and your email.
- Erick Lace: Jill, shouldn't they send you a quick bio?
- Jill Kline: Yes, but I don't have their emails yet so if they send me an email I can send them those questions.
- David Uebersax: In addition to getting on Distribution lists, I did CC all three of you to start getting those emails starting tonight. There's also information on the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment website as well. We'll want to get that to our webmaster as well so we can get you on those distribution lists.
- Samantha Ludwig: Also, Jonathan and Alex, regarding email, create an email address specific for the Winnetka email address instead of a personal email account.

B Discussion and possible regarding actions being considered for the West Valley Animal Shelter (CF-201114).

- David Uebersax: This is something that came up a month or so ago.
- **Lisa Reeber:** It was requested that each NC reviews this and decides whether or not to approve a Community Impact Statement. First, the proposal from Brenda Barnett the General Manager of the Department of Animal Services, and this is in response to a city request on how to reopen the shelter, her proposal is that it doesn't reopen under the city running it but is made a community center. The proposal goes into detail on what that community center would entail. I also sent a CIS from Porter Ranch and Tarzana for examples on what they said. We've had some people directly email the Winnetka NC board with their thoughts of not approving this and not supporting this. I also sent a letter that someone had written that explains very well that there was a Proposition F that set aside money for the opening of these animal shelters. There's already been one that's been made into a community center. If that happens with West Valley, that leaves just one animal center for the entire Valley. People are concerned that the other shelter would quickly fill and not have the capacity to turn in animals, that West Valley Animal Shelter has major outside areas for larger animals, like horses, while fires are going on. If the shelter closes, that wouldn't be available. I don't know if anybody had the chance to look over this but there's been several town halls. There's not one person who supported this at the town halls I attended. We used public funds to make this and now they want to turn it to private groups. (5 handouts)

Judith motions to oppose [the proposed changes to West Valley Animal Services](#), Erick seconds. Erick also wants to know if they can tack onto Porter Ranch's CIS as they were very direct about it.

- Lisa Reeber: So Judith, are you making a motion to copy the letter from Porter Ranch?
- Judith Giglio: Yes.

Discussion:

- Michelle: I've been a volunteer for the West Valley Animal Shelter for 13 years. The most recent thing is that they're proposing a hybrid model now and that's a really bad idea. We are a home for a lot of sick or abandoned animals. West Valley has always been about 90% full for dogs, so we need all the space. We were over 100% capacity for 6-8 weeks at one point last summer, and we had dogs in temporary folding cages, all the cat cages

were filled. Prior to West LA expanding, they had to house as many as three large dogs in several kennels. That led to safety issues with the dogs, and Prop F was designed to alleviate that. It shouldn't be a surprise that West Valley has the highest intake rate and the lowest save rate. There's no way that one shelter can do this, so please stay on this because she's going to release a new proposal soon, and we need this to be a municipal shelter.

- Erick Lace: What was the purpose of this? Why now?
- Michelle: It's hard to say, the original proposal was designed to address inequality, which really didn't make sense. She was also referencing low cost clinics. We already have a low cost clinic, and you can offer these services without losing kennel space. Then it was budget cuts. When you looked at the number of animal care positions for this year versus last year's budget, it didn't change. I don't know what her new argument is going to be. She had a new meeting today about animal staffing, and there was a presentation given to volunteers on Sunday, where they were presented with a slide about Capacity for Care, and basically it's an ideal of where we'd like to be and have per animal, we've always been over whatever that number is, even in COVID, so I don't see that as a legitimate reason to close a shelter. Closing the shelter would be disastrous.
- Erick Lace: I just want to add that the Porter Ranch CIS speaks to the hybrid negatively.
- Caroline: Also a longterm dogwalker at West Valley. I believe you mentioned this earlier that West Valley makes up over 40% of the city. That would leave us with a single shelter for over 40% of the population. It definitely is a desperately needed shelter. The shelter, as Michelle mentioned, was regularly at full capacity. Where are these animals going to go? And Ms. Barnett keeps saying with COVID we'll need the space. Her first proposal was pretty focused on BlackLivesMatter movement that had nothing to do with kennel space. So when she was publicly laughed out, she then said "budget cuts." Budget cuts could be put through if she got rid of some of the higher managers, as it's become top heavy. Nothing has changed on ground level, she's just added director upon director. Also, in addition to Porter Ranch, Northridge has also written letters notifying their disapproval.
- Kathy: Lived in Porter Ranch for 30 years now, has volunteered at West Valley for 15 years. Ms. Barnett has not been straight to the community, the majority (about 90-95% of people) are opposed. This seems like a stall tactic taking advantage of the COVID crisis and has yet to show how budget constraints are preventing her from opening the shelter. As Michelle said earlier, the head council has remained unchanged from last year. She refuses to go back to normal schedules, which is part of the problem. Today at the commissioners meeting she talked about opening two shelters, but when she mentioned West Valley, she said "Depending on how it goes it might open as a hybrid." There's some agenda she has and she's taking advantage of the crisis we're going through to push this through. In 2000, voters passed Prop F, and she's already given two of the shelters away out of the three that were built. We should get West Valley reopened as soon as possible.
- David Uebersax: I recall controversy with this person for a while.

- Kathy: I think that was back in 2010 maybe? They spent money from Prop F to open that shelter in Mission Hills, then they said they didn't have the staff to run it. All Best Friends did was take dogs and cats and kittens from the remaining six shelters, but the public couldn't see any of it. I think the contract with Best Friends is up at the end of the year. I don't know if that's been extended, but that's the date I last heard. The kennels were only half occupied at Best Friends. This is such a shortsighted solution. The COVID crisis will be over. Why is she doing something so dramatic that will have such a longterm impact on everyone in the community, which other callers hated? That shelter in West Valley has been operating for about 40 years. Last year when we had the fires, I was driving around with animals in the SUV and luckily the fires subsided, but if I didn't have that option I would've had to take them to West Valley.
- David Uebersax: It's a great shelter, and it's awful when we use public funds and then spin it off to other private Non-Profits with less transparency.
- Caller 411: I just want to add that West Valley is the only shelter in the valley that has air conditioning. Just to show the disingenuousness, when the community asked about the air conditioning, her reply was all shelters have air conditioning. What she really means, is all the areas where the staff works have air conditioning, but only West Valley has air conditioning for the animals. It's another way for her to give private property to her private friends. Please do anything you can to stop her hybrid model.
- Jill Kline: If we're moving to copy Porter Ranch, there is a typo I noticed, so we should fix that.
- Erick Lace: Noted. Can I move that we stop the discussion and move forward with the vote on using the Porter Ranch letter with the update for the typo?
- David Uebersax: With no objections, we will move forward with the vote. [WNC-2020-101320-8B](#)

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David Uebersax	President	X					
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Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X					
Jill Kline	Assistant Parliamentarian	X					
Judith Giglio	At-Large	X					
Lisa Reeber	Secretary	X					
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Samantha Ludwig	Treasurer	X					
Steven Furhman	At-Large				X		
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep				X		
Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Jonathan Vickburg	At-Large					X	

Motion passes 10-0-0
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9) TREASURER’S REPORT: (Ludwig/Uebersax) Discussion and possible action regarding the status of Winnetka NC finances, Funding portal, and any additional reports as needed. [20min]

A Discussion, review, and approve Monthly Expense Reports (MER) for August 2020

- “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.” (Ludwig//Uebersax) **(WNC-2020-101320-9A) MER not available.**

B Discussion, review, and approve Monthly Expense Reports (MER) for September 2020

- “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the September 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.” (Ludwig//Uebersax) **(WNC-2020-101320-9B)**

- Samantha Ludwig showed a PDF of the MERS.
 - ◇ For the month of September, there was money spent in the Office and Outreach categories.
 - ◇ The first expenditure is extra space storage - \$244/mo.
 - ◇ ConstantContact – The monthly charge for email service - \$45/mo
 - ◇ Wendy Moore, Web Manager for the website - \$556.92 for July services
 - ◇ Line Item 4 is also for Wendy for the month of August - \$497.42
 - ◇ Line Item 5 is also for Wendy for the month of June - \$399.84
- Samantha Ludwig then showed the receipts of the transactions.

Erick Lace motioned to approve the September MER Report as written, Judith seconds. **There was no discussion and a vote was taken.**

David notes that AJ Sriramya and Victor Lerma have not retaken the funding trainings recently so are not able to vote on this MERS.

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Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Jonathan Vickburg	At-Large					X	

Motion passes 8-0-0

- Samantha Ludwig notes that a contract needs to be set up with Wendy. Erick notes that she may have a standard contract from her work with other NC's.

10)REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS:

A Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Reeber) [20 min]

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
 - ◇ General update on Committee plans and activity.
 - ◇ Discussion and possible Action in regards to the proposed Proposed Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils as agendized for Discussion and Possible Action at the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) meeting on October 6th. The Committee voted at our meeting today to recommend that the board not support these guidelines. (See also LANCC Motion below).
- David Uebersax: One of the things that came out of the outreach meeting last week was the new social media policy. First I'll let Lisa move forward with her committee report.
- Lisa Reeber: I was out of state for the last meeting, if someone else wants to discuss the latest.
- Samantha Ludwig: I can. We had hoped to have the newsletter out at this point, but we're a bit behind on that. We've shifted our date on that and we're looking to do it more as a recap. We're now looking to do it as almost a 2020 year end review and we'll get it out closer to the end of the year. That'll give us more time to pull it together.
- Jill Kline: We have plenty of need for help on this committee and are always looking for active members, so if you're interested in serving on it, we meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. We'll try and get that on the agenda to make it official to appoint new members to that board for people who are interested. The other thing we discussed is there's a recommendation for BONC Neighborhood Outreach and Communications policy. Wendy made a great summary of her concerns of this policy. David may have it available. Overall, my thoughts on this is that this policy makes it very difficult for a volunteer board to effectively communicate and restricts our outreach efforts. We're only allowed to comment on board approved events, if it's a community event we have to get board approval to publish or publicize those events. This also includes school events, etc. We can only publicize things that are approved by the board or that we sponsor. I don't think that's appropriate. I think our call to get people involved in the community, we need broader capabilities. This also really restricts things like – we can't, on our personal social medias, we can't have anything connected to the Winnetka NC or show any images of us wearing apparel related to Winnetka NC. It's just really restrictive. I also personally feel that we should utilize our own channels and community members should be aware that we are on this board and should be aware of who they can turn to, whether that's through social media or email. This says we can't have our affiliation with Winnetka NC on any social media channels, including LinkedIn. It also requires comments and social media channels to be monitored daily. Right now, I do monitor daily, but if I'm on vacation or just have a busy day and don't get around to it, that would be a violation as well. I think for a volunteer board to require that daily monitoring is absurd. What I had in mind was more training on

how to be more effective with our communication, not restrictive. I think they totally took that the wrong way. I would like to move that, as a council, we vote to reject or not approve these policies as is. (Handout)

Ajantha and Judith and Marwa left meeting at 9:30 pm.

Jill motions to reject or not approve these policies as they're currently written. Erick seconds.

David notes there's a similar motion further down on the agenda, asked Jill if she'd like to adopt that language into the motion. David read the motion in 11D of the agenda.

Jill would like to be stronger and say that as they are written, the board strongly disapproves of the policy.

Jill motions that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council opposes implementation of the digital outreach policy proposed by BONC. WNC requests that the Department OF Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and/or BONC conducts outreach to all 99 Neighborhood Councils to explain this proposed policy, the rationale for it, and receive feedback directly, before BONC moves ahead with further Action. Erick Seconds. There was no further discussion and a vote was taken. WNC-2020-101320-11D1

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Alexander Tsao	At-Large					X	
Jonathan Vickburg	At-Large					X	

Motion passes 8-0-0

- Celia Vasquez: Is this policy in effect yet? Should I not be sharing things we're doing on my Facebook feed?
- Jill Kline: You can share but you have to turn off comments because that would imply discussion that you're not supposed to have outside a neighborhood meeting. It's not in place now so don't worry about it currently.
- Glenn Bailey: The board of neighborhood commissioner's at about 11 o'clock at night decided to have this open for Neighborhood Council Input through the month of January, and they would then consider at they're February meeting. You can file a CIS once you take your action, and that will allow you some additional time to make your CIS. They don't seem to know NC's have done it, so you do have to bring it to their attention. Their next meeting is the third Monday of this month at 1 p.m.

- David Uebersax: We also wanted to insist that they attend all 99 neighborhood councils. The fact that there's a CIS tool is good to know, another reason why we'll get Lisa, I or other designees for that tool.

B Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report (Uebersax) [10 min]

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - ◇ General update on Committee plans and activity.
 - ◇ Discussion as to membership, and the new mandatory training now being implemented for those who serve on Neighborhood Council PLUM committees.
- David Uebersax: I'm going to skip the meeting this month.
- Alexander Tsao: I have some interest in joining PLUM but you can push to another month if it's efficient to do so.
- David Uebersax: I'm going to devote our time to the new training regimen. It's a difficult week for me to coordinate getting the trainings to you, but I'll try to get that to you so we can get the ball rolling.

C Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report (Uebersax) [10 min]

- NOTICE: Meetings are held at the WCC on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
 - ◇ General update on Committee plans and activity.
- David Uebersax: Met last month, will most likely meet again next month.

D Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) Report (Lace) [5 min]

- NOTICE: The YAC Committee Meeting as needed
 - ◇ General update on Committee plans and activity
- Erick Lace: We can always use another person on Youth Advocacy because right now are numbers are at six, and we can have up to 7 according to the bylaws. Alexander, Jonathan, if you are interested in Youth Activities, we work with the schools and any other groups that Marwa, our youth rep, has interest in. If you'd just like to monitor or attend one of our meetings, you can do that as well. We don't have meetings every month, we have them when things come up.

E Public Safety Committee (PSC) Report (Ludwig) [5 min]

- NOTICE: Meetings TBD **No report**

F Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig/Uebersax) [2 min]

- NOTICE: Meeting TBD **No report**

G Elections & By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Uebersax) [2 min]

- NOTICE: Meeting TBD **No report**

11) OFFICER & LIAISON REPORTS:

A President's Report (Uebersax) [5 min] **No report**

B Secretary's Report (Reeber/Lerma) [4 min] **No report**

C LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee Report (Uebersax) [2min] [No report](#)

D LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Report: (Uebersax): [10 min]

- The following Motions were passed at the October 3 LANCC Meeting, with recommendations for discussion and possible adaption by Member NC's:
 - ◇ Following the presentation of the Proposed Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils, LANCC Requests that the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) vote at its upcoming October 6th meeting to postpone action on this, for a period of 90 days. Further, that the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and/or BONC conducts outreach to all 99 Neighborhood Councils to explain this proposed policy, the rationale for it, and receive feedback directly, before BONC moves ahead with further Action.
 - ◇ Following the presentation by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, LANCC recommends that NC's act to oppose any money being taken from The Budget Advocates, Congress, and similar dedicated accounts, without a full open discussion and with the Neighborhood Councils.

- Glenn Bailey: We wanted to stand firm that any funds donated should be kept in use for their intended purposes. The CAO is taking the \$30,000 that's annually provided, but they've got to go back to the drawing board to find out where to squeeze the remaining \$54,000.
- David Uebersax: Unless there's an objection, I am prepared to address this motion at this time. But first, I have readmitted Tara. Tara, we're about to follow up on a discussion item on Budget Advocates, and a motion we had further on the agenda. Can we carry on or do you want to go?
- Tara Vahdani: Go ahead, I had to hop on another Zoom call.
- David Uebersax: Going forward—
- Jill Kline: Sorry David, I just wanted to mention we talked about putting in new board members before voting, so I just wanted to bring that up.
- Lisa Reeber: They won't be able to vote anyways because they haven't completed their training.
- Jill Kline: In that case, carry on David!
- David Uebersax: I will first make the motion that what was proposed by the CAO, the Winnetka NC is voting "no" on the reappropriation of those funds. Do I have a second?

David motions, Erick seconds.

- David Uebersax: The question is whether there are funds allocated for a budgeted event. We certainly understand the need to be able to answer to the mayor. However, sometimes the budget cuts that hit us are disproportionate to the hits in other departments, so we try to fight for that. We also don't want to have the reduced budget that we have. We had \$50,000, down to \$34,000, up to \$37,000, back to \$32,000. To have budgets for events diverted again is disconcerting, so that's why we came up with this. If neighborhood councils had set aside their money and put it in a special fund, we wanted to have a full

explanation as to the needs for this, is there any further discussion for this?

- Steven Fuhrman: Have they identified what they want to use that money for that they are going to try to take away? Or is it going to the special fund.
- David Uebersax: Pat, do you want to address that?
- Patricia Bates: My understanding is that it will go back to their general fund portion from the allocation of their general fund. They were asked to reduce the budget by 3% and in lieu of further cuts, they were going to try to take the money.
- Glenn Bailey: It's all city departments, not just DONE, were asked for 3% and it's because the city has even more deficit at this time than they anticipated when they adopted their budget. It's grown, and it could grow more, so there could be another cycle, but this is the cycle where the city governments are having to give up their 3%.
- David Uebersax: The motion is: Following the presentation by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates at the October 3 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Virtual meeting, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council hereby opposes any money being taken from the budget advocates, Congress of Neighborhoods, and similar dedicated accounts, without a full open discussion with the Neighborhood Councils.

David Motions, Erick seconds. [WNC-2020-101320-11D](#)

- Jill Kline: Why are we voting if the money's been taken?
- Glenn Bailey: It hasn't been taken, this was an announcement that was not taken well.
- David Uebersax: We have the option to specify if we just mean NC's contributions, or other things.
- Erick Lace: I'd like to call the question to a vote.
- David Uebersax: Without objection we'll go ahead to the vote. Before I take the vote, I'm going to ask Jasmine, do I need to clarify the status on the item, or do they need renewed budget training?
- Jasmine Elbarbary: You can just treat it like a CIS.

Motion passes 12-0-0

Board Member	Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Ajantha Sriramy	At-Large	X					
Celia Vasquez	At-Large	X					
David Uebersax	President	X					
Erick Lace	Vice President	X					
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X					
Jill Kline	Assistant Parliamentarian	X					
Judith Giglio	At-Large	X					
Lisa Reeber	Secretary	X					
Vacant	At-Large						
Samantha Ludwig	Treasurer	X					
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X					
Victor Lerma	Assistant Secretary	X					
Marwa Mulk	Youth Rep	X					
Vacant	At-Large						
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- E Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Report: (Reeber) [5 Min]
- F West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness Report: (Lace) [5 Min]
- G LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison Report: (Solis) [2 min]
- H LA Public Works Liaison Report: (Uebersax) [2 min]

12)GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min] – There were no further comments.

13)MEETING ADJOURNED Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm
Meeting minutes in black done by Charles Newman, Apple One Minute Taker
Meeting minutes adjusted in purple by Lisa Reeber, WNC Secretary
Meeting Minutes approved on 11-8-20

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- The Winnetka NC Board Secretary via email at secretary@winnetkanc.com, or
- The Winnetka NC President at 818-992-1650, or via email at duebersax@winnetkanc.com.

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

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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