



Winnetka Neighborhood Council GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:30 PM

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

(Located next to Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

With Live Streaming Teleconference using Zoom

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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.

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IN N CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, or per the following:

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. AB 361 UPDATES: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS

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., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com. Additionally, supporting documents distributed to Board Members pertaining to Agenda Items will be posted for Download as well. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at the website: <https://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils>

1) GENERAL WELCOME [5 min]

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

3) **BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL** [2 min]

Board Member	May 10	May 18†	Jun 14	Ju 12	Aug 10	Sep 13	Oct 11	Oct 13 †	Nov 8	Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 8†	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 11
Ajantha Sriramy	X	A	A	A	L	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	X	L	X
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	A	A	X	X	A	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	online
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	LE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alexander Tsao	X	A	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	LE
Jonathan Vickburg	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shania Accius	X	E	X	X	X	X	LE	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	/
Victor Lerma	L	L	X	L	L	LE	L	L	X	A	L	A	L	L	X
Mikhail Maniyan	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	A	X	X	X
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	online
Melissa Pressman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
Keith Sader	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	A	X	X	A	A	X	A	X
Stephen Wheatly	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	L	X	L	X	L	X	online
Holden Tsao	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	A	X	LE
Marwa Mulk	LE	LE	X	X	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Jill Kline	X	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

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

Meeting began at 6:35. Alex and Holden left at 9:05.

David: Rules and online board member rules

Mario from DONE: Speaking on a board member, Shania, who was removed due to training and bylaws.

4) **MEETING RULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Board may take action on any item on the agenda, which may be taken out of order.

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

A Motion to approve minutes for October 13, 2022 (**WNC-2023-0411-5A**)

B Motion to approve minutes for February 14, 2023 (**WNC-2023-0411-5B**)

C Motion to approve minutes for March 14, 2023 (**WNC-2023-0411-5C**)

6) **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

A Updates/reports from officials/representatives of the offices of Mayor Bass, City Council District

3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, State Assembly Jesse Gabriel, US Congress member Brad Sherman, LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, LAUSD Board Members Scott Schmerelson and/or Nick Melvoin, LAPD and/or CPAB, LAFD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA), Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, other local, state, or federal agencies.

Aaron Carrera on behalf of Bob Blumenfield: Runnymede Park - April 17 will begin the improvements on the park, with a removal and new installation of the children's play area and shade structures. ADA access and picnic tables, etc.

Winnetka Park - Outdoor improvements, such as lighting and cameras have been delayed, not much progress has been made. He is going to get his superiors involved to try and push it forward. Additional tree structure has been requested at the park. Parks and Rec requests have been requested to have additional trees. A proposal has been provided for the new trees. The proposal will be taken to Councilmember Bob Blumenfield.

Auto shop on the corner of Winnetka and Roscoe - requests have been made for signage for 2 hour limits near the auto body shop. Dept of transportation and LAPD have noted that the auto shop have stored an excess of customer vehicles on the street. Request is being processed. 6-8 week process.

Mason between Victory & Van Owen - parking signage has been posted for no overnight parking. Abandoned vehicles have been removed to the best of availability. One RV remains and is occupied. They are working with the homelessness personnel to reach out.

Private land on Van Owen / DeSoto - March 20 dept of building and safety formally moved the case to the LA City attorney's office. April 18, 2023 is mandated to be in compliance with the building and safety codes. After that time, it will be considered for criminal charges.

Sat April 29, 10-1 - Michaelson found animals & Bob Blumenfield's office is hosting a Pet Wellness Day event. Vendors will have appointments available for services at the event.

Saturday April 15, 11-1 - SLO Poepke will host a Coffee With A Cop event at Runnymede Park.

LA Sanitation Curbside organics program - an effort to reduce organic food waste. All organic food waste should go in the green bin. Free Kitchen pail is available from the city. One per house address.

Proposed a motion for the WNC to support the shade and tree coverage action at Winnetka Park.

Mario from DONE: conflict rules. 2023 planning meeting. Sat, Sept 23 at City Hall for Congress of Neighborhoods. Free and open to the public.

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]

8) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** (Ludwig/Uebersax) Discussion and possible Action regarding the status of Winnetka NC finances, Funding portal, and any additional reports as needed.

A Discussion, review, and approval of Monthly Expense Reports (MER) for March 2023

- MOTION: “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the March 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.” (Ludwig//Uebersax) **(WNC-2023-0411-8A)**

Samantha: Motion to approve the March MER as presented, Erick seconded

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya	X					
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Judith Giglio						
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Alexander Tsao	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Shania Accius						
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Melissa Pressman						
Keith Sader	X					
Steven Wheatley						X
Holden Tsao				X		

Approved (9 Yes, 1 Ineligible, 2 absent)

B Follow-up discussion regarding detail of WNC branded items to be purchased per December approval of up to \$5000 to be used as supplies are being expended again for in-person events.

9) **NON-CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A Discussion and Action regarding 2023 Neighborhood Council Elections, which will be conducted through a hybrid election model, which provides At-Poll elections along with the option to Vote-By-Mail for every NC:

- Ad Hoc Committee Report.
- DONE and City Clerk’s office coordination.

B WNC Board: Discussion about Return to In-Person and/or Hybrid meetings, upcoming vacancies, DONE roster updates; Monthly Profile report, regarding lapsed or unrecorded training; status of those not showing as fulfilling attendance or Committee Membership obligations.

Samantha: Discussion of training dates and expiration.

Discussion of LAUSD schools as a facility for meetings.

John Hales: \$38/hr for LAUSD facilities per hour is the standard rate at the schools.

- C Discussion- and possible action with regards to issues relating to Winnetka as part of cooperation and outreach with CM Blumenfield and staff.
- City Council actions relating to Ordinance [Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code](#) relating to use/maintenance of public right-of-way and Part 2 determinations and signage ([CF 20-1376-S1](#)) at locations such as Winnetka Park and alleys at Penfield (North of Roscoe, east from Winnetka) and behind businesses at N/W corner of Mason and Roscoe.

Aaron Carrera on behalf of Bob Blumenfield: New Council members have differing opinions on 41.18, which may impact new locations being approved.

- Other updates including Runnymede Park hours, Mason Street RV Parking, etc.
- D Planning and logistics for participation in the upcoming events:
- Earth Day activities for April 22, 2023:
 - ◇ WNC Annual Spring Clean Event planned for by Public Works and Transportation Committee to be based at Winnetka Park/Recreation Center with satellite location at Runnymede Park if possible:

David: Setup at 9am. Tables and canopy can be provided from storage.

- (a) Budget updated to specify up to \$300 for food following event, and up to \$200 for printing of event fliers.
- (b) Possible coordination with Public Safety Committee for a 'Congress' of Neighborhood Watch groups).
- (c) Ancillary displays regarding the Palm Vista Apartment Complex Project, with Hollywood Community Housing on hand to share applications and answer questions.
 - ◇ Volunteers Cleaning Communities (<https://volunteerscleaningcommunities.com>) has proposed (in addition to their Adopt A Street programs) a Valley wide Cleanup of Sherman Way from Fallbrook to Vineland.
- Motion to participate in the Sutter Middle School Family Night now (tentatively) rescheduled for April 20, 5-7 pm. (Erick is available to attend the booth representing WNC.)

Erick motions for WNC to participate, seconded by Samantha.

Passed by consensus

- Other Ongoing: Los Angeles River cleanups by LA River Walkers and Watchers (larww.org) and on the last Saturday of each month.
 - Report on recent events, including the Disaster Preparedness Fair on March 25 at Pierce College and Winnetka Recreation Center Spring Egg Hunt Event on April 8th.
- E Discussion and Action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for OneGeneration, to support its Senior Symposium (as we have in the past) on May 20, 2023. The request is for \$1000 for Booth, Canopy, Table with 2 chairs, and inclusion of logo on flyers, banners, programs and other outreach materials.

Niambi Cooper from ONEgeneration: Saturday, May 20 event, 9am-12pm. Senior resources - Educational presentations, vaccine clinics, CAL Fresh, housing assistance, food banks, supportive services, etc. 100% free. Grant would cover essential resources. Would like WNC to attend and participate.

Erick motions to approve this NPG, Jonathan seconded

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya	X					
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Judith Giglio						
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Alexander Tsao	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Shania Accius						
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan	X					
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Melissa Pressman						
Keith Sader	X					
Steven Wheatley						X
Holden Tsao				X		

Approved (10 Yes, 1 Ineligible, 1 absent)

F Updated on proposed design, construction/installation schedule, and opening of upgraded playground at Runnymede Park.

10)REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS (Including return to Live or Hybrid Meetings):

A Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report (Uebersax)

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- General update on Committee plans and activity, including return to in person meeting (with possible Live Streaming) on Tuesday, April 18, including:
 - (a) 20112 Chase Street: Vesting Zone Change and Vesting Tentative Tract for Small Subdivision <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjYyODIz0>
 - (b) Update from Hollywood Community Housing regarding Palm Vista Apartments at 20116 Sherman Way, now accepting applications for Low-Income Housing with tenancy starting August 1, 2023: <https://hollywoodhousing.org/palm-vista-apartments-available-to-lease/>
- Update training being implemented for those who serve on NC PLUM committees.

B Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report Uebersax)

- Discussion: Meetings as needed currently on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00
- General update on Committee plans and activity.
- New initiatives including working with Bureau of Street Surfaces to promulgate solutions to potholes in the wake of winter rains, including possible use of the WNC website PWT Committee page for a form for stakeholders to share possible MyLA311 entries. Also, noticing many faded street signs mounted to overhead traffic signals, pursuing an inventory,

working with CD3, BSS, or Department of Transportation to understand options.

C Public Safety Committee (PSC) Report (Vickburg)

- Discussion: Meetings as needed currently on the 4th Wednesday of the month
- General update on Committee plans and activity.

Jonathan: Having speakers has given them more interest, so they are hoping to continue.

D Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Ludwig)

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- General update on Committee plans and activity, including possible status update of the pending Newsletter, and the Utility Box mural projects.
- Discussion and possible Action regarding design and posting of street banners (WNC previously worked with Triple A Flag and Banner, CD3, and/or other City Departments.

E Rules Elections & By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Lace)

- NOTICE: Meeting TBD
- Update and discussion regarding costs for translation of Bylaws into Spanish.

F Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) Report (Lace)

- NOTICE: The YAC Committee Meeting as needed.
- General update on Committee plans and activity.

G Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)

- NOTICE: Meeting TBD

11) REPORTS, APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF LIAISONS:

- A LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee Report
- B LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
- C Los Angeles Budget Advocate
- D Community Impact Statement Signatories
- E Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)
- F West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness
- G LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison
- H Sustainability Alliance
- I Emergency Preparedness
- J Data Liaison
- K Grievance Panel

12) GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

13) MEETING ADJOURNED

9:33

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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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.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Winnetka NC Board Secretary via email at ECHAPMAN@WINNETKANC.COM or email duebersax@winnetkanc.com.

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.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION

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