



# Winnetka Neighborhood Council

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12 , 2024 6:30 PM



**Best Western Hotel – Winnetka Convention Center**  
 20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 91306  
 (Located in the Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

President	Treasurer	Secretary	Parliamentarian
Mihran Kalaydjian	Samantha Ludwig	Elizabeth Chapman	Mikhail Anthony Maniyan
Vice-President			
Erick Lace			
Board Members			
David Uebersax	<b>Vacant Seat</b>	Roy Hadavi	Ajantha Sriramya
Jonathan Vickburg	Robert Stewart	<b>Vacant Seat</b>	
Victor Lerma	Judith Giglio	Holden Tsao - Youth Representative	

- 1) **GENERAL WELCOME** [5 min]
- 2) **CONVENE MEETING and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [1 min]
- 3) **BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL** [2 min]

BOARD MEMBER	2/13/24	3/12/24	Apr 11	Jun 13	July 11	Aug 8	Sept 12	Oct 12	Nov 14	Dec 12
Ajantha Sriramya	LE	X	X	A	A	A	X	X	X	E
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	L
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	A
Victor Lerma	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	A	X
Mikhail Maniyan	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	Online	X	V	X	X	/	X	X	A	X
Holden Tsao	X	X	LE	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	X	X	/	/	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roy Hadavi	X	X	/	/	X	X	E	L	X	A
Robert Stewart	X	A	/	/	X	X	X	E	X	X
Janet Burt	/		/	/	X	X	E	A	X	X
David Bassani	/						LE	A	A	/

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

Quorum met: 11 present, 1 absent, 2 vacancies

4) **Secretary:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC February Minutes

Elizabeth's motion to approve February Minutes as presented, seconded by Roy.  
Approved by consensus

5) **Our Guest Speaker** – Director, Local Government Relations Leor Alpern. The guest speaker will discuss about Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project to include a direct station from the San Fernando Valley to the UCLA campus with a seamless connection to the Purple/D Line at Westwood Village.

Presentation of Sepulveda Transit Corridor for All. <https://www.stc4all.org/>

6) **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

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 Congressman 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), other local, state, or federal agencies.

SLO People: crime stats. 2nd thursday of every month at 6pm in the community room at 21501 Schoenborn St. Canoga Park, CA 91304  
Car theft is up right now.

Battalion Fire Chief: join CERT. Get disaster training. They are still hiring.

Senator Menjivar representative: SB291 - school greening project, SB1112 - child screenings, other bills in the works. June 29 community event for PRIDE - save the date

Jesse Gabriel representative: Day of Service at Pierce 4/14/24 - lots of different projects for all ages. Sunday at 9:30am Register at: [www.bit.ly/VDS2024](http://www.bit.ly/VDS2024)

Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative: audit being done of LAHSA. <https://www.lahsa.org/>

Bob Blumenfield representative: Winnetka park - Security cameras and lights are approved. Constructions to be scheduled. Fence to be added near the daycare center. Locks have been added to the bins. Permanent signage to be added re: closing of the park gate / overnight parking. Saturday March 30 - Easter egg hunt (ages 1-12) Carnival.

Budget Advocates - June 15, 2024 day.

7) **Officer Reports (3 minutes)**

**President – Mihran Kalaydjian**

Please provide NPG requests to the President and treasurer prior to the meeting. Send all committee meetings to President prior to the month.

**Vice President – Erick Lace**

Please give minutes / agendas to Erick for the Public Book.

**Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig**

**Parliamentarian – Mikhail Maniyan**

**Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman**

- 8) **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. [2 min each]

Anthony, Parent of a child at the Winnetka Park preschool. Thank you for all of the improvements at the preschool

Dave Brown - April 6 fundraiser

<https://www.woodlandhillscs.net/gratefulhearts.php>

Shania - Zawadi Cultural collective - Food distribution every Saturday at 10am, 7911 Winnetka Ave

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

9) **TREASURER’S Action Item’s (Ludwig)**

- Motion to approve February 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report and authorize the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.

Tabled motion due to an error on a receipt and unable to generate report.

Taking action City Governance Reform ( Mihran)

- 10) Motion and possible discussion to draft a letter to Metro of support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project to include a direct station from the San Fernando Valley to the UCLA campus with a seamless connection to the Purple/D Line at Westwood Village

Motion and possible discussion to draft a letter to Metro of support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project to include a direct station from the San Fernando Valley through the UCLA campus with a seamless connection to the Purple/D Line at Westwood Village, Seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy	X					
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan	X					
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Holden Tsao	X					

Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi		X				

Approved (11 yes, 1 no, 1 absent)

**Draft letter to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority**

**Re: Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) project**

Dear Ms. Molen,

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council writing to express our strong support for ensuring that the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) has a direct connection to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a connection to the D Line (Purple Line) Extension, a plan that has great potential to increase transit ridership.

Emissions from the transportation sector account for approximately 50% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the state, and the adoption of zero-emission vehicles alone is not enough to meet the state’s climate goals. According to the California Air Resources Board, a 14.3% reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is necessary for the state to meet its 2050 climate goals. Promoting transit will help us reduce our dependence on automobiles.

Connecting transit riders to jobs is imperative if we are going to reach our GHG reduction goals. This means that the STC must be built in a way that not only benefits existing transit riders, but also encourages mode shift for the 500,000 people that drive through this corridor every weekday.

UCLA is the fourth largest employer in Los Angeles County. The campus has a daytime population of over 84,000 people, including more than 37,000 on-campus employees. Approximately 26% of UCLA commuters come from north of the campus.

A direct connection to UCLA is necessary to reduce travel times and perceived wait times. Research has shown that travel time is the strongest predictor of mode choice when deciding between riding transit and driving a car. Waiting time, in particular, tends to be perceived negatively by transit users, with riders often perceiving wait times for transit vehicles to arrive as significantly longer than they really are, anywhere between 1.2 to 4.4 times longer.

Using a transit connector to UCLA would increase travel and perceived wait times, discouraging people from choosing Transit as an option. On the other hand, a seamless connection to the Purple Line would reduce travel times and perceived wait times, making people more likely to choose transit.

Building any new transit lines in Los Angeles County will be a massive and costly undertaking. Bearing that in mind, LA Metro should prioritize funding for projects that are most likely to increase ridership in the region and reduce VMT. Adding a direct connection to our region’s third largest employer to the STC, as well as an easy connection to the Purple Line, has the potential to increase ridership and improve our overall transit system.

Sincerely,  
Winnetka Neighborhood Council

Cc: Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Honorable Lindsay Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Honorable Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Honorable Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Honorable Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Honorable Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Honorable Paul Krekorian, Councilman, Los Angeles City Council, District 2  
 Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Councilman, Los Angeles City Council, District 3  
 Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, Los Angeles City Council, District 5  
 Honorable Imelda Padilla, Councilwoman, Los Angeles City Council, District 6  
 Honorable Brad Sherman, Congressman, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

**11) Discussion and Possible Action to join Coalition for an Equitable Sepulveda Transit Corridor**  
 ([www.STC4ALL.org](http://www.STC4ALL.org))

Motion to join Coalition for an Equitable Sepulveda Transit Corridor, Seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy	X					
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan	X					
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Holden Tsao	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 absent)  
 Mario recommended tabling this motion

**12) Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report (Uebersax)**

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

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- **Scheduled for March 19:** 20839 W ROSCOE BLVD - Plan Approval for sales of a full line of alcohol beverages for off-site consumption with an existing pharmacy/store.

(a) ENV-2023-4046-CE -

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQ30> (b) ZA-2008-1626-CUB-PA2 - <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQy0> • Watch item to be scheduled: 8217 N WINNETKA AVE - DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS; NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT. New construction of a 7- story, 360 unit 100% affordable residential housing project with 269 parking stalls and 236,181 sf (FAR/RFAR). Project provides 80% Low Income and 20% Moderate Income, and therefore qualifies for ED 1 processing.

(a) ENV-2023-5358-EAF

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5Mzk50> (b)

CPC-2023-4274-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5ODQ40>

(c) ADM-2023-4274-DB-VHCA-ED1

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4Mjgz0>

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

- NOTICE: Meetings as needed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00
- Planning and logistics for participation in various cleanup events:
  - ◊ Discussion and possible action to change the date for 2024 Spring Clean original planned for April 6 to move to April 14th, to become a project as part of Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel's Service Day on April 14:  
<https://a46.asmdc.org/event/20240414-3rd-annual-valley-day-service>

David's motion to tentatively change the date for 2024 Spring Clean originally planned for April 6 to move to April 14th if it can be arranged with the Assemblymember and to be addressed in Public Safety Committee, Seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy			X			
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig		X				
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan	X					
Elizabeth Chapman			X			
Judith Giglio	X					
Holden Tsao	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi			X			

Approved (8 yes, 3 abstain, 1 no, 1 absent)

- ◊ Motion to confirm budget for Spring Clean event to spend up to and including \$500 for food, snacks, beverages, and supplies.

David's motion to spend up to \$500 for food, snacks, beverages and supplies for Spring Clean, Seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy	X					
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig		X				
Jonathan Vickburg			X			
Victor Lerma	X					
Mikhail Maniyan	X					
Elizabeth Chapman			X			
Judith Giglio	X					
Holden Tsao				X		
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Robert Stewart						X

Approved (7 yes, 2 abstain, 2 no, 1 ineligible, 1 absent)

◇ Motion to reauthorize expenditure for up to \$600 for Safety Vests.

David's motion to spend up to \$600 for purchase of Safety Vests, Seconded by Erick  
Motion Withdrawn

- ◇ Ongoing Los Angeles River cleanups by LA River Walkers and Watchers ([larww.org](http://larww.org)) and on the last Saturday of each month
- Update regarding the property at 8020 Deering in Canoga Park (Former Litton facility) where contamination has impacted groundwater in or adjacent to Winnetka information previously presented to PWT and the WNC Board.
  - ◇ <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ef37cd16-a137-4d6d-8870-830b1651ebd4>
  - ◇ [https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=SL2044T1600](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL2044T1600)

### **Committee Reports:**

➤ Youth Committee Report (Holden)

Holden - NPGs for the local schools. Science faire, robotics program, educational mural

➤ LA Neighborhood Council Coalition Report (LANCC) David Uebersax

➤ Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) (David Uebersax)

➤ Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report David Uebersax

➤ NOTICE: Meetings as needed currently on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00

➤ Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)

Jonathan - regular meeting on the 4th Monday of March. Many people are interested in CERT

There is space on the committee for a community member

➤ Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates

➤ Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)

Roy - Next meeting is April 2

➤ Rules & By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)

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

➤ Updates on any budget report.

### **13. LIAISONS REPORTS**

➤ LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)

➤ LANNC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)

➤ Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)

➤ Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam)

### **14. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]**

Jonathan - we should get people on the agenda for filling the board vacancies

### **15. MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00pm**