



Winnetka Neighborhood Council GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:30 PM



Best Western Hotel – Winnetka Convention Center
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Erick Lace			

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.

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

BOARD MEMBER	7/11/23	8/8/23	9/12/23	10/10/23	11/14/23	12/12/23	2/13/24	3/12/24	4/9/24	5/14/24	6/11/24
Ajantha Sriramy	A	A	X	X	X	E	LE	X	A	X	A
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	A	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	E	X
Victor Lerma	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	X	X
Mikhail Maniyan	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	A	X	Online	X	X	X	X
Holden Tsao	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roy Hadavi	X	X	E	L	X	A	X	X	E	X	X
Robert Stewart	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	A	X	A	/
Anthony Zepeda									X	X	X
Peggy White									X	X	X

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

12 members present, 1 absent, 1 excused

- 4) **Secretary:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC May 14, 2024 Minutes.

Erick motion to approve May Minutes, seconded by Elizabeth

Approved by Consensus

5) 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.

Representative for Supervisor Horvath: Motions for gender affirming care. Prioritizing addressing homelessness. Partnering on a back to school backpack program, August 4 from 11-2 at Child Care Resource Center in Chatsworth.

Aaron from Bob Blumenfield Office: Concerts in the Park at the Woodland Hills Rec Center on Sunday.

Winnetka Rec Center - more plants coming soon. Lighting for the sports field on schedule.

Mario from DONE: New Trainings are now due by July. Administrative adjustments will be added to Article 14 about the required training.

Fiscal rollover of all funds, subject to Mayor's approval.

6) Officer Reports (3 minutes)

President – Mihran Kalaydjian: Saturday is event 1-6 at Pierce (Juneteenth) Help with setup. Stop by and engage. June 16 - music at park (starting at 4:30)

Vice President – Erick Lace: reminder to send copies of Agenda and Minutes in the book

Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig

Parliamentarian – Mikhail Maniyan

Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman

- 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. [2 min each]

Member: World Harvest - deliver surplus food to the community for people facing food insecurity. They are looking to submit an NPG. 3100 Venice Blvd location. Food box giveaway, discounted grocery products. They have connections to people struggling with energy / water bills.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

8) **TREASURER'S Action Item's (Ludwig)**

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

Samantha motion to approve May MER as uploaded, seconded by Erick:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya						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					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (11 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

- o Discussion and possible action to approve 2024-2025 Administrative Packet.
- o Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of WNC branded pencils from "Quality Logo Products" in an amount up to \$2,000. Pencils will be used as giveaways at outreach events.

Jonathan motion to amend to 1 full box of pencils, seconded by Roy.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya						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					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

Samantha motion to approve May purchase of WNC Logo Products as amended, seconded by Erick:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya						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					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

- 9) Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of recommendation for Holden Tsao for US Airforce military Academy.

Mihran motion to approve a letter of recommendation for Holden Tsao for the US Airforce Military Academy, seconded by Anthony (Holden recused as the subject and Erick recused as leader of the Youth Committee)

Approved by Consensus

To Whom it May Concern,

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the exceptional person Holden Tsao is and share some of his experiences during his voluntary public service for the City of Los Angeles.

Holden has dedicated over one year of his time in service to his community on the Winnetka Neighborhood Council as its elected Youth Representative. The opportunity to become a Youth Representative is highly competitive with ambitious candidates who seek to serve the public.

Holden stood out amongst his peers as an intelligent, well-rounded individual who not only understands the importance of having young minds with fresh ideas in government, but also embraces what it means to be a voluntary public servant in the West San Fernando Valley.

Holden is an outstanding young leader who has made a difference here at our local schools and who is committed to the student council. He juggles the challenges of academics and other activities with student council and applies his leadership abilities in whatever he is doing.

A Council District 3 resident, Holden understands the importance of problem solving, leadership, and humility. It's imperative for volunteer public servants like him to have compassion for others and their issues. Welcoming the opportunity to learn from others and using these lessons to better serve his future endeavors, Holden is an ideal candidate.

I hope you find him deserving of this opportunity, as we believe he will do tremendous things with your support.

LAUSD Candidate Forum:

10) Discussion & Possible Action to Co -Host an LAUSD District 3 School board candidate forum in person. A moderator will be invited to this town hall. There are 2 candidates for the November running for LAUSD district board 3 election. Cost TBD. (Mihran Kalaydjian)

Mihran to co-host an LAUSD Candidate Forum, seconded by Erick (Victor recused and left the room, due to working for LAUSD)

Approved by Consensus w/ remaining members present

Action item – Community Impact Statements (CIS)

11) Council File 23-0172 CIS regarding Faith Based Organizations Incentive Program removal of the time of ownership requirement

Discussion and Possible Action from Winnetka Neighborhood Council to oppose Council File 23-0172 CIS regarding Faith Based Organizations Incentive Program removal of the time of ownership requirement.

Mihran motion to oppose Council File 23-0172 CIS, seconded Samantha

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
Ajantha Sriramya						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					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (13 yes, 2 absent)

The proposed Language of the CIS is below:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council opposes CF 23-0172, specifically the removal of the date of ownership criterion from the Faith Based Incentive Program in LA's Housing Element. We support FBOs being allowed to build on land they acquired prior to Jan 1, 2024, but oppose multi-family housing in R1 and similar zones on land acquired after Jan 1, 2024.

Winnetka Neighborhood Council asks that the date of ownership restriction be added to the FBO incentive program.

Last year, Senate Bill 4 granted Faith Based Organizations and Institutions of Higher Learning the right to build 100% affordable housing on property they owned even in restricted zones, provided these properties were owned prior to January 1, 2024.

This bill was a means of helping these institutions build affordable housing, but the bill also added a time restriction to prevent these organizations from becoming land speculators acquiring new properties and being granted these special waivers.

We support Faith Based Organizations being allowed to build on land they acquired prior to January 1, 2024.

We oppose these organizations being allowed to build multi-family housing on land they acquired after January 1, 2024 in single-family neighborhoods. We ask that the date of ownership restriction be added to the FBO Incentive Program.

- 12) Discussion and possible action to draft a letter to partner with Jesse Gabriel and The Tree People to have a “free tree” event in the West Valley. Possible site: TBS or Pierce College.

Samantha motion to draft a letter to partner with Jesse Gabriel and The Tree People to have a “free tree” event in W. Valley, seconded by Roy

Approved by Consensus

- 13) Discussion and possible action to draft a letter to work with CD3-Bob Blumenfield to co-host an e-waste recycling event. Suggest this is quarterly and look at possible dates.

Samantha motion to draft a letter to work with CD-3 to co-host an e-waste recycling event, seconded by Erick

Approved by Consensus

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

- A Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report Uebersax)

David - meeting has not been able to proceed due to not having consensus.

- NOTICE: Meetings as needed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00
- **Transportation Watch Items:** LA Department of Transportation and/or Metro (<https://www.metro.net/>) projects currently proposed:
 - ◇ North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project: Construction may begin as early as Monday, June 17 on Roscoe Bl between Topanga Canyon Bl and Coldwater Canyon Av to convert the existing curbside peak-period lanes to peak-period bus lanes (weekdays 7am – 10am and 3pm – 7pm). <https://www.metro.net/projects/north-sfv-brt/#status>
 - (a) Meetings to be held on June 13:
 - (i) Online:
<https://www.metro.net/calendar/north-san-fernando-valley-transit-corridor-project-virtual-community-meeting/>
 - (ii) In Person:
<https://www.metro.net/calendar/north-san-fernando-valley-transit-corridor-project-in-person-community-meeting/>
 - ◇ G Line (Orange Line) Improvements Project:
<https://www.metro.net/projects/orangeline/#latest-updates>
 - ◇ Sepulveda Transit Corridor:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fbe1a5e154b6447b86507e4bb87159cf>

- Planning and logistics for participation in various cleanup events:
 - ◇ Discussion and coordination to restore the WNC Spring Clean event as a component of Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel's Service Day in 2025.
 - ◇ Ongoing Los Angeles River cleanups by LA River Walkers and Watchers (larww.org) and on the last Saturday of each month
- B Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report (Uebersax)

David - no meeting in June, next meeting soon to address below issues.

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Updates to the Southwest Valley Community Plans: CD3 Staff and Southwest Community Planning has reached out in order in regard to the current status of the Southwest Valley Community Plan, which, when adopted, will affect the zoning and land use policies in Winnetka and surrounding areas.
Currently, they documentation indicates that they are in the Consult phase, which seeks to select new General Plan Land Use Designations (GPLUs), build new zoning, and begin the Draft EIR process:
<https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/community-plan-update/southwest-valley-community-plans-update>
- Sidewalk Repair Program: Public Review Period for Recirculated Portions of the Draft Environmental Impact Report begins June 6, 2024 and ends on July 23, 2024.
<https://sidewalks.lacity.gov/>
- Watch items to be coordinated:
 - ◇ 20460 N SHERMAN WAY - CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 56-FOOT TALL 59 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING ALLOCATING FIVE (5) ELI UNITS PER THE TOC GUIDELINES
 - (a) DIR-2020-6473-TOC-HCA
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQxNjA20>
 - (b) ENV-2020-6474-MND <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQxNjA30>
 - ◇ 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>

Committee Reports:

- Youth Committee Report (Holden)

Holden - July meeting to go over budget

- 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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00**
- Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)**

Jonathan - meeting June 24

- Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates**
- Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)**

Roy - meeting tomorrow

- By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)**
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)**
- Updates on any budget report.**

20. 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)

21. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

Elizabeth & Samantha will not be in attendance in July

22. MEETING ADJOURNED

8:33
