



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:30 PM**



President	Treasurer	Secretary	Parliamentarian
Mihran Kalaydjian	Samantha Ludwig	Elizabeth Chapman	Open
Vice-President			
Erick Lace			
Board Members			
David Uebersax	Peggy White	Roy Hadavi	Ajantha Sriramya
Jonathan Vickburg	Vacant Seat – Term Ends 2027	Anthony Zepeda	
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	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	8/13/24
Ajantha Sriramya	A	X	X	X	E	LE	X	A	X	A	E
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	E	X	X
Victor Lerma	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
Mikhail Maniyan	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	A	X	Online	X	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	E	L	X	A	X	X	E	X	X	A
Robert Stewart	X	X	E	X	X	X	A	X	A	/	/
Anthony Zepeda								X	X	X	X
Peggy White								X	X	X	X

11 members present, 1 absent, 1 excused

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

- 4) **Secretary:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC June 11, 2024 Minutes. (WNC-2024-0611-4A)

Erick motion to approve June Minutes, seconded by Judith

Approved by Consensus

- 5) **Our Guest Speaker** – Conversation with Carmen Chang, General Manager Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The length of the presentation can last up to 15 minutes and then we can have Q&A from our board members and stakeholders, community representatives.

Carmen Chang presentation with Q&A

- 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), Congress Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, other local, state, or federal agencies.

Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD representative.

Delora, Senator Menjivar representative. Airport bill, landlord / tenant transparency bill, School greenings bill.

Aaron, Bob Blumenfield representative. Update on Winnetka Park upgrades. Community events.

Daniel, Supervisor Horvath representative. Encampment update.

Mario, DONE representative. Complete survey. Shape your LA.

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/community-civic-engagement-government-participation/>

Congress of Neighborhoods - Sept 28. Registration to be starting soon.

Miran, Budget Advocate. Retreat to be scheduled.

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

President – Mihran Kalaydjian
Vice President – Erick Lace
Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig
Parliamentarian –

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]

Earl from American Red Cross. Red Cross responds to disasters. Primarily by volunteers. Need more volunteers.

- 9) Discussion & Possible Action to remove **Board Member & Parliamentarian Mikhail Anthony Maniyan**, he failed to complete the code of conduct training as required by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Withdrawn

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

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

- A) Discussion and possible action to approve 2024-2025 budget.

Peggy motion to approve 2024-2025 budget Amended as discussed, seconded by Jonathan:

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 (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

Samantha motion to approve 2024-2025 budget as presented with Amendments, 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 (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

B) Discussion and possible action to approve 2024-2025 Administrative Packet.

Samantha motion to amend the 2024-2025 Administrative Packet to include the PO Box information, 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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

C) Discussion and possible action to approve June 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow the treasurer to submit.

Samantha motion to approve 2024-2025 Administrative Packet with Amendment, 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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

D) Discussion and possible action to approve July 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow treasurer to submit.

Tabled

E) Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of up to (2) compact foldable wagons for use during outreach events In an amount up to \$125/each for a total of up to \$250. (Purchase from Big 5 or similar.)

Samantha motion to approve purchase of compact foldable wagons for up to \$250, seconded by Jonathan:

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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

F) Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of up to (2) 6' folding tables for use during outreach events in an amount up to \$75/each for a total of up to \$150. (Purchase from Lowe's or similar.)

Samantha motion to approve purchase of 6' tables for use during events at \$150, seconded by Jonathan:

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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

Action item – Community Impact Statements (CIS)

11) Discussion and possible action that The Winnetka Neighborhood Council recommends filing a CIS supporting [CF 24-0602](#) to request studies regarding artificial turf/grass by the various city departments and officials as set forth in the original motion and expanded upon in the amended motion.

Miran motion to send CIS on supporting CF 24-0602 as outlined below, seconded by Samantha.

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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (11 yes, 3 absent)

The proposed Language of the CIS is below:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council Neighborhood supports the request for a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles, via CF24-0602.

In the wake of California’s SB676 being signed into law, municipalities have an opportunity to investigate the regulation and possible banning of artificial turf installations in cities throughout the state.

Los Angeles has an opportunity to be a leader in this area. Artificial Turf has been a distraction from our environmental goals of making more sustainable landscaping choices. False promises of water savings have been coupled with great expense, increased heat island effect, loss of water permeability, toxic runoff pollution of PFAs and other toxic chemical, sports injuries, and devastating loss of urban habitat during the greatest biodiversity crisis in human history

- 12) Discussion and Possible action for Winnetka Neighborhood Council recommends filing a CIS to oppose the [CF 24-0867](#). The Los Angeles City Council is considering a motion to request recommendations for requiring term limits and a mandatory youth seat for the Neighborhood Council Board.

Erick motion to send CIS on opposing CF 24-0602 as outlined below, seconded by Samantha.

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					

Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (11 yes, 3 absent)

The proposed Language of the CIS is below:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed changes in Council File [CF-24-0867](#) regarding term limits for board members and mandatory youth seats. While we appreciate the intent to increase diversity and foster leadership growth, we believe these amendments would be detrimental to the effectiveness and stability of Neighborhood Councils. Term limits would exacerbate existing member retention issues and risk losing valuable institutional knowledge, while mandatory youth seats often remain unfilled due to the time commitment required.

We believe these proposals address symptoms rather than underlying causes, which include insufficient funding and resources, lack of specialized support, and a fundamental skills gap in communication and public relations within DONE and supporting city departments.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the City Council to reject the proposed bylaws changes and instead work with Neighborhood Councils to develop solutions addressing our real needs and challenges. By focusing on improved support, resources, and skill development, we can strengthen the Neighborhood Council system and enhance its ability to serve our communities effectively.

Outreach Community:

- 13) Discussion and possible action to approve the 2024 Winter Community dinner Dance. The event will include music/DJ, refreshments and food (Primary venue option is parks and rec center) and not to exceed \$3,000. (We can receive funding support from our Councilmember Bob Blumenfield). The Outreach Committee will reach out to other partners to join the event. (Mihran + Roy).

[Samantha motion to approve funding of up to \\$3,000 for 2024 Winter Community dinner Dance, seconded by Peggy:](#)

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 (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods

- 14) Discussion and possible action to support the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$500 for the congress in September 2024 which will be held in the city hall.

Mihran motion to approve funding up to \$500 for LA Congress of Neighborhoods, 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					
Roy Hadavi						X
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 1 ineligible, 3 absent)

Ad Hoc Election:

15) Appointment of Ad Hoc election committee for Neighborhood Council election of 2025.
Jonathan, Erick, Peggy, and Samantha

Committee Reports:

- Youth Committee Report (Holden)

Holden - youth committee meeting later this month to complete the plan of events for the year

- Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods
- 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 - starting CERT classes in September

- Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates
- Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)
- By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)
- Updates on any budget report.

16. LIAISONS REPORTS

- LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)
- LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)
- Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam)

17. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

18. MEETING ADJOURNED 9:21