



Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 14, 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)

With Live Streaming Teleconference using Zoom

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Board Members			
David Uebersax	Peggy White	Roy Hadavi	Ajantha Sriramya
Jonathan Vickburg	Robert Stewart	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	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	5/14/23
Ajantha Sriramya	A	A	X	X	X	E	LE	X	A	X
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	A	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	E
Victor Lerma	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	X
Mikhail Maniyan	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	A	X	Online	X	X	X
Holden Tsao	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roy Hadavi	X	X	E	L	X	A	X	X	E	X
Robert Stewart	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	A	X	A
Anthony Zepeda									X	X
Peggy White									X	X

13 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 April 9th Minutes (WNC-2024-0409-4A)

Erick's motion to approve March Minutes as presented, seconded by Roy.
Approved by consensus

- 5) **Our Guest Speaker** – Conversation with City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto. 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.

Hydee Feldstein Soto - City attorney presentation

- 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 - (S of Roscoe) 2nd Thur of every month at 6pm at the station
Spring Carnival fundraiser 501c3
After school program

Aaron from Bob Blumenfield's office - RV inquiry. If someone is living in it, it's not eligible for towing. If it is not occupied - they can reach out to resources to try and get it removed or cleared.

Winnetka Park - lighting & camera on schedule for install by Aug 2024. Fence barrier near the childcare center - material delivered - should be installed soon.

Concerts in Warner Center Park - First on June 30
Movies at the Park on Saturdays
4th of July Fireworks

David Bright new W Valley rep for Mayor Bass for CD3 & 12. Budget season

Daniel for Lidsey Horvath - trying to reopen Topanga Canyon (closed in early March)

Clarrissa for Assemblymember Gabriel - From Crisis to Care Act - connecting people in need to the correct services

David for Budget Advocates

Mario from DONE

7) Officer Reports (3 minutes)

President – Mihran Kalaydjian
Vice President – Erick Lace
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]**

Ingenium representatives - introducing themselves to the Board. Would like to be added to the resources for Winnetka. Title 1 Public Charter School. June 12 School Festival at Ingenium Elementary in Canoga Park

Therapeutic living centers for the blind representative - major renovation is being planned to their facility including an art gallery, theater, and more. Invitation to visit their site

- 9) Discussion and possible action to purchase the Zoom Enterprise License from Empower LA

(DONE) up to \$200. (Mihran + David)

David's motion to approve up to \$200 for Zoom license, 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					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

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

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

Samantha's motion to approve the April 2024 MER as presented, seconded by Peggy

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					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

- Discussion and possible action on amending the 2023-2024 budget.

Samantha’s motion to amend the budget as per discussion (placement of \$10,000 rollover ½ into NPG and ½ into Promotional), seconded by David

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					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

11) Public Safety Action Item:

Discussion & Possible Motion to participate, at the National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm (sundown) at Northridge Recreation Center, 18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge 91325. (**Jonathan – Public Safety**)

Mihran’s motion to participate in the National Night Out on Aug 6, 2024, seconded by Judith

Approved by consensus

LAUSD Candidate Forum:

12) 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 not to exceed \$200 for water & Refreshments.~~ (Mihran Kalaydjian)

Mihran’s motion for co-hosting a School Board Candidate forum, seconded by Samantha

Peggy motion to table this item, seconded by Roy

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					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda			X			

Approved (8 yes, 4 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain)

Action item – Community Impact Statements (CIS)

13) Council File [15-0389-S2](#) CIS regarding Speaking Rights for Non-Certified Community Councils

Discussion and Possible Action from Winnetka Neighborhood Council to oppose the motion to grant uncertified Community Councils the same speaking rights as Certified Neighborhood Councils at city meetings. It cites concerns about the lack of requirements and oversight for Community Councils, potential decertification of Neighborhood Councils, unequal playing field, misrepresentation of community interests, confusion for community members, duplication of efforts, competition for resources and attention, and undermining of Neighborhood Council legitimacy.

Mihran’s motion to submit a CIS, seconded by Roy

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					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (13 yes, 2 absent)

The proposed Language of the CIS is below:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 15-0389-S2 granting the Community Councils of Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Westwood the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified neighborhood council.

Neighborhood Councils must follow a number of procedural rules in order to file community impact statements, including but not limited to compliance with the Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, certified elections, and filings with the City Clerk. Our meetings are free and open to all members of the public. Community Councils are not legally required to adhere to these same rules, therefore creating a lack of

transparency and procedural oversight.

The Westwood Community Council, unnamed in this motion, operates with “annual voluntary dues” and “contributions,” which NCs are again not allowed to accept. It also exists in an area already covered by two certified NCs, ours and the NC. This both could provide an unfair advantage to one community and could also muddle the stance of our area when there are disagreements.

Rather than providing special treatment of community councils, the City Council should instead instruct DONE to prioritize the formation of NCs in community council areas where NCs do not now exist.

If the City Council is concerned with hearing from NC and community voices, it should reinstate telephonic comment at committee meetings and make NC comment separate from public comment.

Additionally, the City Council should address the movement of general comment to the end of the agenda, which was done in contradiction of Council rules and without debate or discussion.

14) Council File [24-0465](#) DONE GM Confirmation

Motion and possible action the Deferral of Confirmation for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Carmen Chang.

Roy’s motion to remove the name of the person, 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				
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda		X				

Approved (10 yes, 3 no, 2 absent)

Mihran’s motion to submit a CIS as amended with the name removed, seconded by David

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					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 no, 2 absent)

Whereas, the Mayor has recommended Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) as per Council File 24-0465.

Whereas, Article V, Section 508 of the City Charter grants the City Council the authority to act on appointments made by the Mayor.

Whereas, the Neighborhood Councils, as established by the City Charter, have the right to provide input and express their concerns regarding matters that directly impact their operations and the Neighborhood Council system as a whole;

Whereas, the Neighborhood Councils should be provided with relevant information on Carmen Chang's qualifications for the position of General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to facilitate informed discussions and input.

Therefore, the Board of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves and requests that:

1. The Los Angeles City Council defers the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment for up to the 45-day window allowed under the City Charter.
2. During this deferral period, a minimum of 30 days be allocated to allow Carmen Chang to meet with Neighborhood Councils and other interested parties to discuss issues of importance to the Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system, as well as her intentions, plans, and vision for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
3. The City Council considers the input provided by the Neighborhood Councils during these meetings before making a final decision on the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
4. The Mayor's Office and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provide the Neighborhood Councils with relevant information on Carmen Chang's qualifications and suitability for the position of General Manager to facilitate informed discussions and input.
5. The City Council and the Mayor's Office ensure that, in the future, Neighborhood Councils are given adequate notice and the opportunity to provide input on appointments and decisions that directly impact the Neighborhood Council system.
6. A copy of this motion be sent to the Los Angeles City Council, the Mayor's Office, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

NPG ACTION ITEMS:

15) Discussion and Possible Action to approve up to **\$550** for the Stanley Mosk Robotics team to participate in the Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition in the 2024-2025 school year. This grant would pay the registration fee for the competition. The registration fee would allow us to take a Team of 30 students on our Robotics Team to the Competition in the Fall of 2024 and the Spring of 2025. These students attend the Robotics club after school every Wednesday during the school year preparing for the competition.

Mihran’s motion to approve \$550 NPG for Stanley Mosk, seconded by Mikhail
 Tabled

16) Discussion and Possible Action to approve up to **\$700** for Winnetka Elementary School for their Students participating in the Robotics program will be competing annually. It is an opportunity to demonstrate and show their learning as a team. The T-shirts will promote team collaboration, unity, and team spirit for TEAM WINNETKA. Community members are invited to attend the competitions and support our students. Our students are representing our school community and the entire San Fernando Valley community as a whole.

17) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve **\$3000** funding for the 2024 Season of Valley Cultural Center concerts in the park. This amount will allow us to have a booth, tent, chairs, signage, and recognition at each of the (10) concerts + 5 Movies in the Park to promote the WHWCNC and engage with stakeholders. We will also be acknowledged as co sponsors at one concert where we will be provided the opportunity to speak from the stage to promote Winnetka NC.

Erick motion to approve \$3,000 for 2024 Season of the Valley Cultural Center for concerts in the park for a booth, tent, chairs, signage, and recognition, seconded by Anthony

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					
Robert Stewart						X
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (11 yes, 1 abstain, 3 absent)

18) Discussion and possible action to approve **\$150** to participate in the Juneteenth Community Celebration which is being held on June 15, 2024. This will allow Winnetka Neighborhood Council to have a booth at the event.

Mihran’s motion to approve \$150 to participate in Juneteenth Community Celebration, seconded by Anthony

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			
Peggy White			X			
Anthony Zepeda	X					

Approved (10 yes, 2 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent)

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

► **Discussion, and possible Action** regarding 20839 W ROSCOE BLVD - Plan Approval for sales of a full line of alcohol beverages for off-site consumption with an existing pharmacy/store.

ENV-2023-4046-CE – <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQ30>

ZA-2008-1626-CUB-PA2 -

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQy0>

► **Review of recent correspondence** to WNC from Applicants for Planning or related issues:

8217 N WINNETKA AVE - DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS; NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

► ADM-2023-4274-DB-VHCA-ED1 <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4Mjgz0>

► ENV-2023-5358-EAF

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

► CPC-2023-4274-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A

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► 20454 W NORDHOFF ST - ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE UNDER THE RESTAURANT BEVERAGE PROGRAM (RBP) TO ALLOW THE SALE AND DISPENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RESTAURANT.

▶ ADM-2024-1156-RBPA

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczODgy0>

20135 W KESWICK ST - Conditional Use Permit Application for new Wireless Telecommunications Facility by DISH on rooftop.

▶ ENV-2024-786-CE - CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczNDk30>

▶ ZA-2024-785-CUW - CUW-CONDITIONAL USE WIRELESS

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczNDk20>

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

- NOTICE: Meetings as needed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00

Committee Reports:

- Youth Committee Report (Holden)
- 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)
- 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.

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]

22. MEETING ADJOURNED

9:32