



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6:30 PM**



**Best Western Hotel – Winnetka Convention Center**  
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(Located in the Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

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Mihran Kalaydjian	Samantha Ludwig	Elizabeth Chapman	Roy Hadavi
Vice-President			
Erick Lace			
Board Members			
David Uebersax	Peggy White	Roy Hadavi	Open - Term 2025
Jonathan Vickburg	Irma Ramirez	Anthony Zepeda	
Victor Lerma	Judith Giglio	Vacant - 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	4/9/24	5/14/24	6/11/24	8/13/24	9/10/24	10/8/24	12/10/24	1/14/25	2/11/25
David Uebersax	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Lerma	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
Judith Giglio	Online	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	X	X	A	X	X	L	X	X
Anthony Zepeda	/	/	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X
Peggy White	/	/	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Irma Ramirez										X	X
Y - Sue Jung											X

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 January 13, 2025 Minutes. (WNC-2025-0113-4A)

Tabled

**5) GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Updates/reports from officials/representatives of the offices of Mayor Bass, City Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, 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.

Senator Menjivar's representative updates

Aaron from Bob Blumenfeld's office updates

Daniell from Supervisor Horvath's office

**6) Officer Reports (3 minutes)**

**President – Mihran Kalaydjian**

**Vice President – Erick Lace** - [Reminder to cancel the room if the meeting is cancelled](#)

**Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig**

**Parliamentarian – Roy Hadavi**

**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]**

[Matthew Taylor](#) - on Keswick. Lack of public safety. Multiple incidents. Want to help make the place better.

[Juchell Wardlow](#) - director at Winnetka Rec Center. Lots of changes, building new programs. March 29 egg hunt 11:30 - 2:30. Over 1000 participants in programs now.

[Yenni Blanco](#) - resident concerns of crime. Confronted a person trying to get into her car.

[Angie](#) - another resident concerned with crime.

**Youth Election Board Seat:**

**8) Discussion and possible action to fill the Youth Representative on Winnetka NC board. We have two candidates applied for the Vacant Youth Seat. (Mihran)**

[Miran Motion](#) to fill youth representative seat with Sue Jung, seconded by Jonathan.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					

Approved

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

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

A) Discussion and possible action to approve **January 2025** Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow the treasurer to submit.

Samantha Motion to approve the January 2025 MER as presented, seconded by Erick.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung				X		

Approved (11 yes, 1 absent, 1 ineligible)

B) Discussion and possible action regarding supporting the amended Stanley Mosk Elementary NPG to cover the registration fee for "Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition" for two teams of 30 in an amount of \$1,200.

Tabled

**Public Safety: ( Jonathan)**

**10) Discussion & Possible action to conduct a safety panel workshop with the budget up to \$300 to include for refreshments and snacks, with a date TBD.**

Jonathan Motion to approve a budget for panel workshop to purchase snacks up to \$300, seconded by Roy.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung				X		

Approved (11 yes, 1 absent, 1 ineligible)

**Public Works: (David)**

- 11) Discussion & Possible Action to conduct a spring cleanup at Winnetka Recreation Center on Saturday, April 26 or Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Assemblymember Jessie Gabriel day of service at Pierce College and a Budget request up to \$400 to include supplies, snacks, soft drinks and Pizza.

David Motion to approve a budget for snacks, supplies, soft drinks and pizza up to \$400 for the Spring Clean, seconded by Jonathan.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung				X		

Approved (11 yes, 1 absent, 1 ineligible)

**Action item – Community Impact Statements (CIS)**

- 12) Discussion and possible action to support Council File: [24-0600-S36](#) the midyear budget request from the Los Angeles Fire Department to restore 16 positions in the supply and maintenance division.

Anthony Motion to submit the CIS in support of the Council File regarding fire budgeting as presented below, seconded by Roy.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					

Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung	X					

Approved (12 yes, 1 absent)

**Here is the support language for the motion:**

In the wake of a devastating wildfire that has destroyed nearly an entire City neighborhood, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) expresses strong and urgent support for all three budget requests by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

According to the requests, LAFD's reduced fleet availability rate has hit 78%, far below the 90% goal. The reduced fleet availability is directly caused by the elimination of 16 maintenance positions in the FY 24-25 budgets.

Elimination of the positions has exacerbated backlogs and delays, which is unacceptable during the heart of fire season. WNC also supports LAFD's request for six Fire Boat Captain positions.

The Fire Boats provide fire suppression, medical care, and technical rescue support in the City's Harbor District. Finally, LAFD is only as good as the people who make up the department.

Without sufficient professional, administrative and clerical human resources support, critical needs related to hiring, promoting and evaluating firefighters will go unmet. We must prioritize the men and women of LAFD who are first responders putting their lives on the line for the City.

It is essential that the Council approves all mid-year budget requests by LAFD, which are reflected in Council File 24- 0600-S36.

**13)** Discussion and possible action to support [CF21-1395-S1](#) in having the city develop policies for addressing issues that arise with the reuse of oil fields.

Anthony Motion to submit the CIS in support of the Council File to develop policies for oil well issues in the City as presented below, seconded by Erick.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax			X			
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi		X				
Peggy White		X				
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung	X					

Approved (9 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent)

**Here is the support language for the motion:**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) supports Council File 21-1395-S1. The Council File will push forward the process of addressing the environmental and public health risks associated with abandoned, uncapped and active oil wells in the City of Los Angeles. These sites remain a source of methane leaks and toxic emissions that pose severe health risks to residents, particularly those living near the wells.

If the Council File is implemented, the City will identify actions to improve City enforcement practices related to oil well site redevelopment, identify regulations to mitigate exposure to hazardous substances such as methane and benzene, and identify policies that ensure proper remediation of abandoned and uncapped oil well sites.

The Council File would also establish a process to inform residents about oil-related hazards and involve the community in decision-making, identify a process for tracking and addressing newly discovered historic oil wells, and investigate what steps the City must take to avoid unsafe development over old oil wells.

Oil exploration and extraction is an important part of Los Angeles history, however, measures to better protect the Public Health and safety need to be identified and implemented. The WNC supports Council File insofar as it will push That long-overdue process forward.

14) **Update Ad Hoc Election Committee:** Update on the efforts for the coming elections.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Education & Youth Committee Report (Samantha)** [To meet this month](#)
- **Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods** [Miran - they are talking about reducing budgets](#)
- **LA Neighborhood Council Coalition Report (LANCC) David Uebersax** [How water is requested by fire dept in a new development / maintenance of reservoir](#)
- **Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) (David Uebersax)** [Next meeting in March](#)
- **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** [Next meeting next week](#)
- **Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)** [Meeting every 4th Monday of the month](#)
- **Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates**
- **Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)** [Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month](#)
- **By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)** [Meeting to be arranged by Mihran](#)
- **Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)**

➤ **Updates to any budget report.**

**15. LIAISONS REPORTS**

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

**16. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]**

**17. MEETING ADJOURNED**