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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – 6:30 PM
 Valley Village at 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

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. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306 (near Bar & ATM Machine); **Winnetka Park** 8401 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, 91306

1. Call to Order & Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Name	Jan-10	Feb-14	Mar-13	Apr-10	May-8	Jun-12	Jul-10	Aug-14	Sep-11	Oct-9	Nov-13	Dec-11
Eric Lewis	x											
Erick Lace	x											
Greg Sullivan	x											
JJ Popowich	x											
Marilyn Robinson	x											
Mike Mikaelian	AE											
Natasha Somerville	x											
Eric Yoonjae Lim	AE											
Tess Reyes-Dunn	XL											
Tom Sattler	x											
William Hilliard	x											
Asadbaig Baig	A											
Doug Schmidt	x											
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x											
Total	11											

X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early
 Quorum is 8 members

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. **Approval of Minutes for December 2011: Tom moves to approve, JJ seconds; minutes approved unanimously.**

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4. **Public Comments: Comments from the Public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card is requested so that the Speaker's names are complete and correct in the meeting Minutes.**

Annie Palin spoke about the homeless children in Winnetka and many organizations which can help. She saw an article in the daily news the assistance league, which put together back packs for kids at Kittridge Elementary School. Also, there is the 'beyond the bell' event, which I understand is for after school help; Annie commented, that living in a house is not homeless, but that living from a car or in a garage would be so. Annie felt that it was the school nurse's job to find out who needed this help, but not all agreed to that sentiment. Erick noted we were going to help some kids at Limerick and that we were shocked that there were kids in this situation.

Member of Faith Lutheran, Jana, is thinking of doing disaster preparedness again in the spring and this time with a Health Fair in order to do screenings and such. Erick suggests that Jana work with the outreach chair, Marilyn Robinson, to come up with solutions. Noted they didn't charge their vendors.

Ken Stockton noted about the homeless children issue, that they are working on a shelter for homeless families in Northridge, that is north of Parthenia on Candy and is run by the Rescue Mission Alliance. There are full kitchens which will help get families back on their feet. This group will draw from the entire valley and currently run a 30 bed place in van Nuys.

Joseph Banshee (As I understood), a stake holder in Winnetka since 1955, spoke about the streets that a lot of repair jobs are getting started and not getting finished. Wanted input; Erick referred to Jose. Joseph wondered who asked for specific streets? Streets are closed and the places are closed with cones. Joseph felt street closures could be posted with whatever we know on the website. Bill noted that some of the money has been borrowed by the city for other uses than repair of the streets. Greg said that Canoga was bad, but that the orange line will need to be completed before Canoga can be repaved. Eric said VANC noted what the head of Pub works said, that the roads only have money for 270 miles of road a year. They'd rather hit the minor damage to fix, the major damage is often left for later as that work is very expensive. Tess asked whether the stakeholder's who attended had petitioned for repaving from the City. Erick complained about his street and it got paved. Bill felt, that it is all politics; Jose felt that it wasn't so...various opinions expressed. JJ noted street services do things in grids with a very fancy system. It's a pretty interesting way that they do this, JJ noted. Public Works used to go around presenting how they do their selection. Tess noted that the board had gone down the neighborhoods and selected streets that were bad and gave to street services. A stakeholder noted that the heavy truck traffic is too much for many of these streets and they wear quicker. Tom said they paved some parts of the street and not others. One fellow said we should resist playing the political games and felt it was important to look at the big picture for the money situation and priorities. These planning considerations should be thought about as you focus your efforts.

5. **State and Local Government Representative Updates: Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Englander's representative, Councilman Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.**
Octaviano Rios (OR) will not be present at this meeting due a birth in his family.

Jose Martinez with Councilman (CM) Zine's office, OR is out for baby leave and baby is named Max. Gets three month paternity leave and Jose is now our contact person. Brought Zine Line Newsletter, which notes some achievements. Toys collected were brought to Hope Chapel to Pastor Jeff Fisher. Pastor Jeff wants to work with us so contact him if need help. Jose sought questions and complaints and noted the CM's people are hard workers.

Ambar Macdonald, for Assemblyman (AM) Bob Blumenfield, noted he is doing a financial work shop for woman and all on March 16th a will email me and we can get on our calendar. Bob is working on green tech jobs for the area. Update on mobile billboard bill is that the Mobile billboards are now subject to regulation. Cities were having trouble enforcing, but now with a 'Dr. Seuss bill', is very descriptive and enforceable and are now awaiting the city attny's opinion. If you see a mobile billboard parked, soon it won't happen. Bettie asked what a green tech job? Ambar didn't know, but said Bob is working on it. Got a lot of push back, but it is not illegal to have e reader text book. Will send us the legislation they are working on. 72 hour local issue for vans, a stake holder asks? A sign attached to a car is ok, if they move every 72 hours, but bill may soon enforce. Call 818 904 3840 if you see a sign violation at Bob Blumenfield's office; could call 311, too.

Officer Maldonado (OM) came by late as a fellow was breaking into a car and this fellow needed "detainment". OM asked him to the curb and asked him to put hands on his head, yet he put his hands in his pockets, and so got a .45 barrel in his direction. Turns out he wasn't stealing his car, as was his wife's, but was eventually arrested as he had outstanding warrants. News in Winnetka area; kids at a boys home, an LA County Placement on Keswick near Oso, a lot of kids here are bunch of hoodlums, but don't need to be incarcerated and so are housed in these places. Three went AWOL and were burglarizing neighborhood, but one left a library card in with loot they dropped. Now these kids have warrants for their arrest. Once they go AWOL, they start to break into homes. The Neighborhood Council for Woodland Hills, had one person spoke to a person who was driving like a bat out of hell. The driver took the old guy's cane and beat him soundly. They arrested the guy in North Hollywood, this guy was shot when he lunged at the officer's with a knife. If you call the police, don't bring attention to yourself or they will give you a hard time. There are a lot of violent angry people being released early. There are many burglaries along Sherman way near Enadia way and leadwell. If we observe anything, then report it. Bill suggests that the bike on DeSoto where the student was killed can be removed. JJ noted that the bike can be removed. To get a plaque you'd have to get street services and others to sign off.

The other issues on the U-haul day labor problems is that there are fraud issues, organized crime; so understand the U-Haul owner is trying to resolve. OM noted that the restrooms along the orange line are the sheriff's issues. A lot of people come from LA to nice working class areas to use this area to shop for recycled materials. OM suggests that any neighbors with questions go to the Neighborhood Watch to get the neighborhoods together to find solutions. Next meeting is Thursday. Most people use the sidewalks for bike paths. The only time it is illegal to ride on the sidewalk is if you do not have due regard to public safety. If OM see's rudeness on sidewalk then leads to lots of problems. Doug asks about the crime report on the website. OM suggested joining Nixle.com as a great place to find out info in area. Violent crime has gone down. But there is still a lot of crime and burglaries which is still high; gang activity. There is still high crime with regards to property crime and breaking into motor vehicles. We are halfway from. "WBR" is a tagging crew which is newly active in area. Bettie has a house in her area and there is a vacant house which is very much occupied by people throughout the night; feels it is used malevolently. If the owner cannot keep the house secured; B+S can board up the house and fence off. Cert Training is emergency response and is 6:30 every Wednesday at Topanga station, next few weeks.

- 6. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations/comments (if any) for the City's proposed amendments to the Residential Planned Development supplemental use district establishment provisions. The current ordinances allow only single family homes; this ordinance would allow mixed use projects. Planned Use development. (Popowich)** The city can use a planned community; the process doesn't really change much. The planning department determines when one is approved or not. Doesn't need approval of local groups. Application does not call for any planning issue committee and other input from various local interests. This may not be good for neighborhoods. Sets forth procedures for unique developments, insures public interest and protected. Preserve cultural areas. Can possible override a specific plan. JJ feels it smells fishy and we should draft a short letter to have any development comply with the specific plan and therefore go through NC for approval. JJ moves, Tom seconds; Approved by consensus.

7. **Discussion and possible action the lack of restrooms along the Orange line route in Winnetka. The sheriff's department is responsible for safety on the orange line and Officer Maldonado should also be present in any discussion to clarify the problem.(Lace) Post pone to next month when the Sherriff might come.**
8. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Ken Stockton, of Ken Stockton Architects, Inc., regarding a couple of ideas for 20750 Sherman Way. In addition, Aaron Mendel of Meta Housing Corporation, the developer and long-term owner of the project, and will show some pictures of the other communities that they've developed. They have basic schematic plans for SENIOR AFFORDABLE housing. They want to get the WNC and stake holder's feedback before going forward with additional plans. They have the support of Daniel Skolnick from Dennis Zine's council office. (Sullivan)**

Aaron Mendel, with Meta Housing, has done 5,000 units of proposed unit development of initial ideas. 80% of communities are for seniors 55 and over; much low income housing 25% or 45 % of median income. City and County will subsidized rents are restricted. Bill asks about how the lot is zoned. Meta is a long term owners and are prohibited from selling. Have professional management and people tend to want to maintain the place. Had mixed units; one bedrooms are 600 sq ft and larger for rooms. Tend to be public city subsidized. Has groups to come in and provide seminars; 62 plus is the group considered. One must be 62 and above to rent there. Other places can be 55 and above. There is annual means testing. There can't be more than two people in a one bedroom so they don't have multitudes of people in small units. A lady lives across on Enadia Way from proposed place and asked about traffic. Rear is closed to Enadia Way. JJ's mom failed means testing at \$600 a month security and found that his mom had to move from a place that raised the rent 18%. The most Aaron had seen the rent raised is 5%. Aaron does a variety of tests to see that they can make the rents; they try to work with people. When social security goes up do the rents also go up, Bill asked? The rents actually went down this year. Meta rents are based on the local and national rates. Aaron won't kick people out if they exceed the limit, but only if they exceed for 3 or 5 years.

Ken presents independent senior living for active seniors and some for assisted living, wher they will have a caregiver on the premises. Caregiver's are for people who qualify for assisted living, but don't want it, but still need some help. Development has an alley that dead heads into building. Only drive access is along Sherman way, next to a hospital clinic building. No ingress or egress onto Enadia and the ground floor sets back from Enadia way. Behind the building is all parking with a cinder block wall and is a gated community. Has an outdoor living room, but is protected. This has 95 units with one manager, on grade parking with none underneath. Will be fully ADA accessible for wheel chairs and walker's, etc. Units will have ADA type showers and not have a step up into which can be unsafe. Grab bars etc and not the challenges of a modern house. Building is 4 floors with a height of 45 feet met. Step building back from Enadia. 4th floor has no rooms along east or the south; therefore less on a cubic monolith, giving the building, some shape of residential character and hominess. Typically the Meta buildings are beautifully landscaped. One Meta building is at Sherman Way and Wilbur on the southwest corner. Building has the eldercare ordinance for last few years and three projects only have been developed in the last few years. Parking has a half space per unit. Seniors who have the ability to walk may not drive. Typically install more parking. Currently looking to file with this Elder care ordinance. Rear property is RS for 7500sqft lots; front is one unit for 1500 sqft. Ordinance says one can develop senior housing on any zone without special approval if for seniors and some assistance. Can't return to other types of regular rentals, if developed as senior housing. They want a building that has the least amount of repair a year; Stucco, stone, tile roofs. Hide roof top equipment system, this building would qualify for LEED Gold. May have to have required having additional pathway and Enadia will gain from the sidewalk and curbs. Tom asked whether it was steel or wood frame building.

The wall would have landscaping for graffiti prevention on the rear wall. Tess asked about the earth quake safety. Area of refuge where wheel chair bound people can find safety and have a phone to call for help. JJ asked about the height of the building; Aaron mentioned the big corridor which will help support the building. They needed a large concentration of people with which to provide service efficiently; this building provides this critical mass. JJ asked about the East view towards those neighbors; no balconies towards the eastern side. Typically get a bedroom window. Now the window can only be more than 42" to 44" off the floor . East side the building is 3 stories. Meta canvassed about 40 people from the neighborhood to come to tonight's meeting. All dual glazed windows; very thermal efficient and so are very energy efficient. Doug asked about investors, but they haven't been chosen yet. There are a lot of subsidies to begin with and they come in and purchase the tax credits. A neighbor asks about maintenance as she lives across the street; and that they keep it up all the time. JJ asks whether the neighbor's approved the block wall and they

didn't like the headlights so prefers the CMU brick wall. The building also blocks the brick wall. A neighbor was eager to have the place up graded and the developer wanted to as well. In 55 years the building can revert to regular rentals. Another felt the concern of appearance. JJ liked the idea if the gate along the alley. JJ asked about Guest parking? They said they have a lot of experience and felt that the parking was sufficient for guests. Felt solar panels are not yet efficient yet, but would have water heating panels. After 15 years the current developers can sell it, but usually in 15 years they refinance. This is not section 8 housing. The subsidies are for construction and not for rents although rents are limited. There is a ten year refinance period. Bettie said that when you have low income housing, it lowers the neighborhood values, which this is not likely to be as this is not section 8 housing, which is very problematic. Nor is it the other HUD housing. This housing has been around for 20 years and has been very successful. Last year on Sepulveda and Lanark, they built on a burned out building. As soon as they built this building and the neighborhood is catalyzed to improve. Meta is heavily managed and extremely successful. Offer tours of their other buildings. Neighborhood asks about waiting lists to rent and they are four digits long and are pre-leased. Bettie asked about east side and noted that there is no room for trees and offered to plant some along the neighbor's walls on their properties. Bettie asked about Sherman Way and enlargement along Sherman Way. 4 more months planning break ground in 12 months.

Process will file a case and takes 4-5 months and find financing. Sees a letter from us, JJ offers to approve in concept. Wrote letter of support and ask them to come back with more for approval.

JJ moves to approve the concept to send an initial letter approving the project in concept,

Eric seconds

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JJ read letter of support

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis	x			
Erick Lace	x			
Greg Sullivan	x			
JJ Popowich	x			
Marilyn Robinson	x			
Mike Mikaelian				x
Natasha Somerville	x			
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x			
Tom Sattler			x	
William Hilliard		x		
Asadbaig Baig				x
Doug Schmidt		x		
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer		x		
Total	7	3	1	3

Natasha asked about maintenance, there is a full time and assistant manager and various others; 8 jobs or so, which will support the location. Natasha asked about screening the residents for criminal activity, if don't have the income to pay then they can't be in. Tom asked about whether all they have are rented out, they said they are all 95% rented.

- 9. Discussion and possible action the help the situational homeless children in Winnetka, as mentioned in the last meeting by Pastor Jeff of Hope Chapel. In addition to continued action and report on the assistance and blankets voted on at the last meeting. (Lace) Erick will defer to Marilyn. Erick had a situation as his wife has some of the kids in her class room, so Erick left. The kids were very happy to get the gifts; the project is called Project**

Hope. Marilyn wants to include the Chamber next year. The Marriot put up 16 rooms, 13 were taken by these families and they also got the donated blankets. One kid gave an address which was the license number on their car. Started a pantry and a closet at the school. WNC donated blankets as well. Fed over 300 people at Project Hope event. Marilyn has some of the Winnetka Chamber to plan for next year. Next year will plan to assist Sunny Brae Elementary as some other principals asked for assistance as well. At the Marriott, the employees got together and the Marriott's manager matched the funds to find them 13 rooms at the Marriot. 52 kids were helped. JJ said about the blankets, that they still don't have the invoice from the vendor in order to pay for the blankets the WNC provided as outreach. There is a report card for the schools, and one principal, along with all the other schools, are also asking for the resources. Sunny Brae also has great needs and we do want to help all the other elementary schools. Now the other schools can begin to help the school's needy kids. Marilyn noted that this is the start. Referred to the Outreach Committee for further action and they will come back with some kind of plan.

10. Discussion and possible action considering Board member Asad Baig's WNC seat as he has three unexplained absences. (Sullivan) Doug received a letter from Asad in which Asad resigns from the WNC board. Resignation accepted unanimously. The WNC appreciates the letter from Asad, thank him for his help and opinions and wish him well.

11. Discussion and possible action to review the City's election opinion and what the WNC wants to do when the city defunds elections; stand until an action is generally accepted? (Lace) Erick gave our opinion. They are working on the issue and currently we are defunded for the elections. Now we are going to sit on our "positions" until this situation is resolved. At VANC one spoke to BH that they were going to push elections back to DONE without funding. The latest was that Krikorians committee was to have DONE to run elections w/o money. DONE says they can do elections with \$635,000. Tess asked what the other city councils suggested.

12. Discussion and possible action to demand that Winnetka be in one city council district. (Popowich)

See WWW.REDISTRICTING2011.LACITY.ORG for more information. JJ noted at last month's discussion that we are not getting services from the North Council District. JJ requests that we keep communities together with a letter; the communities should be kept together to have them reflect the neighborhood council shape. The redistricting committees can change all the boundaries. CD3 will be spill up some way. Better to speak as one untied vote. Due to larger population there may be more districts needed.

Request we keep communities such as the NC which give us a unified vote and together with a letter to Redistricting group. JJ moves to send such letter; Bill seconds. JJ will read the motion that the WNC requests the redistricting Committee take into account the boundaries for the NC's together as a unit. Dividing communities doesn't respect those communities; Approved. Over the past nine years we've had un-even representatives from one CD versus the other.

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Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis		x		
Erick Lace	x			
Greg Sullivan	x			
JJ Popowich	x			
Marilyn Robinson	x			
Mike Mikaelian				x
Natasha Somerville				x
Tess Reyes-Dunn				x
Tom Sattler	x			
William Hilliard	x			
Asadbaig Baig				x
Doug Schmidt	x			

Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
Total	8	1		5

13. Discussion and possible action to write a letter to the Councilman’s Zine and Englander to support seating the rate payer advocate before DWP rates are increased.(Popowich)

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Eric Moves, JJ seconds

Eric Lewis can write the letter

The water quality action is also going forward if people don’t object.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer’s Report) (Popowich)

AAA events was incorrect on report, all invoice JJ had were paid. \$32,244.83 is what we have. See website for the best information. Got an email from Michelle at Winnetka Park. We may have to vote on the billboard again for this year, put on agenda for at amount up to \$(JJ will let us know) to buy two Bulletin Boards for the north and south side of the buildings at Winnetka Park. JJ moves to approve, Tess seconds **WNC-2012-011012-06** report approved unanimously.

15. By-Law Review Committee: (Lace)

16. City Mayor’s Budget Advocate Report: (Hilliard)

17. Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)

18. Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson) Meet the 19th at 6:30

19. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich)

20. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian)

21. Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lace)

22. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis) Meeting is on Thursday in two days

23. Good of the Order Banner thing is in the pipeline. Also there is the thank you dinner at 104 FS. We just need to pick a date. Erick suggests Saturday at around noon. JJ set a couple of dates and see which one is best.

24. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:

- **Public Safety Committee.**
- **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
- **PLUM**

25. Adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a “**Speaker Card**” will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board’s jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

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PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

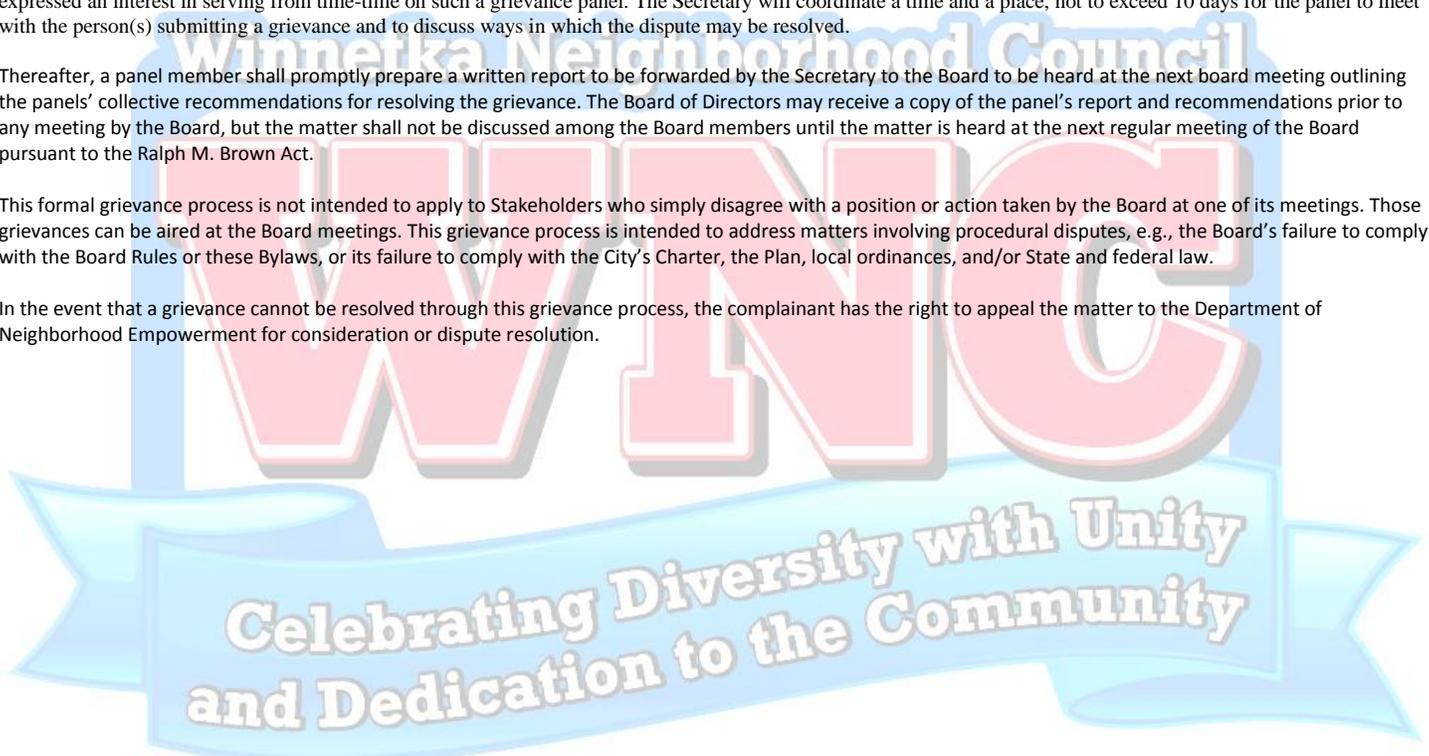
PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.



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