



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 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	x										
Erick Lace	x	x										
Greg Sullivan	x	x										
JJ Popowich	x	x										
Marilyn Robinson	x	x										
Mike Mikaelian	AE	xL										
Natasha Somerville	x	x										
Eric Yoonjae Lim	AE	AE										
Tess Reyes-Dunn	XL	x										
Tom Sattler	x	x										
William Hilliard	x	x										
Doug Schmidt	x	x										
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x	x										
Total	10	12										

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 January 2012: JJ moves to approve the minutes, Eric seconded approved by acclamation. WNC-2012-021412-01**
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.**

Elizabeth Badger, who lives in Winnetka, presented herself for consideration as she is running for the City Council District 3. Promises to come back, Mrs Badger also spoke to Marilyn in order to get involved with the community issues; wants to know what the community needs and say hello.

(The secretary wishes to apologize for neglecting to add an agenda item: ". 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." I will agendize this next month.)

Janice Boaf, project coordinator for youth prevention program, joaf@tarzanatc.org with the Tarzana Treatment Center locally. The agency was just awarded funds to do prevention services for Middle School and Youth in Winnetka, Canoga Park, and Reseda. Looking for what the local people see is needed in the area. Mike noted that he has younger cousins that observe the illegal selling of prescription drugs, which is an issue. Some of these Marijauna dispensaries are selling prescription drugs wrongly as well.

Glen ailey is our elected represented NC budget advocate and bears two alternates. The bad news is the Mayors office is tracking the participation in the Mayors Budget Priority survey, Which asks how the budget should be focused and which fees and such that we want. The Mayor's office is looking closely at who takes the survey; see survey at: www.budgetsurveyla.com takes you to the survey; takes 10 minutes or less to fill out and they have a response meter to see the number and position of those who respond. PLEASE take ten minutes to do this. Deadline is the 2nd of next week.

Glenns email is glennbaileysfv@yahoo.com

Glen suggested a news blast could go out before February 22nd. Glen also met with other NC budget people, DONE and other services to prepare to get some input and feedback. The NC budget advocates are preparing by the beginning of March to meet with Mayor prior to presenting the budget and the finance committee to give their recommendations. This meeting will be on March 10th, a Saturday, at City Hall East with free parking; RSVP. All can show up as all are invited. SAVE the Date. There will be a Community Budget Day; 9AM downtown and with the budget reps, but all are invited/ city leaders with be presenting all. Mayor's office will communicate with the NC presidents.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, meets locally soon. They will meet on Tuesday, March 6th 6PM at Beckford Elementary, in the Northridge area. Heads up; VANC meets at a mixer Thursday March 8th at 5:30. Promotes the NC and thinks, Erick Lace may wish to attend as there will be a roll call of NC's. They are trying to get Ratepayer advocate to speak, some presentation and mingle time, also.

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) Councilman Zine,s representative spoke on redistricting, in light of the census. CD 3 will lose some of our district. Mentioned Winnetka would be kept in one district as a good goal of this redistricting.

The redistricting commission makes recommendations to the City Council for a final vote. The changes will take effect this year, in July. Tess asked whether we in Winnetka would be in CD 3 or CD 12? CM Zine supports keeping Winnetka intact. Jimmy works with Adrian Garcia, the money guy in identifying available pockets of money. CM Zine is spending \$800,000 as matching funds for public works projects including tree trimming, slurry sealing, etc. JJ asks OR re street servicing and how choices will be made; can we prioritize projects? OR says it will depend on the recommendations of our street services on whose guidance on which streets get work. Want to focus on solid neighborhood projects. Let your opinions be known.

Drive your own neighborhood, to see what is needed, then make recommendations. Mason was the big project in the past which got done up to Roscoe and halted where Greig Smith's district started. Make sure you are aware of CM Zine's DWP rate hike increase opposition, felt NO as the city wanted a rate payer advocate and so the city should wait until they are seated before entertaining an increase. OR also said that the Vanowen Street Bridge will be 24 feet wider and will also have a bicycle path adjacent; whereas the Winnetka bridge is 90% complete and will be done in April.

Natasha mentioned a meeting last Friday, OR and Art were there, regarding the Sherman Way Median. The Controversy; where is the money, the \$10,000, which was voted as matching funds? Cliff Ruff the district director, of the Council office was to take 10 grand from our accounts; He needed a letter and a vote to get the approval. Don't know where the 2nd \$5,000 is and whether it is spent or not. JJ felt a letter needs to be sent to street services by Erick and that \$5,000 should be transferred back to DONE or Zine or account for how street services spent it. Street services need to account for how SS used the money. JJ asked Erick if SS said they spent it, and then they need to document how it was spent. Mike says the original 5,000 was a matching fund so how could the funds be spent if it was matching funds and Zine had not given out the money? OR felt the money may have been sent by Zines staff. JJ says this is a learning experience and that we need to specify detail in the way the money is used, in order to hold that department accountable. Erick Lace will write a letter to SS. Natasha said once we have all the funds in a central location, then actual work schedule will happen.

Staffing limitations may delay the project after the funds might get approved. Bill asked the time frame, OR does not know. First step is to find the money. Art asked whether there are any additions, no he says.

Officer Maldonado (OM), our Senior Lead Officer as the crime rate is down to 34 from 40 previous month. The Winnetka area extends down to Woodland Hills and up to Roscoe, multitudes of people live here. Middle class residents are the prime targets in the middle of the day. Knock on the door types of crime are big. So active now that it is illegal to sell magazine futures and such. Alarm systems OK to sell but they must have a tax certificate, call the police if you have a door to door salesman so they can investigate this, if you get this call the police; not the boy or girl scouts, however. Encourage to call the police, if legit then ok; if not then they can get away. If someone comes in and poses as a door to door; listen to what they say, say no, then call the police. These have become a high priority call to the police chief. Violent crime is another in the pecking order. OM is expected to educate the public on these things.

OM investigated some drugs addicts on meth and they often steal. Call non emergency number call 877 ask lapd; 887 275 5273. Look at LAPD online and you can see the addresses of the crime and alarm companies sometimes will check on this action. Erick asked about the new gangs the Canoga 'Alabamas' in the West Valley Area, the 'LOCO's', 'Reseda Brown Fry', '18th Street Gang'. Gang officers, with ICE, have deported these illegal Nationals. Still some young kids want to be tough guys. OM asked a fellow to leave, but some of these kids won't. Trespass letters and such help at Uhaul and apartment complex where these problems remain. Motels across from Sutter, for example. There are now very restricted guidelines in order to get a room at the Starlight motel. Doug asked about the knock knock crime problem; home cameras are an excellent deterrent. Have them at costco for \$600 and can help deter. On 7500 block of Winnetka from stole the camera and left his face on the tape and his face was recognized from earlier in the week. Troubled locations are good to have these cameras like apartment buildings where the police at times will review the tapes, if in a very public area. Loitering requires someone to have their path blocked. If someone seems to be staking out the area, may get a response from the police. Tell the police there have been burglaries in area if you see something suspicious, the SLO says, so please come check it out. Mike mentioned that some are congregating together, but that there is an injunction. So if you see guys in gang clothes in Alabama district, then you could call Police regarding that issue and get a response. On Mason, the taco truck, is not there and now have the barbeque thing on side walk; if grilling on the sidewalk. OM will drive by and see what is going on. The Health Dept and such will need to be called.

6. Discussion and possible action to review the Sherman Way median project and find out what steps are now needed to continue. WNC Board member Emeritus, Mr. Art Sims, will speak of his current understanding of the process and what simple steps can be taken next. (Sullivan) see above in public comments.
7. Discussion and possible action to reconsider an item from the Jan., 2012 meeting of the WNC. The item that is requested to reconsider is the WNC support of the proposed Senior Affordable housing project at 20750 Sherman Way in Winnetka. The reason for the request to reconsider is the existence of new information that was previously withheld by the presenters/developers regarding the developments effect on local property values. (Lewis)

Aaron mentioned that he overheard the discussion of the Median and Meta is doing the work of the Senior Housing adjacent to the median and Aaron said that \$10,000 or more could be put towards the median project. Aaron says more light is safer. Minor things could be done to help the projects.

Eric Lewis wanted to discuss the project, Eric made a motion to reconsider last month's agenda item regarding senior housing. The reason is to consider the impact on the community. Mike seconded

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			
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
Total	10			

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Motion passes to discuss.

Doug passes out charts of Real Estate Data for the neighborhood; these include market trends, income and distressed properties and such. Felt this info would show his reasoning. Doug mentioned that this info is from 2008. This information is a great yard stick for the area. If you bring in more people with less income that it brings down the value of the area. JJ noted that there are 4-5 violations on the empty site. How will this help the community. That community will have a beautiful building. JJ felt nobody will build new home here, although Doug disagreed with JJ's contention. New place vs a vacant lot. JJ felt that you had to factor in that the site is on a high traffic corridor, which is the type of development that the city wants to encourage. Tom Sattler said Sherman Way and Wilbur is place that looks like heck and felt it is to heigh for this area; Tom felt 4 stories is too much. Tess felt it would be good idea. Wanted to see how the back end was. Marilyn said it looks like a good idea. Eric's concerned that it doesn't work with the traffic across the street (DMV) and felt that a wellness center would be better. Mike felt that the price per home would make this cheap income housing. Mike felt homes are being bought and sold. He felt there will be

homes and town homes here eventually. When it comes to low income housing there is crime. Felt younger people would move in. Bill felt that this would bring the value down and be like Pacoima. Natasha noted that it would be 4 floors and Aaron noted how some of the east and south sides were 3 stories and 4 stories are in front along the wide street and did not bring down the value. Doug mentioned that there are plenty of empty fields, and felt a wellness center would be better. Doug felt that those in West Hills won't go for this, why should we? Bettie was sort of mixed on this as Vice chair of the PLUM committee. What is our plan? She is looking into it. Sherman Way is meant for taller, higher density traffic. Bettie doesn't like the higher density areas at Oso and Saticoy; and avoids the area. There are no restrictions on overnight visitors, says Aaron. Bettie asks who will be living there? It depends, it's a case by case basis. Management goes over the means testing once a year and reviews the situation. People want to stay there so they behave. If grand kids are too loud, then they may have to move. JJ felt that most of us know what happened to his mother, so there is a social obligation to look at the wellbeing to take care that everyone has place to live. Not talking about drug addicts, but good hard working folks to have a place of their own to live in affordable housing. When your folks get old, then you may then understand the actual need. Art Sims felt that this was regulated and asked about finding out about problems? Art says that if you see into someone's home, then that might be a problem from the 2nd floor etc. If it had not been for people complaining, then nothing might be done. Art continues, agrees with JJ, that if you are 62 years old, then they won't create a disturbance. Lot has been vacant for 20 years. Cohasset Village was trying to help with senior citizens, but that was a scam. Art noted that if the rent is reasonable, then people will behave. If kept up and regulated, it does provide housing for seniors. Bettie doesn't like how high the place is and will it always be regulated as senior citizens. Bettie asked about income and what creates value. Doug noted how the restaurants might not give Value to the neighborhood. Erick asked for presentation by Aaron.

Aaron noted crime and noted that there was great security for the site will be about 30 security cameras. Someone mentioned not seniors living here, but there will only be senior housing. Felt it might be like Pacoima, but there are apartments all over there. Will never be any housing on this site as is now too noisy and busy. Felt it would be a very long time for it to come back and noted that retail follow density. Condos are good unless everyone is underwater. Are there really plenty of empty fields? There are three good site available; need a good economy of scale to bring good non-profit care givers and can engage them in the community. Need 95 plus units for this scale to work. Putting in low income senior property value won't lower values, but does have 22 million dollar, which can beautify the area. Someone said that they would like to see other projects. Aaron offered to bring us in a bus to see projects in areas across the city. We can meet with management of these places. How policy is determined, etc. criteria, etc. happy to do this tour. See web site for this info.

There is an enormous waiting list. At the end of the day, they don't want anything forced down the neighborhoods throat. They own these things "forever" which means 15 years. Bettie mentioned the height and Aaron followed with 4 floors is a little large so has a setback from the residential area to three stories. Aaron pushed the density along the major corridors. Back is secured. Bettie and Tom asked re height, but is not above the city ordinance of 45 feet. Prohibited from selling for 15 years and cannot be changed for how many years? 55? Noted that there will be a pullover cut out so cars can pull out of traffic. Asked how much the property would devalue area. Split zoning, most of this property is RS1. There is an elder care ordinance with which this can be built. Many of the projects are local hire and many of these people are local. Mike motions to withdraw our support (yes or no) in concept for this project. 2nd by William.

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			
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
Total	4	6		

WNC-2012-021412-03

8. **Discussion and possible action to investigate the costs to have the Winnetka portion of Sherman Way's light poles painted since it is no longer likely that the CRA will provide this. This item may be sent to committee for further study. (Lewis)** Eric says that we have a 99.9% chance that we get nothing from CRA. JJ suggests that we send this to Public work's committee. Mike accepts this issue and will let us all know. Put note on agenda for a report from Mike.
9. **Discussion and possible action to declare the WNC's support of retaining Adult Education in Los Angeles to all pertinent City officials. (Lewis)** Karen Robbins at West Valley mentioned that they may lose their funding. Eric moves to write a letter to Zine, Englander, the mayor and LAUSD, etc to support adult education. JJ seconded. All approved by consensus. **WNC-2012-021412-04** .
10. **Discussion and possible action to fund at least 2 WNC Election related outreach mailings through Academy Mailing for a cost not to exceed \$19,999. (Lewis)**
11. **Discussion and possible action regarding working with DONE for the upcoming NC elections. This item may be sent to the REB Committee. (Lewis)** Put this item on next months agenda to vote by the end of May.
- 10 and 11 considered together. NC's have to do their own outreach. Elections might have to be in the fall; definitely not this Spring or next February. Eric wants to get the REB committee rolling. The City Council has not even voted on this as yet. We stay in place until city figures what they can do. We need to call a Rules Elections and By Laws committee meeting; REB. Election issue was before Council in January and back in two weeks with a City Council to determine whether the 2012 elections happen or are cancelled. We also need to encumber money for elections money next year.
- Put an item on the agenda to put an REB committee report to encumber money for the election. Parks can have his meeting.
12. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the city's neighborhood councils and the DWP. As the MOU is set to expire in April, and is an agreement that benefits both the NCs and the DWP, it is in the WNCs best interest to have it extended. Therefore it should be declared that the WNC urges the DWP and the NC DWP MOU Oversight Committee to extend the current Memorandum of Understanding as soon as practicable. (Lewis)**

Eric makes a motion for an agreement to extend this agreement of understanding (MOU) and for the WNC to support this extension for another 5 years. Seconded by JJ; Agreed by consensus. **WNC-2012-021412-04**

13. Discussion and possible action regarding WNC representation to the LADWP MOU Oversight Committee. A board vote shall be taken to choose such a volunteer representative. And it shall be declared to the appropriate city officials that the WNC hereby affirms its participation in the existing MOU with the LADWP, and names the voted representative as its NC Representative to the LADWP. The NC Representative shall also represent this council on the MOU Oversight Committee unless this council's NC Representative names an alternate. (Lewis)

Eric makes a motion to nominate Bettie for a representative. Motion is removed, no second, due to concerns by Bill who is currently acting as LADWP Oversight Committee.

Bill has been the LADWP MOU oversight committee representative. Natasha asked whether Bettie is available for this position. Bill feels that he is being replaced without due process. JJ felt that committee chairs and officers are specific in the by laws, but liaisons can come and go as the board see fit.

Erick makes a motion to remove Mr. Hilliard as the LADWP liaison in a vote of no confidence. Tess seconds.

Doug asks how long Bill was active over a year and almost two years, as the secretary understood. This issue was less about removing Bill and more about bringing in someone new.

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		
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer			x	
Total	6	2		

WNC-2012-021412-05

Eric Lewis moves to nominate Bettie for the LADWP MOU committee. Eric wants the city to see that Winnetka is presented. Bettie asked if there is an alternate. JJ seconded.

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			
Doug Schmidt	x			
Eric Yoonjae Lim				x
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x			
Total	11			

WNC-2012-021412-07

- 14. Discussion and update of information regarding the DWP Ratepayer Advocate and the WNC's request to have the RPA seated before DWP rates are raised. (Lewis) handled.**
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the lack of existence of a MOU between the city's neighborhood councils and the Office of Public Accountability and the Ratepayers Advocate. It should be declared to the appropriate city officials that the WNC requests the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayers Advocate to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Neighborhood Councils. (Lewis)**

Same idea, but is no MOU. Eric wants the rate payer, Fred Pickel, to negotiate a MOU with the NC's. Bill seconded; Approved by acclamation.

WNC-2012-021412-08

- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding the WNC's participation with the DWP Committee, the political action organization for neighborhood councils and other affiliated groups on DWP issues. A board vote shall be taken to choose a volunteer representative. And it shall be declared to the appropriate city officials that the WNC hereby affirms its participation in the DWP Committee, and names the voted representative as its NC Representative to the committee. The NC Representative to the DWP Committee is usually the same as the NC Representative to the MOU Oversight Committee. (Lewis)**

Glenn registered about the DWP committee with the exception of the DWP agenda, there is an overlap between the MOU and the committee. One is a gripe session and another keeps the DWP holding to the rules (MOU). Bill felt these are not so. JJ noted that any time a quorum is present, then some would have to be subject to the Brown Act. Erick asked if any wanted to be involved with these meetings. William is very out spoken on this matter and the secretary doesn't fully comprehend.

JJ moves that Bettie takes both roles as time permits. Bill withdrew his name as a nominee. Eric seconds. All approved by consensus. **WNC-2012-021412-09**

Glenn notes in writing that one has to write in the alternate and send to Tony Wilkinson. And the appointment stands until rescinded. They vote on whether the rate payer advocate is sought. Discussions are meant to be brought back to the NC's.

- 17. Discussion and possible action to purchase shelving units for the WNC storage unit for a cost not to exceed \$250. (Lewis)** Erick felt we voted on this already.

Eric moves for purchase; Tess seconded; approved by consensus.

WNC-2012-021412-10

- 18. Discussion and possible action to purchase clipboards and copy paper for WNC lists (email, sign-in, etc.) for a cost not to exceed \$50. (Lewis)** This is already approved; JJ felt there was \$100 left for paper and clip boards no action needed.

- 19. Discussion and possible action to sponsor the VANC Anniversary Mixer on March 8, 2012 for a cost not to exceed \$300. A minimum sponsorship of \$100 will allow the WNC banner to be hung at the event with the other sponsoring Valley NCs and show all participating LA City officials that the WNC is an active member of the NC community. (Lewis)** Eric met a lot of people for his action in NC. Eric moves to give up to \$125 for this event, seconded by Tess. Doug feels it makes a good impact. By consensus approved. Holiday banners say you can't say Merry Christmas anymore. (The secretary slaps his forehead at this information.) **WNC-2012-021412-11**

- 20. Discussion and update of information regarding the WNC banners, both the existing holiday banners and the upcoming year-round banners. (Lewis)** Eric shows banner samples and all appears good and all seem to like. Banner was approved earlier.

- 21. Discussion and possible action regarding the lack of restrooms along the Orange line route in Winnetka. We hope to have a Sheriff's Department representative present during this discussion as they are responsible for safety on the orange line. Officer Maldonado should also be present in any discussion to clarify the problem. (Lace)** We just have to ask for these porta-potties. Erick lace asks for permission to push for these to be provided as they are needed. JJ moves that we allow Erick to push for bathrooms along the Winnetka Orange Line. Tess seconds; approved by acclamation. **WNC-2012-021412-12**

- 22. Discussion and possible action to demand that Winnetka be in one city council district. Update. (Popowich)** CM Zine liked the idea, CM Englander did not. JJ moves to write a letter to approve the proposed redistricting map as drawn, which puts all of Winnetka into the new CD 3; Tess seconds. Glenn had understood that we had wanted to split Winnetka between 3 and 12. So now there is a strong voice is to keep us together. JJ asked Glenn to do a favor to find out who contacted "Winnetka" and be sure to contact Winnetka in actuality. JJ asked to whom shall he send the letter? The redistricting committee is meeting tomorrow, Glenn said. Unanimously approved.

WNC-2012-021412-13

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 23. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report) (Popowich)**

JJ is working on Hope chapel, Pierce college scanner. JJ asks whether we are to find a vendor for the scanner. JJ will buy from the vendor that Eric recommended. Median is done; JJ moves to accept the report as written; Marilyn seconds; approved unanimously.

- 24. By-Law Review Committee: (Lace)** DONE has to meet first

- 25. City Mayor's Budget Advocate Report: (Hilliard)**

- 26. Public Safety Committee: (Vacant)**

- 27. Outreach and Youth Committee Report: (Robinson)** Met and will meet again regarding Project Hope. Berman and Sherman won't get to meet for a debate with our help.

- 28. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich)**

- 29. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Mikaelian)** Mike will call a committee meeting

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

- 31. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)** January meeting addressed new pathway along the river; if you live along the river then your landscape may be impacted.
- 32. Good of the Order** Bettie has something to discuss. Bettie is for keeping the Winnetka post office in Winnetka. The post office may be downsized and combined with Canoga Park and they may move the Northridge PO to the Winnetka location. Put on agenda a discussion of the post office reorganization. Winnetka Chamber of Commerce will be meeting and host the new Deputy in Chief George Villegas. Erick is hoping to get Friday, March 2nd to give books on Dr Seuss's birthday. At Limerick and all 6 elementary schools; Erick will get out the time, etc.
- 33. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:**
- **Public Safety Committee.**
 - **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
 - **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
 - **PLUM**

34. 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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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (310) 562-3268.

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.

