



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8th, 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

Board Member Name	Jan-8	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-9	May-14	Jun-11	Jul-9	Aug-13	Sep-10	Oct-8	Nov-12	Dec-10
Eric Lewis	x											
Erick Lace	x											
Greg Sullivan	x											
JJ Popowich	xL											
Marilyn Robinson	x											
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David Uebersax	x											
Sarah Andrade	x											
MaryEllen Moreno	x											
Maria Young	x											
Trevor Owen	x											
Victor Lerma	x											
Madison Lamoreaux, student	AE											
Total	13											

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.** Erik moves to approve, Trevor seconds; approved unanimously. **WNC-2013-010113-01**
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.**
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) spoke for Councilman Zine (CZ) and said the CM is closing out his office and is putting out requests for tree trimming in our area. Focus on major tree areas that have problems and report them for possible areas. Wrap up accomplishments: Corbin Ave got resurfaced, and added the other side of Mason at Roscoe. Another improvement; Playground for Quimby Park, is got new play equipment installed. LAPD gun buy back program was a success, 2000 guns were purchased. This was done as a reaction to the Newtown event in order to get loose guns out of circulation. Regarding the Mason and Vanowen bridge repair; Fall or winter of this year is designated as the possible completion date. David Uebersax was with a Council Member and was at bridge and saw three kids skateboarding along the trail (illegal?). Now there are nice gates to the trails, which are closed at night.

Tom asked about completing the McNulty Street by Sunny Brae Elementary, OR felt it would happen in another year. Mary Ellen noted a KKK sign painted on Limerick school. Call 818 885 8885 and West Valley Alliance can help remove graffiti. Joe Bancheek said there is graffiti on the new Winnetka Bridge and WVA couldn't help as the state controls the bridge, he was told. Erick Lace asked about how Zine's money can accumulate, but NC's can't accumulate their funds. OR doesn't know how this roll over is handled. JJ noted that this rollover was due to Councilmen Parks and Smith.

Officer Jose Maldonado (OM), Senior Lead Officer (SLO) of the Winnetka Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch.. He is the general contact, call him about narcotics, gang activity, etc. OM gets the homeless calls. Wanted to brief us on the crimes occurring in the area. Crime is significantly lower. Middle class neighborhoods and people work during the day, so our biggest problems are property crimes. 'Knock knock' burglars, and BFMV is also a problem. Aggravated assaults spike during the holiday season and are also one family member on another. One reason crime is low; good strategy in Topanga area and they have a group of officers, who tag and keep an eye on paroles that have gotten out recently. Lance asks about how much marijuana (MJ) can one carry? 8OZ OM notes, but there is a citation. You can grow if you have a prescription and also a MJ card from the state; and can grow 6 or 12 plants yourself. Now if you group with other like prescriptions, you can form a co-op so more can grow. Now the kids on pot are breaking into homes; young kids. Some noted at Hart and Quakertown streets; a kid jumped the fence and the disabled lady screamed and the kids ran and she called LAPD who caught him running and they found drugs and prescriptions in his backpack, which could be traced to owners. Now drifters from back east who want to act as door to door salesmen; Illegal to sell items not presented at the time of sale. OM found out that some kids were staying in a Best Western and many kids were on probation. It's not enough to see a kid that looks suspicious, but if there is a complaint from a citizen, the OM can send officers to investigate. The religious groups are different. Call 877 ask LAPD to report crime observed. Regarding schools, the chief made an announcement; OM has 18 schools to visit in Operation Embrace. OM does agree with him that showing more enforcement for the schools, would be effective. OM also responds to traffic hazards. OM methods include a ratched enforcement; Yesterday was 'meet and greet', tomorrow 'warnings' and the next time there would be 'tickets'. OM notes the LAPD has their own Police Department. And now the chief is assisting schools. Biggest problem is traffic. Just because you have a little kid; you can still be a thug. OM noted many people are entering school without signing in; this registration should be noted and have someone at the gate to keep parents out, and police who are getting involved. Principals can blame the PD for this suggestion to be more restrictive in letting kids onto the school property. Zine's office does help promote the \$1,000 graffiti reward.

Joe Bancheek asked about cell phone use by drivers. LAPD can use cells, but for regular drivers it is still illegal and OM will issue tickets, especially around schools. Some officers write ten to fifteen tickets a day. Now the "California rolling stops" at schools are not acceptable and also will ticket for cell phone use and traffic guard offenses.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Update, discussion and possible action regarding the PLUM Committee's ongoing investigation into the human waste problem occurring near the Pierce College Orange Line transit stop. (Lewis)**
There is no update as we haven't met yet this month (meeting Jan 15th).
One of the neighbors is here: Joe Bancheek 2 new "drops" in the alley; probably has gone down; it's cold plus there was Winter vacation. Students weren't there so incidents are less. He only inspects his own area.
7. **Update, discussion and possible action from Public Safety Committee on a complaint we got in an email about a month ago from a stakeholder living in the apartments on Sherman Way, saying that there is an infestation of bed bugs in that area. Tenants are leaving the infested mattresses outside for pickup. This should probably be a matter for the Public Safety Committee. (Ross-Blumer)** Tabled for next month's safety committee.
8. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Mr. Garth Carlson regarding our \$500 (up to \$750 requested) commitment to the upcoming 2013 Senior Symposium. JJ noted that if the WNC is paid by the City for the Election expenses, then we can consider above expenditure and not overspend. (Lewis)** JJ notes that we aren't spending money until DONE finishes paying for the elections.
9. **Discussion and possible action on gaining compliance with the Neighborhood Council's Ethics test requirement. It's not hard to read and answer the questions. This came up because there has been poor compliance, noted by DONE, of N. Councilmember's compliance along with questions of how one can best represent one's neighborhood and business.(Sullivan)** See website for update David, Marilyn, Mary Ellen, and Maria Young should have theirs completed as well as Greg and Sarah.
Ethics reading (answers) and test found here:
<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>
WNC ethics compliance certificates found here:
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NeighborhoodCouncilMembersEthicsRoster1.pdf>

NEW BUSINESS

10. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Michael Johnson, Development Manager for Overton Moore Properties for the proposed commercial 'Chatsworth Commerce Centre' project at SE Corner De Soto Ave. and Nordhoff St.; they are starting the land use process of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit, Zone Change and a General Plan Amendment. (Sullivan)**
Timor and Michael have been in business and developed over 33 million feet in So Cal. Spent a lot of time in LA and developed 3M site on Nordhoff. JJ asked whether they are funded by New York State Teachers Association as don't do business with LUCERA. JJ recused himself as he works with pension funds. LDevelopers like to work with Councilmen and NC's as they get further with transparency. Have a 7.5 acres site in escrow, which is the Rockeddyne site sold to General Corp. This project calls for 7 buildings, 3, 4 to 6 thousand feet. Need an easement for Rockeddyne access. Planning for retail and industrial manufacturing. They are working with Doug Mesman in Zine's Office. We are losing our manufacturing base and many of these building can be used by entrepreneurs, who represent a need for work space. Will take about 9 months to process through the city of LA; currently vacant land, hope to close by the end of the year; and will need to perform a lot line adjustment. Look at the 6 year old property near Winnetka and Nordhoff next to 3M. These are just ideas for now. They really like to design nice projects. Building are to be one story, but 30 high for manufacturing. On Desoto and Nordhof, Erick Lace notes no street parking on Desoto and asks whether there would be enough parking? Yes Michael says. Chemical fires a

potential issue, Lance notes, but the Fire department will handle the regulation of this. The wide sidewalks might remain, but they will comply with city regulations. Erick asks about walls? Michael says may not be so much walling off, but more fencing for security. These will be tilt up buildings. The road and easement for Rockedyne, may be narrow, but it is noted at 28 feet. And there is also another driveway. Bldg1, 2, 3 are retail; coffee bean would be a desirable tenant, wireless store, retail, etc. Eric asks if any parties contracted in 4, 5, 6 or 7? None yet. They have been working for the last two years, now in escrow by 45 days. A great project for this area, the developer feels. Developer is working in one of the hardest areas to do business in; Los Angeles that is. All zoned M2 and one is M1. Construction is planned to start in 2014. Bettie notes the project is in Winnetka, but called Chatsworth. Chatsworth is known for manufacturing, but Winnetka is a bedroom community. Brokers need to come up with designations which would help business succeed. Brokers come up with all these sub markets. They would love tenants brought up. Drive by previously completed project on Nordhof and see the landscaping. Address is 19901 Nordhoff for their past work.

Timor noted that Michel will be the lead manager. They are starting with community services and starting that whole approval process. 1st is the lot line. Eric asks what he wanted from us, Timor said they wanted to share with us. Eric noted that they would need to go to PLUM, then come back to us. Erik wanted more eating areas as the commercial people in the area can use more eating and meeting areas. There would be more green belts. The elevations are not yet finalized, so look at recently completed projects; note that units are distinct in appearance. Bettie notes that PLUM is packed this week as they have another developer next week. And first Tuesday in February is a suggested time and Timor felt this was good and Michael gave Bettie his card. Bill asked about traffic from streets. The busy intersection traffic study will occur. Developers offered WNC the site plan, which can go onto our website. Sent to PLUM

11. Discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$4000 from the current WNC budget to pay Nationwide Displays for the installation of the new "Winnetka Then and Now" street-light banners. (Lewis) Eric want thought we voted, but no money paid until elections are paid off. The record for these meetings, JJ feels we have 20 grand for the these banner creations; putting them up and for taking them down. We need to check the records and contract for this expense request. Eric is asking for \$1,900; JJ wants expenses itemized by year. Tabled until next meeting when statement can be produced.

12. Discussion and possible action the L.A.D.W.P., Southern California Edison and/or The Gas Company charging exorbitant fees for homeowners, apartment owners, condo owners, etc., to opt out of having a smart meter installed for either the gas or power meters.

Recently the California Public Utilities Commission (the "CPUC") held Public Participation Hearings ("PPHs") hearings throughout the Southern California area. WNC's Bettie Ross-Blumer attended the hearing in Downtown Los Angeles on December 17, 2012, not as a WNC member but as a stakeholder in the City of Los Angeles, and only learned of the hearing that same morning. It was a well attended hearing, but none of the 5 CPUC commissioners were present; only a hearing judge, a few clerks, and a video camera. The purpose of the hearing is to take in public comments on the upcoming or current installations of smart meters by both the DWP and the Southern California Gas Co. Both companies are in the process of replacing the current meters with "smart meters", and there is an opt-out process for those that wish to retain their current meter. There is no cost to a homeowner or building owner for the new smart meter. However, if you opt-out, there is a fee (considered a "replacement" fee, as they will most likely switch out to the smart meter, then reinstall an older meter) of \$75 to \$100; plus there is a monthly fee of a similar amount, for each utility. In other words, for those wishing to opt-out of the smart meters, a homeowner might have to pay as much as \$200/month extra fees on top of their utility bill.

A "smart meter", per Wikipedia, "is usually an electrical meter that records consumption of electric [or gas] energy in intervals of an hour or less and communicates that information at least daily back to the utility for monitoring and billing purposes. Smart meters enable two-way communication between the meter and the central system."

Some of the issues raised by those attending the Downtown LA PPH were: 1) health: The smart meters emit pulsed radiofrequency (RF) radiation. Many complained of headaches, problems sleeping, and other bodily ills after the smart meter was installed. Some of those present are very susceptible to RF radiation and cannot live near it. Note that the World Health Organization issued a proclamation in May 2011 for RF radiation to be classified in the same potentially-cancer-causing category as lead. 2) Lack of privacy issues: the utility - or the company monitoring the meters - will know whether someone is home or not, whether they are on vacation or not and such. 3) Hack-ability of the wireless technology: some complained that their bills went up greatly although their consumption was the same after the meters were installed. 4) Remotely controllable "kill switch" incorporated into some smart meters. 5) Consumers are paying for the cost of these smart meters, when there already are financial issues in California and in Los Angeles. 6) There was a lack of promotion regarding the overall issue, and a lack of promotion that the hearing were taking place - and there is a lack of information about the formation of a "smart grid". 6) Someone suggested using fibre-optic meters instead of the RF meters, which are safer for human health. 7) There is doubt that there is any actual financial or energy savings when comparing the old meters with the newer smart meter.

The information regarding this issue or the hearing was not promoted at any of the DWP Liaison meetings to my knowledge, or at any of the Neighborhood Council meetings. I, Bettie Ross-Blumer, believe that the opt-out smart meter fees are exorbitant and excessive, and that we as a Council should quickly study this issue, let our stakeholders know about this issue, as well as inform the other Los Angeles NCs of the issues, and also vote on and write our own letter as to our stance on the issue. Written comments to the CPUC can be sent to: Public Advisor's Office, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco CA 94102. **(Ross-Blumer)** Bettie noted and has many questions. Utility companies are going to smart meters. These are updated daily with our energy uses. Hearing was mainly a governing body, downtown maybe 75 people, **not one of the commissioners were there to hear the complaints of people** who were stuck with new meter, only a Judge and a court reporter. Some felt this was a violation of privacy, so some could hack in and change the bills. Some had medical concerns; see report above. Radio frequencies, RF, now categorized in same category as lead. We are permitting our utilities to put these on homes. Bettie was appalled that there was not one commissioner there! DWP liaison had some token reference mentioned about this issue. You can opt out, but there are charges. Gas, DWP and water company; some fees to opt out \$50 to \$100 a month to not have smart meter. Bill noted some can jack up bills, Bettie asked to what committee should this be sent? And it was agreed; Public Works. Bettie suggests moving quickly. Eric wants it noted at VANCC so general action can be taken

A stakeholder noted that if he is near RF, then he really breaks out to strongly. Tom noted his water meter has been electronic for 5 years. Bettie adds that there is a grid there which is turning on and people are exposed to these RF even if they opt out. There is paint that you can use on house to filter out the RF. There is an RF meter to see what is affecting area. If you opt out you pay the opt out fee and the bill as well.

13. Discussion and possible action on Election flier expenditure approval, if the following items do not satisfy the cities need do document WNC approvals. (Popowich)

<<Discussion and possible action to fund at least 2 WNC Election related outreach mailings through Academy Mailing for a cost not to exceed \$6,900. (Lewis) Eric motions to allocate \$6,878 for academy for election. JJ seconds to "encumber funds for 2012-2013 board elections. This will be for printing and mailing of election materials" WNC-2012-041012-05 seconded Bill; all approved unanimously. >>

<<Discussion and possible action on two motions from the Rules, elections and By-Laws committee (REB) Reallocating up to \$6,800 for election mailings two post card mailings or a post card and a larger sheet mailing from Academy mailings. JJ will provide accurate numbers for this budget reallocation.

Two motions; 1st; <The REB moves to take \$3,000 from general operating funds and from misc and allocate to Valley Village for a NGP. 2nd, The REB moves to take \$1,280 from gen funds, \$600 paper 500 Oktoberfest and other unused funds to be described by JJ and allocate this \$6800 for election funding for the two mailings.

<<From Mr Lewis; NEW INFO: the Youth March has been expanded and they will be wanting all of the \$500 we originally allocated. So we will need to leave that item as is (at \$500 and not lowered to \$250) and add \$327 more from "Misc." to cover the new invoice total of \$6,877.>> (Lewis)

JJ wants us to change the \$1,280 from general funds to be \$1,607. JJ moves as presented to move money, as per JJ, for elections; Tess seconded, approved by unanimous consensus. WNC-2012-041012-04

Sarah moves to approve payment of last election mailing up to \$4,600. Due to Academy Mailing. Greg seconds WNC-2013-010113-03 approved unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible action on a PLUM reviewed issue regarding the new construction on Oso, 1 or 2 blocks north of Saticoy, for 4 houses, not an apartment building or condos. A Stakeholder had been concerned that an apartment building was going up, which would encroach upon a neighborhood of single family residences. The 2200+ sq ft homes are crowded on the lot, with only a "patio back yard". (Ross-Blumer) Bettie sent an email regarding Plum meeting on the 15th of the month. JJ felt we approved this many years in the past. Sent to Plum.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTON ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Finance report and WNC approval (Popowich) JJ passed out see website. Update on election expenses. DONE is awaiting our demand warrant with a voted item for Academy mailing. Regarding the unauthorized use of P-card; DONE swore they would never give out card number; DONE is considering closing card and reissuing. JJ resubmitted Hope Chapel's demand warrant, and note they had a state tax # when the Chapel needed a Federal letter. The Rayco item will be submitted by the end of the month. We are in a holding pattern. Re Erick's rubber

stamp; Eric needs to submit a receipt to Erick. Marilyn gave JJ some info. Now DONE is considering asking for checking accounts. Sarah moves to approve financial report; Mary Ellen seconds approved unanimously
WNC-2013-010113-02

- 16. City Mayor's Budget Advocate Report and Survey status: (Hilliard and Young)** Bill notes that Joanne was not responding to members of her committee. Now Bill needs to be more proactive, says Eric.
- 17. LADWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** Meeting discussed LA county clean water act. All homeowners sent information about a proposal for cleaning the watersheds, which has to do with the water quality district. If they do not receive a majority of negative responses, then they will move forward and put on the ballot. Maybe just to the bond payers to vote upon or to regular voters. Money collected could be for street cleaning and is an MTA like money grab. Prioritized by 13 member oversight committee with legal safeguards. David wants this to go through the NC. This will be paid for by homeowners and used for pet projects. Public works will get money from the county who is putting this proposal out. With our e-blast and we can put a response out. Many groups are fighting this. Bill notes that many have Joanne on another topic. David wants NC involved. Dr Pickell had another example of unfunded mandates; when EPA says you need clean water; leaves the door open for cost overruns. And considering rates of inflation and cost overruns which will give even more
- 18. Public Safety Committee: (Lerma)** Victor asks for address and hopes to meet on Limerick Avenue Elementary property, January 15th third Tuesday of every month 6:30 meeting in auditorium.
- 19. Outreach Public Relations committee report (Robinson)**
- 20. Youth Advocacy Committee Report (Lace)**
- 21. Planning & Land Use Management Committee: (Popowich and Ross-Blumer)** Meet on Jan 15th. Meet with developer regarding Mason and Sherman Way's great hole for a mixed use 4 story high building. Want 42 parking spaces. Wanted to email JJ ahead of time to review problems, but the meeting will be held as scheduled. Eric noted that the February 15th meeting
- 22. Public Works & Transportation Committee: (Uebersax)** Want to schedule something before the next board meeting, wants to be a Monday. Erick says we have to go outside of VV. David wants to go on record for Winnetka parking issues.
- 23. Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee: (Lewis)** meeting in January? Attendance thing and changes to by laws, pick a date now? An email will be sent out.
- 24. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council; V.A.N.C. and L.A.A.N.C. report (Hilliard and Lewis)**

Eric says there is a movement to get 5 min for NC representatives to speak for 3 min more than 2 min for citizens at LA City Council Meetings. Discussion about not lowering NC budgets further. Paul Kirkorean spoke re sale tax increase. There was a motion of support for buses 734 to century city and 761 to Culver City. It is virtually impossible to get from San Fernando Valley to UCLA to Culver City. Mentioned Pcard issues. Next election is 2014, now will be a partnership between DONE and the City Clerk. 2012 elections were very successful, esp. out southwest area, our area. Discussed Candidate Forum for the mayors.

LANC, Daniel Wiseman will be secretary, Glenn Bailey will replace Len Schaeffer. Far and away a big topic was City Council where Buscano proposed a three million dollar bond measure. Wesson waived a committee meeting to direct issue to council. LAANC made it clear, that when we are told by the Parks Committee, to have more input on things, then this fast track action with no commented upon action is tried. Will be a council meeting for discussion tomorrow.

BONC nominations from presidents and commissioner. Graycie is also waiting for her confirmation hearing as well. Also spoke on 5-7 posting locations; one must be Brown act compliant is current discussion. Jack Humphreyville wants accountability with budget advocates, and then we must have other ways to get monies for people. Eric wants to keep an eye on this stuff.
- 25. Good of the Order** Greg suggests adding Food for Less as a backup for posting area especially if Limerick is not acted upon. JJ is suggesting an area across the street from Roscoe and Mason Post. If everyone make a suggestion and send into for a decision and the REB meeting. Erick recommends sending to Eric for REB meeting.

Joyce Pierson speak about her running for Council District 3 hitting us with all the bond measures and can't withstand all these additions and manipulations to cut the fire dept 20% when other departments were cut 10% and now have a tax increase that they calm will bring the fire engines back. She thanked us for the petition for her

running for CD3, which we signed. Sarah asked for a method to go through the meeting. It was suggested two minutes so there would be no interruption. Sarah suggested and seeks a method to let one speak at a time. JJ notes each board member might have a limited comment method. Mary Ellen suggests an alarm to remind. JJ said shut up when someone is speaking ☺

Mr. Blumer spoke about the smart meter and a judge brought 36 people and mentioned what they found with the smart meters and how they hid costs and all was already taken care of well. This meeting was simply choreographing. And when the judge was queried, she said they would tell the commissioners what she thought was important. Thank you... The problem is nobody knows what is coming down and gathering confidential data and then they can determine, who is home and not, and how secure is the data(?). It all looks legitimate. If you don't want the new meters you have to pay through the nose to get rid of this.

26. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:

- **Public Safety Committee.**
- **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee.** ^{4th}

27. 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)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 718-0629, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to sullivang@hotmail.com

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.

