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From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary
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Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, with Jacque Lamishaw acting as chair.**
- 2. Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance.

Dwight Burgess	Armineh Chelebian	Cynthia Conover	Chris Jurgenson
Jacque Lamishaw	Ken Molock	Richard Montaine	JJ Popowich
Marilyn Robinson	Wayne Schulte	James Valdez	
Bob Basch: Excused			Alan Wolfe – Absent

- 3. Approval of the Journal minutes for our September 14th and September 29th meetings.**
- 4. State and local government representatives updates: Senator Alarcon’s representative, Assemblyman Levine’s representative, Mayor Hahn’s representative, Councilman Smith’s representative, Councilman Zine’s representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.**

4.1. Mr. Joseph Pena, Community Outreach Organizer, for the LAUSD was in attendance. He advised us of the progress on the new school initiatives that are ongoing. There was a Project Definition meeting held on October 5th, to determine the scope of the plans for new schools.

The next meeting scheduled for November 8th at 6:30 PM at the Winnetka Elementary School will define the preferred projects. This meeting defines the types of schools to be built in the area. Mr. Pena announced there are new types of schools that are being considered which mix grade levels and other curriculum in new ways other than the

traditional elementary, middle school, and high school arrangements. He would like everyone to be involved in the process so that we all know what is going on.

4.1.1. Ms. Chelebian asked for clarification of the location.

4.1.2. Mr. Pena confirmed that it was Winnetka Elementary, not High School as he had misspoken earlier.

4.2. Mr. Popowich read a report from Ms. Espinoza from Councilmember Zine's office. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes as an appendix for review if anyone is interested.

5. Discussion and possible action on a motion to reconsider WNC-091404-6: Limit WNC to Annual DVD-Video Promo. A vote will be held to determine whether the Board will reconsider this motion. (Popowich).

5.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item and explained that Mr. Jurgenson was not present at the original meeting where this item was voted upon. She stated that although she did second the motion, had she been there and known that Mr. Jurgenson was not in attendance she would have asked for the vote to be postponed. She went on to say that all we are doing at this point is taking a step back to reconsider the motion.

5.2. Mr. Schulte asked to clarify that we needed a 2/3 majority to reconsider.

5.3. Ms. Lamishaw agreed that we would need 2/3 of those in attendance which would be 8 votes.

5.4. Ms. Lamishaw then opened it up for discussion on the reconsider motion.

5.5. Ms. Chelebian asked why we were reconsidering the motion. She asked if it was just because Mr. Jurgenson and she were absent.

5.5.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that it was mostly because Mr. Jurgenson was absent.

5.5.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if this was in the by-laws.

5.5.3. Mr. Popowich responded that he put it back up for reconsideration because he is fair, and everyone deserves their day in court. Mr. Jurgenson feels strongly about this project and he feels Mr. Jurgenson should have his opportunity to speak on it.

5.6. Mr. Jurgenson commented that he did feel very strongly about this project. He feels it's an out of order motion in the first place and he stated the Parliamentarian agreed with him. He went on to say that he feels this motion is an anti-communication item and it's telling one person not to do outreach. He feels the DVD is not enough to promote the Winnetka. The proposal that was presented has no data to back it up in terms of cost. The cable show project, he feels, is the most cost effective way to reach the masses. He feels this motion is a shot in the foot of Winnetka.

5.6.1. Mr. Popowich asked to respond.

5.6.2. Ms. Lamishaw asked if the WNC proceeded with the cable show would he be able to tell us how much it would cost.

5.6.3. Mr. Jurgenson responded that it depends on the show and it could be \$100 to \$200 to \$1500.00 if we go on location.

5.6.4. Ms. Lamishaw clarified if that was per quarter.

5.6.5. Mr. Jurgenson said yes.

5.6.6. Ms. Lamishaw said that she thinks everyone wants to know the costs.

5.6.7. Mr. Jurgenson said we can shoot it all at Time Warner studios. He is a regular there and has made arrangements to do it.

5.6.8. Mr. Popowich responded to Mr. Jurgenson's comments. He stated that it was not an anti-communication motion. He went on to say that it's about the time, effort, and cost. Time is money. He feels that they need to focus their efforts on the newsletter. He just doesn't feel this is where the WNC should place its efforts. He commented that he felt this was a regional project, and if it were done with other councils he would support it. He pointed out that tonight the cost was \$100 - \$1500, while at last night's Communication & Outreach Committee meeting it was only \$75.00. He also pointed out that while maybe half of Winnetka has cable, only half of those probably watch the public cable show and another portion probably don't watch it because they are not English speaking.

5.7. Mr. Schulte commented that he has lots of thoughts about this motion. He feels this is something that should be sent back to the Communications & Outreach Committee and not be dealt with here. He did say he supports a newsletter.

5.8. Mr. Montaine asked if we vote for this does it go back to Committee.

5.8.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that if we vote yes it will be up for discussion tonight and the motion can be amended.

5.9. Ms. Conover stated that she is thankful that Mr. Jurgenson is so ambitious she feels that it would be more appropriate to do this project at a later date. She says it takes a lot of effort to get things going. After a year and we are established more then we can think about this.

5.10. The Secretary called roll and the motion to reconsider failed: 5-5-1.

5.11. Ms. Lamishaw stated that since it was a tie and not a 2/3 majority the motion failed, and the item would not be reconsidered.

6. Should the motion to reconsider WNC-091404-6: Limit WNC to Annual DVD-Video Promo be passed the Board will discuss and possibly take action on the original motion:

6.1. Item 6 was not discussed as the motion to reconsider failed.

7. Discussion and possible action on a request to conduct outreach at the L.A. / Valley Pride event on October 17, 2004. A booth has been made available for us to hand out information on WNC. (Conover)

- 7.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item and turned it over to Ms. Conover for further explanation.
- 7.2. Ms. Conover explained that the event was an outreach event for information for gay and lesbian individuals. She said the North Hollywood Neighborhood Council has been kind enough to agree to share a booth with us. She said she has a volunteer to assist her on Saturday. She said that there are several other NC's who will be represented. She noted that we will be listed as participants.
- 7.3. Ms. Lamishaw turned opened it up for discussion.
- 7.4. Mr. Schulte clarified the location and asked to pass on his comment period until the end.
- 7.5. Mr. Valdez had no comments.
- 7.6. Mr. Popowich said he thinks it's a great opportunity and that he was sure we have some people in the WNC that fit that demographic. We should be there.
- 7.7. Ms. Lamishaw agreed it was a good idea and it would be wonderful for us to be there.
- 7.8. Mr. Molock stated his support.
- 7.9. Mr. Jurgenson said it was a great event. He has attended it with his girlfriend in the past. It's a good idea.
- 7.10. Ms. Robinson and Mr. Burgess passed on comments.
- 7.11. Mr. Schulte asked for clarification on what they would have available at the event.
 - 7.11.1. Ms. Conover explained that it would be a health and general info event.
- 7.12. Ms. Lamishaw asked if anyone would second the motion.
- 7.13. Mr. Molock seconded the motion.
- 7.14. The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 10-0-1.

8. Update on the progress for preparation for the Oktoberfest event. Including discussion and possible action on creating a schedule to man the booth at the Oktoberfest on October 15th, 16th, and 17th.

- 8.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened the item for discussion.
- 8.2. Ms. Robinson updated the NC on the status of the Oktoberfest. She thanked Ms. Lamishaw for the flyer. She said we will have a table and a banner.

- 8.2.1. Ms. Lamishaw said she would provide tables. She said she would be there Friday night and as much as possible on Sunday. She said Mr. Popowich has indicated that eh can do Friday. She asked for Saturday coverage.
- 8.3. Mr. Schulte asked what hours would be on Friday.
- 8.4. Mr. Molock said he can go on Saturday.
- 8.5. Ms. Lamishaw said we need help on Sunday. She asked if Mr. Montaine would be there to help or if there were any other volunteers.
- 8.6. Ms. Chelebian commented she had another commitment
- 8.7. Mr. Montaine said he could do Saturday after 7 PM.
- 8.8. Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Valdez if he can help out.
- 8.9. Mr. Valdez said he can do 12 – 5 PM on Saturday.
- 8.10. Ms. Conover said she may come by on Friday, but she was committed on Saturday already.
- 8.11. Mr. Jurgenson said we should open it up to the stakeholders.
- 8.12. Mr. Popowich agreed.
- 8.13. Ms. Lamishaw announced that they will have baskets to give away and two grand prize baskets. She announced we will have free handouts and information pamphlets.
 - 8.13.1. Ms. Chelebian asked if we were paying for the goodies.
 - 8.13.2. Ms. Lamishaw said that Council member Smith had invited them to LA Shares and they gathered lots of things, plus Ms. Robinson donated items as well. She went on to say it's the best type of outreach we can do and invited everyone to participate.
- 8.14. Mr. Popowich distributed the flyers for everyone to review.

9. Update, discussion, and possible action on the DWP Budget Day that Ms. Chelebian and Ms. Robinson attended on October 2, 2004.

- 9.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the item and turned it over to Ms. Chelebian and Ms. Robinson who attended the event.
- 9.2. Ms. Chelebian corrected the item title and pointed out it was the Public Works Budget Day. She commented they had great food and then commented on the activity. She brought back copies of the handouts and she will make them available at the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting. She said they spoke about how the budget process works and who has a say in the final budget.

She commented on a proposal being tested and worked on where the Public Works Department would bring in the NC's Public Works Committees into the process of determining where the money will be spent locally. They are looking at how the NC's can form a working committee to outline which specific projects will get done. The proposal is being proposed by Council member Smith and LaBlonge.

9.3. Ms. Lamishaw asked who the presenters were.

9.3.1. Ms. Chelebian said she would send the names to Ms. Lamishaw as she couldn't remember them all.

9.4. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we had elected Ms. Chelebian as the liaison to the Public Works Department and that she thinks it would be a good idea.

9.5. Ms. Chelebian didn't remember if we voted on it or not.

9.6. Mr. Popowich confirmed that we had not voted on it, only on whom to send to the Budget Day.

9.7. Ms. Lamishaw said she thinks it would be a great fit for Ms. Chelebian and asked if we had to vote on it.

9.8. A stakeholder asked if we would now have influence and if so how much influence on getting streets fixed.

9.8.1. Ms. Chelebian said that it's not passed yet and it's only in the works. As far as the streets go she explained that what has to happen and the various departments that have to agree on the location. She went on to say that there is not enough money to pave them all.

9.8.2. The stakeholder asked where they would go if the NC was getting the same answers they get.

9.8.3. Ms. Chelebian responded that requests could be given to the Council member.

9.8.4. The stakeholder asked what would happen if we voted on it here and sent a letter to the Council member.

9.8.5. Ms. Chelebian responded it depends on the budget, but that it may be better than taking no action.

9.8.6. Mr. Popowich said he has attended the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and that others speak up and he thinks we should push the envelopes of what the NCs can do.

9.8.7. Mr. Molock stated that he thinks that everyone with a bad street should come to the Public Works & Transportation Committee meetings. He said we can then send a letter. He feels this way we can get the exact location and make it known.

9.8.8. Ms. Lamishaw suggested that pictures help too.

9.8.9. Mr. Schulte said he bid on the streets project once and thinks that they are all going to be paved. The contract was awarded and he feels they are all already scheduled to be done.

9.8.10. Ms. Lamishaw said that she thinks the Public Works & Transportation Committee will have more information going forward.

10. Discussion and possible action on the following Committee reports & recommendations:

A. PLUM Committee report: Discussion and possible action to approve the PLUM Committee recommendations from their September meeting. (Popowich)

- 1) Mr. Popowich explained the actions taken by the PLUM Committee and read the motions that were passed by the PLUM. He spoke a bit on the Forest Glen Apartment to condo project and how they had put together a nice package including educational seminars for the residents. He went into a little detail about their offer to sell to tenants first and how they had planned to use the relocation money creatively to assist with down payments. He spoke briefly on the other project presented and that it would be held over until the next meeting. He asked for support on the outcome.
- 2) The Secretary called roll and the PLUM Committee report was approved 10 – 0.

B. Communications & Outreach Committee Report: An update on the actions taken by the C & O Committee and the status of the WNC Magazine. (Jurgenson)

- 1) Mr. Jurgenson announced the flyer was done and in time for Oktoberfest. He thanked everyone for their efforts on the flyer. He said the web site is coming along and asked for a commitment on when we will have pictures.

He said they are publishing their first 8 page magazine with articles. He said the draft for the deadline is 11/01/04 and it should be published by 11/15/04. He went on to say that it will be great to get the word out and get more folks here.

He announced that the WNC had pens to hand out at events. He then got up and handed out bundles of pens to all in attendance. He said we will distribute the rest at the Oktoberfest.

- 2) Ms. Chelebian asked what the difference was between the flyer and the newsmagazine.

- Mr. Popowich explained the progress on the news magazine. He said that until recently the progress was only on the layout, but that's all. He went on to say that with Ms. Robinson and Ms. Lamishaw's help he will be doing it.

- 3) Ms. Chelebian asked if a budget has been approved for the mailing and printing.
 - Ms. Lamishaw stated it was voted on as part of the main budget.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked if the Board should know the line items.
 - Ms. Lamishaw said not really. It was approved by the full Board for up to \$3500.00 per quarter.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked what the bidding process was.
 - Mr. Jurgenson said we are putting it out to bid. He is getting quotes and they are currently at \$0.20 per copy, but they are negotiating to get it down further.
 - Ms. Chelebian said she felt that it would be good to have a motion describing how the bid process would work.
 - Ms. Lamishaw said we are bidding against each other and we are being fiscally responsible. Ms. Lamishaw then moved to take a vote on they report.
- 4) Mr. Popowich interrupted her and asked if we could talk about the other item in the report.
- 5) Ms. Lamishaw agreed we would but then moved to break for Senator Alarcon.

At this point we returned to the Public Official section of the agenda to accommodate the Senator's schedule. What follows is a brief summary of what he said and some of the questions asked about his lawsuit to roll back the DWP Water rate increase.

Mr. Alarcon said he was happy to be here and enjoys seeing the NC in action. He said the NC's were the first to take on the DWP and they have championed the cause. He said they had succeeded in preventing a much higher rate increase. His lawsuit is an effort to finish the job and roll back the 11% increase. He has sent a letter to the DWP and Mayor Hahn asking them to roll back the rate increase.

In and effort to back this up he has put together a group of plaintiffs, mostly from the Valley to sue the City for an injunction saying the transfer of funds to the general fund, which caused the rate increase, was illegal. He went into a bit of detail on the history of the transfers and commented that it was as old as the DWP. He said that water is a precious commodity and that it must be protected.

He explained that the fees charged for water are meant to be set aside by law for water use. He said the Charter does allow for the transfer when the DWP has a surplus of funds. He pointed out that the DWP recently transferred \$179 million to the general fund.

Mr. Alarcon continued by explaining that in May and June of this year the DWP argued they needed an increase in funds due to security issues. At the time he objected and it felt they were

using 911 for their benefits. He pointed out that the NC's banded together and reduced the last rate hike from 18% to 11% or about \$60 million. In June the city transferred about \$60million to the general fund.

His issue is he can't see how they say they have a surplus when they are claiming there is shortage of funds. He went on to point out that it bothers him that the ones most affected can't say no to the water bill. It affects those who are poorer the most because it's a larger share of their income.

The letter he sent requires that the DWP and Mayor Hahn have 128 days to respond to the letter.

He is coming to the NC to get political pressure on the City. Over 50 NC representatives have signed the petition for the rate rollback. It was a very popular cause at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils this past weekend. He is asking:

- 1) We pass a resolution in support of the rollback of the 11% increase and a refund of the costs incurred so far.
- 2) Those individuals who agree with him sign the petition.

Senator Alarcon went on to say that he thinks it's an illegal taking by the city. He pointed out that he is saying this as a former Council member who voted to approve these transfers in the past.

Ms. Chelebian said that she has a problem because she feels it's a conflict of interest if City Council is voting on this and they will do it anyway.

Senator Alarcon responded that there were other ways like transfer funds from the power side which made a profit.

Ms. Chelebian asked if they City Council can rescind their decision.

Senator Alarcon agreed that they absolutely could and maybe 2/3 will. He believes he has four supports now for sure.

Ms. Chelebian commented that it really affects us the most as we have larger lawns.

Senator Alarcon agreed.

Ms. Lamishaw said the DWP does need the money to repair the infrastructure of the City, which we all know needs to happen. We don't want to be without water. She went on to ask if they need \$60 million a year, why can't they stop the transfers. She also asked how the public can determine there was a surplus and why wasn't it assigned.

Senator Alarcon said it was not his intent to pull the full \$239 million as that would be detrimental to the City. He feels we should ween the City off of the money. He pointed out that this is the highest amount it's ever been.

He went on to say that the DWP infrastructure is hurting. He said his brother who works for he DWP and lives nearby is expecting problems already. He pointed out that they do not know what the cost is to repair this. He also pointed out the DWP has a \$1 billion bond out.

He would like to see an assessment from the DWP on the costs of repairing the infrastructure. He feels the current system is just wrong and it has to stop.

Mr. Schulte commented that if we had a surplus our rates should have gone down.

Mr. Alarcon said that over the last few years they have transferred \$800 million. Just a few years ago it was only \$200 million.

Mr. Popowich asked if the motion sets specific limits on when the transfer could happen. He feels it's just criminal when we pay a fee for a dedicated usage.

Senator Alarcon pointed out the motion is to get the money back. He said the transfer is Ok if there has been a significant problem and it's clearly defined. He is saying if you are taking it you have to define what the DWP has used it for.

Ms. Lamishaw asked if Senator Alarcon was aware of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) was in the works between the DWP and the NCs. She said the DWP is working on an early notification system that they are looking to transfer funds.

Senator Alarcon said he was not aware of it but felt the courts had a better chance of resolving the issue. He went on to say he is looking for guidance on the issue. He feels there is a better way of building trust between the rate payers and the City. He's very hopeful that the City Council will join him and the NC's who have the clout to do this.

Ms. Lamishaw thanked the Senator for his time and how much we appreciated it. She commented that she's sure they will have many people join him in his cause.

At this point he Senator left the building.

Ms. Chelebian took this opportunity to state that she wanted to bring something to everyone's attention. She pointed out that Mr. Schulte never failed to hand out a business card to all the presenters. She said it's happened 3 times already.

Ms. Lamishaw said she doesn't think it's wrong or something we can stop. She thinks it's a Parliamentary item.

Ms. Chelebian pointed out that several stakeholders have mentioned it.

Ms. Lamishaw suggested that Ms. Chelebian place it on an agenda for future discussion.

A stakeholder commented that he spoke to Manny Durazo, our DONE Project Coordinator, and he commented that it was wrong and he would be stopping it.

As this point a discussion, sometimes heated, occurred about handing out business cards. It was resolved by stating future research would be done.

Ms. Lamishaw restored order and advised Ms. Chelebian to take it to the Committee and that this was why people don't stay with us.

At this point Mr. Popowich asked to proceed again with the Communications and Outreach Committee report.

- 6) Ms. Jurgenson briefly explained the plan to break up the Communications and Outreach Committee. He went on to say that because what occurred in Committee the vote 2 – 1 against him. He said that breaking up the Committee would be like changing horses in mid stream. He said it was about control of the Council.
- 7) Mr. Popowich interjected that it was not about control. He said no one has control and we voted to expand the Committee to get more people involved. He pointed out that no one was appointed Chair at the last meeting. He pointed out that deadlines had not been set; quotes were requested for months, but not received until last night’s meeting. He advised Mr. Jurgenson not to put words in his mouth. He then stated it was done to get something done.
- 8) Ms. Lamishaw commented that she was very disappointed to hear words like control and against. She said this is for the WNC. There needs to be a change to get things done. She pointed out we need to get things done that we just haven’t done. She said we need to focus. She said we have made a lot of progress in the past two weeks. She pointed to the new posting places and the flyer. She wants it understood that this is not against anyone or for control, but to get something done. Ms. Lamishaw asked for a motion to approve the report.
- 9) Mr. Molock seconded the motion.
- 10) The Secretary called roll and the Communications and Outreach Committee report was approved 9 – 0 – 2.

C. Facilities Committee Report (Molock). This will include discussion and action on the following motion:

“The WNC shall abandon the lease negotiations previously entered into with the Gelb Companies and, instead, enter into a month-to-month rental agreement with the Gelb Companies for office space rental at a monthly rental of \$600, or less, gross, including free use of the meeting room at the Canoga Park Bowl to conduct all general meetings and other events requiring such space.” (Lamishaw)

- 1) Ms. Lamishaw introduced the motion to nullify the lease negotiations.
- 2) Mr. Molock explained the status on the lease. He explained the lease negotiations have been halted because they city requires proof of payment of specific living wages and that no one doing business with the landlord has any ties to slavery. He explained that this is something that no one could possibly know and the landlord was not willing to vouch for the companies he does business with.

Mr. Molock said that we could rent the office and have the Board use the meeting room at the Canoga Park Bowl free of charge.

- 3) Ms. Lamishaw said the owner of the building we were negotiating for is also a 50% owner of the bowling alley, so he has some say in the matter. She described the room as very large and pointed out that there is quite a bit of parking. She went on to explain we would rent the office space and use it for record keeping, a place for interns to work handling calls, and so on. The rental would be a month to month arrangement and not require a lease agreement. She wrapped it reiterating what we were voting for to stop negotiations and that this was a win-win situation for a new place at less of a cost. She then opened it up for discussion.
- 4) Ms. Chelebian asked if going month to month would by pas D.O.N.E.
 - Ms. Lamishaw responded that it would just by pass a lease agreement. D.O.N.E. would still need to approve it.
 - Ms. Chelebian asked if this was OK with the City.
 - Ms. Lamishaw pointed out that the landlord has done this with the City in the past when he made an arrangement for Council member Miscikowski.
 - Ms. Chelebian stated that just because the City Council member had done it, it doesn't mean that it's legal. She would want D.O.N.E. approval before they do it.
 - Ms. Lamishaw agreed that it all depends on D.O.N.E.
 - Mr. Molock stated that if they didn't approve we would just break off negotiations.
- 5) Ms. Chelebian asked why we couldn't use Sutter.
 - Ms. Lamishaw cited the fees that are normally charged for each meeting, lack of parking, the requirement that a janitor be present to open and close the auditorium, and the restrictions on the days and times.
- 6) Mr. Jurgenson said he may have an option for a meeting place. He said the Winnetka Community Child Care Center at Winnetka Park is available. He met with the Director there and she is looking for help to get the word out about her center. She has a large meeting room that we could use.
 - Ms. Lamishaw said she is not sure it can happen or if the Director is allowed to make that decision.
 - Mr. Jurgenson said she is working on finding out if she can do it.
 - Ms. Lamishaw asked Ms. Robinson if she could look into it.
 - Ms. Robinson pointed out that parking is difficult, but she would be willing to look into it.

- 7) Ms. Lamishaw asked if there were any more questions and made a motion to approve the report and recommendation.
 - Mr. Molock seconded the motion.
- 8) The Secretary called roll and the motion 10-0-1

D. Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich)

- 1) Ms. Lamishaw asked for the Public Safety Report.
- 2) Mr. Popowich read the report from the minutes. He discussed the request by the LAPD for assistance with their Victims Brochure. He explained the committee generally felt the brochure was nothing more than a police promotional piece and that it didn't provide any referrals to counseling or other services. He announced the committee voted against it.
 - Ms. Lamishaw asked if the City didn't do their own printing.
 - Mr. Popowich responded that they do, but that someone had left it out of the budget.
 - Ms. Lamishaw stated she agreed that the brochure was not effective. She said it doesn't help anything.
- 3) Mr. Popowich made a motion that the committee report and recommendations be approved.
 - Ms. Lamishaw seconded the motion.
- 4) The Secretary called roll and the motion was passed 9-0-2.

E. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian)

- 1) Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item.
- 2) Mr. Popowich presented the report since the Chair and Vice Chair could not attend the meeting. He read the only item on that agenda and explained Council member Smith's motion for public work arts projects.
- 3) There was no discussion and the motion was made by Mr. Popowich to approve the committee's report.
 - Ms. Lamishaw seconded the motion.
- 4) The Secretary called roll and the motion passed 11 – 0.

11. WNC Liaison Reports: Reports on the activities of the WNC Liaison's to the LADWP, Controller Chick's office, VICA, and others. No action is expected. Some liaisons may not have anything to report at this time.

- 11.1. Ms. Lamishaw started the liaison report off with an apology from Mr. Lamishaw who could not attend and provide the report for VICA. She said that everyone should be receiving the VICA reports forwarded through Mr. Popowich. She said these were being made available because we all earn a living and these issues affect all of us.
- 11.2. Ms. Lamishaw gave an update on her LADWP activities. She said the Northridge West Neighborhood Council's President, Jim Alger, had arranged for stakeholders to go down town and picket City Hall to protest the rate increases. He now has a taskforce of 40 NC representatives that attend meetings with the DWP and they are working on a Memorandum of Understanding between the DWP and the NCs. This has put the DWP on notice that they can't do business as normal anymore.

She said the MOU requires the DWP to provide ample notice to the NCs before asking for a rate hike or other item. She said it is a legal document and it would be precedent setting. As an agreement it will be up for approval before the City Council. Once it is finished it will be brought before the Board of the NCs and voted on to determine if each NC would support the MOU. If all approve it everyone from the NC to the DWP, and the Mayor will sign the document. The current MOU is in its 5th revision and should be completed by December.

- 11.3. Mr. Popowich provided an update on City Controller Chick's efforts. He announced that she is focusing on getting more people involved in the City Commissioner positions. He said she is trying to increase ethnic and gender involvement.

12. Update and discussion on the results of the recent Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Board members who attended will provide feedback on what took place and what they participated in.

- 12.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened discussion on this item and announced that Mr. Basch, Mr. Popowich, and Mr. Molock attended this Congress.
- 12.2. Mr. Molock said he went to the Inclusionary Housing panel. He said about 100 NC members were present to hear three presenters. One was from the planning, one from the City, and one from a low income housing non-profit organization. The presenters each had about 20 minute to speak. This left little time for questions. He said one lady asked if the IZ ordinance would be similar to the one that opened up areas for strip malls and left no room for parking.

He said the IZ focuses on a lot of mix use spaces, with little to no parking. He said it would mean a lot of development. He concluded that we do need low income housing. He said 1 in 5 jobs are below the poverty level in Los Angeles and its needed, but this isn't the right way to do it.

- 12.3. Mr. Popowich said he attended a panel on graffiti and the Mayor's Budget Meeting. He said the MBM group met and followed a similar process as we did here to outline the budget priorities. He advised everyone that D.O.N.E. had made a mistake in the data entry and many of the numbers were wrong so a lot of time was spent fixing that. The group decided to stay pretty true to the survey results. He announced that they also elected the representatives that would work with the Mayor (both from Valley Glen or Valley Village) and they were the same ones who did it last year.

He briefly touched on the graffiti panel which he said taught him how to read graffiti. He said more would be explained during the Public Safety Meeting.

12.4. Ms. Conover took this time to announce she was trying to work with the LAUSD to get the word out in the high schools adjacent to Winnetka (Canoga Park and Taft). She is working on a letter to get her contact. She also said she would be working on getting someone from the home schooling committee to do outreach for us.

12.4.1. Mr. Popowich advise Ms. Conover that anyone can do outreach at any time. He said if they need something on letterhead all she needs to is run it by the Communications Committee and get it to him to get it out.

13. Public Comments

13.1. A stakeholder thanked the Board for it's assistance in getting the new "no" over night parking signs in their neighborhood. He then announced that the people with the trailers and boats have now just moved them back into the neighborhood further and were now blocking driveways.

13.1.1. A brief discussion occurred on various ways to deal with this ranging from continuing to call the DOT, Parking Enforcement, and the Dept of Building and Safety in case these were vehicles being worked on. A few Board members stated they had driven by and seen the problem. The stakeholders asked if we would send a letter to Council member Zine to get him involved again. Mr. Popowich asked the stakeholder to allow him to contact Zine's office to see about permit only parking.

14. Meeting Adjourned