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From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary

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Subject: Meeting Minutes for 04/13/04

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

Jacque Lamishaw	Ken Molock	JJ Popowich	Armineh Chelebian
Marilyn Robinson	Dwight Burgess	Wayne Schulte	Chris Jorgenson

4. **Review and Approval of Minutes for 03/09/04:**

- 4.1. Ms. Chelebian asked the Secretary to amend the minutes to reflect that she was not nominated for Vice President. There was general agreement that she was nominated for that position as well. No changes were made to the minutes.
- 4.2. A request to amend item #17 to read as follows: "Ms. Chelebian recommended that we all take time to read the by-laws which she admitted she had not done herself in detail."
- 4.3. Minutes were approved with the amendment.

5. **Discussion and possible action on approval of Ad Hoc Committee on Board Rules findings and suggestions:** The President opened discussion on the Board Rules as they were presented to the Board by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Board was asked if they had time to review the Board Rules and if there was any discussion or changes to request.

- 5.1. Ms. Chelebian stated she was under the impression that the Committee would review a revised document and approve a presentation to the Board. Per her understanding the revisions would be made and then reviewed. She felt they were not ready at this time.

- 5.2. Mr. Popowich asked the Committee Chair to advise the council on the decision that the Committee had reached on whether the Rules were ready for presentation.
- 5.3. Mr. Bob Basch, Board Rules Ad Hoc Committee Chair stated that the ad hoc committee had met, reviewed the rules that he had drafted, discussed changes, made the changes to the document, and agreed that it would be revised and submitted for their review via email. Since all changes were agreed upon at the committee's meeting the final draft would be presented to the Board if no further comments or challenges were made. He further stated that the Ad Hoc Committee had agreed to contact him, directly or through the Secretary to submit any further changes to the Rules. No changes were received so the Rules were presented to the Board for review.
- 5.4. Ms. Chelebian stated it would be better to wait until the full 15 member Board was available to review the Rules and change them.
 - 5.4.1. Ms. Chelebian made a motion that the Board Rules be delayed until the full 15 member committee could review them. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Robinson.
 - 5.4.2. The Secretary conducted a roll call for votes on the motion to delay and it was defeated 5-3.
- 5.5. Mr. Popowich introduced a motion to approve the Board Rules as they have been presented to the Board by the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - 5.5.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call for votes on the motion to approve the Rules as presented and it passed 5-3.

6. Discussion and possible action to nominate and select additional Board members per by-laws. May include interview of candidate as well.

- 6.1. The Chair opened the discussion on the nomination of the additional Board members by listing the individuals who have expressed interest in the positions. Those interested in the positions were (in no particular order): Bob Basch, Cynthia Conover, Ralph Cherry, and Louis Rosenberg. In addition it was mentioned that at least one youth has come forward but is checking with his parents for permission and considering whether he can devote enough time to the position while still meeting school and other commitments.
- 6.2. Mr. Popowich also stated that Roland Gilbert had expressed an interest in becoming a Board member. He also stated that Roland couldn't attend tonight because his plane was delayed in Atlanta.
- 6.3. Mr. Schulte nominated Bob Basch for a position on the Board. The nomination was seconded by Marilyn Robinson.
 - 6.3.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call and Bob Basch was approved to fill the first slot 8-0.
- 6.4. Mr. Schulte nominated Cynthia Conover for a position on the Board. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Molock.

- 6.4.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call and Cynthia Conover was approved to fill the slot 8-0.
- 6.5. Mr. Popowich nominated Mr. Roland Gilbert to fill a position on the Board. He reminded everyone that Mr. Gilbert had run for a position on the Board.
 - 6.5.1. Mr. Schulte stated he would like to have some additional information from Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Jorgenson also stated he would like to get more information about Mr. Gilbert.
 - 6.5.2. Ms. Lamishaw reminded everyone that Mr. Gilbert, like Ms. Conover had run for election and had submitted a candidate's statement. She also reminded everyone that a motion was on the floor and that any Board member could vote no or abstain if they wished.
 - 6.5.2.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call and Roland Gilbert was approved to fill the slot 6-2-0 (six in ayes, 2 abstain, no nays).
 - 6.5.3. Ms. Lamishaw introduced Mr. Ralph Cherry and reminded the Board that Mr. Cherry had submitted a resume at the last meeting. She then invited him to speak before the Board. Ms. Lamishaw provided a brief outline of what organizations he is involved with. Mr. Cherry approached the Board and stated why he would like to be considered.
 - 6.5.4. Ms. Lamishaw then announced that Mr. Louis Rosenberg had also indicated tonight that he would like to be considered for the Board. She reminded everyone that Mr. Rosenberg had been a candidate. He was invited to speak before the Board as well and state why he would like to be considered.
 - 6.5.4.1. Mr. Schulte asked who was in the Neighborhood Watch
 - 6.5.4.2. Mr. Popowich asked which of the groups was represented on the Board as well pointing out that we have only a certain number of positions available.
 - 6.5.4.3. Ms. Lamishaw confirmed that Mr. Cherry was a member of the Neighborhood Watch, and he would qualify for one of the slots required in the By-Laws.
 - 6.5.4.4. Mr. Schulte expressed his concern that we need to find out which of the candidates are from the other Neighborhood Watch groups and suggested that someone from the council attend those meetings and recruit individuals with interest.
 - 6.5.4.5. Ms. Chelebian stated that Mr. Rosenberg has been a long time member of the formation committee and that she didn't see what the issue was as to why we were holding up a vote on his nomination.
 - 6.5.4.6. Ms. Lamishaw advised the Board that Mr. Rosenberg is on the list to be considered.
 - 6.5.5. Mr. Schulte made a motion to nominate Mr. Cherry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lamishaw.

- 6.5.5.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call and Mr. Cherry was approved to fill the slot 8-0.
- 6.5.5.2. Ms. Chelebian responded, stating that it is unfair that we voted for Mr. Cherry and not for Mr. Rosenberg considering the fact that he has been so involved.
- 6.5.5.3. Mr. Popowich requested that Manny Durazo, the D.O.N.E. representative assigned to the WNC provide some feedback on the issue.
- 6.5.5.4. Mr. Durazo stated that we could amend the By-Laws to include an additional seat for representation. He stated that an amendment of this nature would not take long to be approved by D.O.N.E. since it was always good to have more representation. He estimated about 3 days.
- 6.5.5.5. Ms. Chelebian again voiced her concern that we are not voting for this now.
- 6.5.5.6. Ms. Lamishaw then closed the discussion on the matter and recommended we add the issue of expanding the Board to our next agenda.
- 6.5.5.7. Mr. Basch then stated, as Parliamentarian, that Ms. Chelebian had a copy of the Board Rules and the By-Laws, and should have taken the opportunity to stop the vote prior to the vote and not after the vote.
- 6.5.5.8. Ms. Chelebian disagreed with this comment and said she didn't understand that they were both from the same Neighborhood Watch and didn't think it was fair that we voted on Mr. Cherry's nomination prior to Mr. Rosenberg's.
- 6.5.5.9. Mr. Basch interrupted and stated that there was no excuse for not knowing the rules and that it is easier to stop it if she disagreed prior to the vote.
- 6.5.5.10. Ms. Lamishaw interrupted and stated the discussion was over and the matter was closed. The item would be placed on a future agenda.
- 6.5.5.11. Ms. Chelebian attempted to state her opinion again.
- 6.5.5.12. Ms. Lamishaw formally closed the item on the agenda and stated we would move to the next item.
- 6.5.5.13. Ms. Chelebian requested to be recognized and asked Ms. Lamishaw if she intends to cut off anyone who speaks and disagrees with her in the future as well.
- 6.5.5.14. Ms. Lamishaw responded that she would run the meeting as she sees fit and is supposed to do.
- 6.5.6. Ms. Lamishaw requested Mr. Molock to administer the Oath of Office to the 3 new appointed Board members present. The Oath was administered and the new members took seats at the table.

7. Presentation, discussion and possible Board action on a proposal by Rothman Engineering to create four single family residences at 7330 North Kelvin Avenue.

- 7.1. Ms. Lamishaw called the first presenters of the evening to the front of the room and asked them to introduce themselves to the Board. She also explained the request was to add four new single family homes to a large single lot. He advised the public that he has brought floor plans and referred to an artist rendering of the homes that he brought along.
- 7.2. The presentation was presented by Mr. Darryl Fisher, a planning consultant from Rothman Engineering and the property owner Mr. Bernard. They introduced themselves and described the request to re-zone the property, divide it into 4 lots to accommodate the four two story houses they planned to build. He described the lot in its current state with a single family home that is in need of repair and passed out two pictures of the current property as is.
- 7.3. Ms. Lamishaw stated that the project was a good one. She further expressed that Irondale Avenue, which borders this project, has an approximate 20 foot portion of the property that sticks out into the street. She pointed out that the developer will be paying to install gutters, pave that portion of the property, and plant street side trees. She concluded by stating that she hopes the Board will ask questions of the developer.
- 7.4. Ms. Chelebian asked for clarification on the project.
 - 7.4.1. Mr. Fisher stated that they would be removing one house, creating four lots and building four two story single family homes.
 - 7.4.2. Ms. Chelebian asked who would be handling the zoning issues and work with the city on this property and any objections that may arise.
 - 7.4.3. Mr. Fisher stated that he as a representative of Rothman Engineering would be handling all of the filings with the city.
- 7.5. Mr. Schulte asked what the size of the average house would be.
 - 7.5.1. Mr. Fisher answered that they would be about 2000-2500 sq ft.
 - 7.5.2. Mr. Schulte asked what the average cost would be.
 - 7.5.3. Mr. Bernard answered that they really didn't know. Mr. Fisher stated that when they started the project the houses were going for about \$250,000. Now it could be as high as \$450,000.
- 7.6. Ms. Chelebian stated that she was not an expert on zoning issues and requested an explanation on how the process continues including how the neighborhood's opinion is considered and how the zoning is changed.
 - 7.6.1. Mr. Fisher responded that they are coming to the WNC because they would like their approval for the project. He further explained that they have filed for a zoning change with the city and our support would go a long way to helping them get it approved.

- 7.7. Ms. Lamishaw stated that the plan is in conformance with the LA Master Plan for the city.
- 7.8. Mr. Schulte asked if we are supposed to vote to approve it and stated it was a good project.
- 7.9. Mr. Fisher stated that the Bernard family has gone to great lengths to change the plans to save trees on the property. He further stated that there were several sycamore and walnut trees that they have moved the houses around to accommodate.
- 7.10. Ms. Lamishaw requested a motion to vote on.
- 7.11. Mr. Popowich advised Ms. Lamishaw that although we had received speaker cards a number of them did not have an item number and since we had to print more agendas for the public he would like to ask if anyone had come to address the project. No one stepped forward.
- 7.12. Mr. Popowich introduced a motion to support the project as is. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulte.
 - 7.12.1. The Secretary conducted a roll call vote and the motion to support the project was approved 10-1.
- 7.13. A gentleman from the public then stood to address the board that he felt the public had not been given a chance to speak on the issue.
 - 7.13.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that the option to speak is not available to the public at this time and that the Board has voted on the matter. She further explained that the speaker cards were available and that no one chose to speak.
 - 7.13.2. The gentleman commented that they didn't know about the speaker cards. He further stated that he didn't know how the public could know that they wanted to speak on the issue until they heard the presentation.
 - 7.13.3. Mr. Durazo stated that the public actually does have a right to speak on the matter.
 - 7.13.4. Mr. Popowich commented that the speaker cards were available, and that the attendees were advised at the start of the meeting. He further stated that perhaps we should make an exception.
 - 7.13.5. Another constituent stated that Mr. Popowich was not listening to what Mr. Durazo stated.
 - 7.13.6. Ms. Lamishaw stated again that the item was closed and that the Board would hear public comments at the end of the meeting and the Board was doing what it was supposed to do per its Board Rules.

- 7.13.7. Mr. Popowich commented that he disagreed with Ms. Lamishaw's statement. He then asked Mr. Durazo if he was correct in understanding that a Board member could request an emergency item be added to the agenda.
- 7.13.8. Mr. Durazo agreed that it could be, but he wasn't sure if this was an emergency.
- 7.13.9. Mr. Popowich stated that he felt it was.
- 7.13.10. Mr. Durazo stated that the Board could do this but he was unsure if this was such a case.
- 7.13.11. Mr. Popowich stated that he felt that if the public was not being heard then the Board was failing in its duties and that they should have a chance to speak after a presentation.
- 7.13.12. Mr. Basch agreed that it was in the Board Rules that if five Board members agreed to add an item to the agenda as an emergency they could and it would need to be approved unanimously.
- 7.13.13. Mr. Popowich made a motion to place the item on the agenda so that the Board could vote on an amendment to the Board Rules allowing the public a 3 minute public comment period after each presentation. Five Board members, (Mr. Schulte, Ms. Connover, Mr. Popowich, Mr. Burgess, and Ms. Robinson) agreed that it should be on the agenda.
- 7.13.14. Mr. Popowich then made a motion that the public be allowed to have a 3 minute comment period with one minute limits on each speaker after each presentation.
- 7.13.15. The Secretary conducted a roll call and the motion failed with one nay.
- 7.13.16. Ms. Chelebian stated that 3 minutes was too short.
- 7.13.17. Mr. Popowich responded by offering another motion to approve a comment period of 5 minutes with a one minute time limit per speaker.
- 7.13.18. The Secretary conducted a roll call and the resolution was passed unanimously.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible Board action on a proposal by Stephen W. Gregorchuk to build a 60-unit apartment building at 20505 Roscoe Blvd.

- 8.1. Ms. Lamishaw requested the next presenter, Mr. Gregorchuk to step forward and discuss his project with the public. She explained that the proposal was to place a 60 unit mixed use apartment /retail building on a property at the corner of Roscoe and Mason.
- 8.2. Mr. Gregorchuk introduced himself and stated that he was in the planning stages for this project and wanted to incorporate community feedback into his plans. He described the specifics of his project and referred to a packet of information (available for review upon request) which included a site map, layout, and project specific information. Mr.

Gregorchuk pointed out that the project called for retail and a café space on the ground floor with apartment units on the upper floors.

8.3. Ms. Lamishaw inquired how many feet of retail / café space and had he accounted for parking spaces.

8.3.1. Mr. Gregorchuk stated he had 108 parking spaces.

8.3.2. Ms. Lamishaw again asked how many square feet he had for the retail portion.

8.3.3. Mr. Gregorchuk stated he had about 800 sq ft for the café.

8.3.4. Ms. Lamishaw stated that he would need 8 spaces.

8.3.5. Mr. Gregorchuk stated he believes he has adequate parking. He mentioned that he expects the residents to have their dedicated spaces. The upper level parking would be shared between the retail and tenants, including visitors.

8.3.6. Ms. Lamishaw stated she didn't feel that was enough parking.

8.4. Mr. Schulte expressed concern about the parking as well. In addition he asked if there was a space allotment for a recreation room or play area for children.

8.4.1. Mr. Gregorchuk responded that he had 6000 sq feet on the roof area for recreation which would include an area for shuffleboard, badminton or other games.

8.5. Ms. Chelebian asked how many square feet for the entire project.

8.5.1. Mr. Gregorchuk responded 18000.

8.5.2. Ms. Chelebian asked if this was in character with the area.

8.5.3. Mr. Gregorchuk responded that it was in character. There were other apartment building units in the area.

8.5.4. Ms. Chelebian inquired how he arrived at 60 units for this location.

8.5.5. Mr. Gregorchuk responded that the city rules determine the density of a project. The city allows for 60 units on a lot this size.

8.5.6. Ms. Chelebian stated she was concerned about the parking, congestion, and the location of the project. She stated she drives this way all the time and it is already very busy.

8.6. Mr. Popowich asked if there was any low income housing allotment for this project.

8.6.1. Mr. Gregorchuk stated that the city requires 12 units.

8.6.2. How much would they go for?

- 8.6.3. Mr. Gregorchuk stated he was not sure how much they would go for.
- 8.6.4. Mr. Popowich also expressed concern over safety accommodations for the roof area recreation area. He asked if the children would be supervised.
- 8.6.5. Mr. Gregorchuk stated that they would be supervised by parents or adults.
- 8.6.6. Mr. Popowich expressed that he too has concerns about the parking and size of this project. He further stated that he was familiar with the area and that this would indeed be the largest building for several blocks.
- 8.7. Ms. Lamishaw asked if the contracts will limit the number of families or people that could live in a unit. She expressed concern that there seems to be an increase in multiple families living in one unit throughout the area.
 - 8.7.1. Mr. Gregorchuk assured her that there would be.
- 8.8. At this point a gentleman from the public commented that he didn't understand why the Board was even discussing this. He stated the Board should appoint a group to look into this and then report back. Let the developer do his job and plan it.
 - 8.8.1. Ms. Lamishaw responded that the Board would normally do that. However because we are so new we need to hear these presentations until we can get a committee created.
- 8.9. Ms. Conover asked if there would be handicap access to these units.
 - 8.9.1. Mr. Gregorchuk responded that the building would meet city codes and that all units had to be accessible.
 - 8.9.2. Mr. Conover asked how many elevators would be available.
 - 8.9.3. Mr. Gregorchuk stated one.
 - 8.9.4. Ms. Conover expressed her belief that there should be two elevators even if one is a service elevator.
- 8.10. Ms. Chelebian expressed concern for a flooding problem at that intersection. She stated she believed the project should be thought out more and that it needs to be designed with common sense.
- 8.11. Mr. Popowich requested we allow the public to have an opportunity to speak on the matter.
- 8.12. Ms. Lamishaw asked if we needed to have an emergency vote to have the public comment.
- 8.13. Mr. Popowich stated no, we've done that and that we should allow them that time.
- 8.14. Mr. Schulte agreed.

8.15. The public was invited to comment on the project.

8.15.1. One individual stated he believed this was not worth the Boards time and we shouldn't be discussing this. We should all let the developer to do his job and develop the plan.

8.15.2. Another individual commented that they agreed with the handicap access issue. This was followed with a request to find out how the low income units would be represented.

8.15.3. Mr. Gregorchuk stated they would be spread throughout the building and would be no different from any other unit.

8.16. Mr. Cherry asked if we can perhaps approve it as a conditional use permit.

8.17. Mr. Popowich made a motion to refer the item to a land use committee once we have created one. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jorgenson.

8.18. The Secretary took a roll call vote and the motion was passed 11-0.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible Board action on Phase II of the LAUSD efforts to build new schools throughout the SFV. Ms. Julissa Gomez, LAUSD New Facilities will present the status of new school projects within the boundaries of Winnetka, explain the site selection process, and present target search areas.

9.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced Ms. Gomez and asked her to make her presentation to the Board.

9.2. Ms. Gomez introduced her self and announced that the LAUSD was looking to build a new high school in the general area. She explained that the District is divided into 11 Districts, 3 of which were in the Valley. Winnetka is in District C which includes part of North Hollywood, Northridge, Reseda, and Winnetka, Canoga Park as well as other communities.

Ms. Gomez continued to explain that the new High School would be built to relieve overcrowding at Reseda High location. She announced that a public meeting was being held on April 22, 2004 at Sutter Middle School to discuss the process, target area, and get public input regarding the project.

She stated she can't at this time disclose the locations under consideration until after that meeting.

9.3. Ms. Lamishaw stood and announced that she must recuse herself from this presentation because of a potential conflict of interest. She apologized for not realizing sooner that the LAUSD was a client of her company in this matter. She explained that she would be turning the meeting over to Mr. Molock to be the chair in her absence and excused herself from the room.

9.4. Ms. Connover asked what the time frame was from start to finish.

- 9.4.1. Ms. Gomez responded that the process is about 6 years long, but the High School would actually be built within 14-20 months after it was started.
- 9.5. A question was asked about when the site would be announced.
 - 9.5.1. Ms. Gomez answered it will be presented to the LAUSD Board between August and September.
- 9.6. Mr. Popowich advised Mr. Molock that the Board has received a lot of speaker cards on this issue. Mr. Molock advised Mr. Popowich to call the speakers forward for their comments.
 - 9.6.1. The following is a summary of the comments:
 - 9.6.1.1. The first speaker was very concerned about the location of the school. He has received a letter stating that his house is one of the houses which the District may exercise its right to take by eminent domain. He was concerned for his remaining neighbors who would have to put up with the congestion caused by the Pierce College expansion project, the new housing development on the other side of Pierce, as well as the school already in the area.
 - 9.6.1.2. Ms. Marianne King, Associate Planning Deputy, from Councilman Zine's office advised the Board and the public that Councilman Zine's office has been receiving quite a few phone calls on this issue from concerned residents who have received letters. She agreed that this is an issue the Council should look into as time goes on.
 - 9.6.1.3. The next speaker stated he lived in the area as well and would possibly be affected. He really doesn't want to move at all. He expressed concerns about traffic and the mix between the High School students and the College students. He wanted to know what types of offers are going to be made to the homeowners. How would they be able to find similar houses in the current market?
 - 9.6.1.3.1. Ms. Gomez responded that she can't go into details on that but that when the location was identified a separate meeting would be held to address the affected homeowners and that there is a relocation process and group to address their concerns.
 - 9.6.1.4. Mr. Rosenberg expressed that he is a Block Captain for the Neighborhood Watch in that area and has lived in Winnetka as a concerned citizen for 42 years. He expressed his concern about the problems that currently exist with Taft and Cleveland High Schools. This is a quiet neighborhood and he's concerned that the "riffraff" not be allowed in the area.
 - 9.6.1.5. The next speaker stated he doesn't understand why Ms. Gomez can't say where the sites under consideration are. He further stated that there are numerous strip malls that are always going up and down and that those sites may be more useful. He also expressed concerns over known sex offenders and the porn industry in the Chatsworth and questioned if we want a school in such

an area. He also asked why not create or use a grade school and not a High School.

9.6.1.6. The next speaker stated that he has two children that go to school in the area. He stated there are already Fulbright Elementary, Taft, Sutter, and Pierce in close proximity. Why? He also stated that it would be very hard to find a new property at a fair market value.

9.6.1.7. The next speaker asked what level within the District the public could go to in order to address their concerns.

9.6.1.7.1. Ms. Gomez explained that the LAUSD consists of only schools within the city of Los Angeles and that the highest level was the School Board members who are elected by the residents of the Districts. She stated that Mr. Jon Lauritzen was the LAUSD Board member representing our area and provided his information to the public.

9.6.1.8. The next speaker expressed his concern over the lack of public notice of the April 22nd meeting. He stated that if he had not received a letter he wouldn't have known. He also expressed his concern that Pierce College was already expanding.

9.7. Ms. Chelebian asked the Secretary to make sure that this issue remains on the agenda for future discussion.

9.7.1. Mr. Popowich confirmed that it would be added to the agenda in May for further discussion.

9.8. Mr. Molock closed the discussion on this issue and asked Mr. Schulte as the Sergeant at Arms to bring Ms. Lamishaw back into the room. A short break was taken until Ms. Lamishaw could be escorted back in.

10. Updates by our local and state representatives: Assemblyman Levine's Office, Mayor Hahn's Office, Councilman Smith's Office, and Councilman Zine's Office.

10.1.1. Ms. Lamishaw resumed as chair of the meeting and invited the various representatives attending the meeting to speak to the Board and the public.

10.1.2. State Senator Alacorn's office was represented by Mr. Michael Cortez. Mr. Cortez updated the group on the Senator's recent initiatives.

10.1.3. Assemblyman Levine, Mayor Hahn, and Councilman Smith's representatives were not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

10.1.4. Councilman Zine's office had two representatives in attendance. Field Deputy Marisol Espinoza was the first to speak.

10.1.4.1. Councilman Zine has made a proposal to add more cameras at intersections within the area. Ms. Espinoza noted that the Valley has several very dangerous intersections which have seen an increase in accidents caused by people

running red lights. She pointed to the Vanowen / De Soto intersection as one of the one's under consideration.

10.1.4.2. Councilman Zine has been sworn in as a reserve LAPD School Police Officer. He will be assisting the School Police training division in training new motorcycle officers.

10.1.4.3. Progress continues on the efforts to get a state law passed to allow cities to regulate the placement and use of non-motorized vehicles on local streets (i.e. the ad trailers that have proliferated through the area such as the Lone Star Alarm trailers). She reaffirmed Councilman Zine's commitment to getting these types of trailers off of the streets as they are constantly a source of concern for the citizens.

10.1.4.4. Councilman Zine also recently held a meeting with local businesses to address graffiti and vandal acts throughout the area. Working with the POSSE they have not been able to capture those responsible for the most recent outbreak but she assured those in attendance that the POSSE would continue to be vigilant and report the events as they are witnessed or discovered.

10.1.4.5. She also announced the Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Topanga Plaza Mall on the 24th. The fair will be held Saturday, April 24th from 9 AM to 4 PM.

10.1.4.6. A member of the public in attendance asked Ms. Espinoza how Councilman Zine feels about the school issue. Ms. Espinoza referred the matter to Ms. Marianne King, Associate Planning Deputy.

10.1.4.7. Ms. King introduced her self and said that she will often be at meetings that involve planning and land use decisions. She continued to explain that Councilman Zine has no direct decision in what the LAUSD does since it is an elected group outside of the city government. However, he is very active and vocal based on the calls he receives from his constituents. She informed the group that even Councilman Zine had no idea what the LAUSD was planning until calls started coming into his office and assured everyone that as soon as he did find out he called up Mr. Lauritzen and asked him to keep him informed going forward.

10.2. Mr. Durazo from D.O.N.E. was invited to speak next. Mr. Durazo informed the Board that there is quite a bit of re-organization within D.O.N.E. and he is losing some assignments and gaining others. He reassured the Board that he would be remaining in his capacity for the WNC.

11. Discussion and possible action on expenditure authorization for the Secretary to renew WNC Website domain name, establishment of WNC official email address, approval to enter in agreement with US Post Office for a PO Box, and purchase of Adobe Acrobat software to facilitate distribution of materials to council members.

11.1.1. Ms. Lamishaw introduced the next item on the agenda explaining that currently the Secretary, Mr. Popowich, is bearing the costs for the Council's web site.

- 11.1.2. Mr. Durazo interjected that the Board cannot decide to spend any funds until it has received them, even a refund in the future for monies spent today.
- 11.1.3. Mr. Popowich responded stating that the web site domain name would expire in June. He also stated that he has already experienced problems with his personal email account due to size constraints, bears the costs of phone calls, and has difficulty distributing documents among the Board members due to conflicts between PCs and Macs. He stated while the cost of the web site domain name registration is only \$35.00 and he didn't mind bearing the cost for the cause, he cannot bear the cost of the software needed.
- 11.1.4. Mr. Durazo said he understood the problem but that the rules were very clear on this. He also informed the Board that other Councils have had the same problem and found work around.
- 11.1.5. Ms. Lamishaw asked if a benefactor could donate the money or items.
- 11.1.6. Mr. Durazo advised that donations could not be accepted either. He also suggested that we contact Canoga Park Neighborhood Council to find out how they worked around the law.
- 11.1.7. Mr. Popowich responded that he was rather fond of the law and didn't want to work around it. He advised the Board that he would pay for the domain name so that we do not lose it.

12. Public Comments

- 12.1.1. Ms. Lamishaw opened the session to the floor for public comments, and turned the floor over to the Secretary to call members forward who had filled out a speaker card. Only one member decided to come forward and he expressed concerns about the agenda being posted or made available sooner as he didn't get one.
- 12.1.2. Mr. Popowich responded that he was sorry this individual didn't receive earlier notice, but that the notice was posted as required for the public viewing at the normal posting places and some new ones. He also advised everyone that the agenda had been placed on the web site and emailed to the public based on the email list that the Council maintains. He invited anyone who had any other ideas on where the agendas could be placed that he would appreciate it.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was closed and adjourned.