



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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TJ Martens	T. Alan Schweizer	Open Seat	Open Seat	Stephanie Aguirre



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 04/14/09

1. Call to Order and Board Members Roll Call.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
JJ Popowich	X		
Art Sims	X		
Erick Lace	X		
Mary Ann Smiley	X		
Jozef Essavi	X		
Armineh Chelebian	X		
Nina Essavi	X		
Nalini Natarajan	X		
Edesa Aghakhanmoshabad		X	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X		
TJ Martens	X		
T. Alan Schweizer	X		
Open Seat			
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Stephanie Aguirre		X	
Total	11	2	0

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules.

3. Public Comments-

4. **State and local government representatives' updates:** Maldonado brought receipts for Erick for items we purchased. There are hot spots on Cantara street. Found stolen property, cell phones. Saticoy and Mason found unsafe bomb like devise, but identified the suspect. He is well known my LAPD. Crime suppression task force is being worked on, illegal vendors, graffiti, come to Neighborhood Watch meetings. Community should call 911 when they see crime occurring and not the SLO. Stolen goods and narcotics had taken place .Second Thursday of the month the Neighborhood Watch meets. Hottest topic at this time is the Marijuana dispensary. This store provides marijuana to persons with a recommendation from a doctor. The location of this store is on Vanowen and west of Winnetka Ave. They are not licensed to be there. They filed a hardship complaint. A number of schools are in the vicinity of where the store is located. JJ will write a letter re: the regulations of the marijuana store. Cost per

sign is \$15,000.00 for speed signs. WNC wanted 4 signs so therefore \$30,000.00 for all four signs. Does the board still want to pay the total amount per sign? This will be on the May agenda. Work order for the hitched trailer signs are being worked on. Timeframe for Quartz Ave. One month is the time frame to have the 2 hour no parking signs in the Quartz Ave area which has continued to be a burden to all residents in this area. Graffiti forum in Reseda HS auditorium. April 26th 9-2 pm (see attached flyer) Free E Waste Collection Event at Zine's office. Does WNC want to join with the Neighborhood Watch to join with and tackle the Graffiti forum. Also, would like to work better with WNC. Celebrity Bowling Tournament Fundraiser on May 9th from 4-7 pm at Woodlake Bowl (see attached flyer) Take addresses of abandoned homes and send to Jose. Posse project-contact person is Jessica. Jessica will be invited to our next meeting. Farm Walk at Pierce College 9-5 pm (no flyer). Mason and Stagg street is a dangerous area and needs to be reviewed. Meghan brought issue regarding the contact person to be here from Devonshire Division. Sue Harold's number 818/634.0579. Marijuana store concerns Roscoe & Mason- new marijuana dispensaries will open up and they have to file a hardship exception. She has no record that they have filed hardship. Working with re: shopping carts, street tree trimming, pavements, building and safety issues. Sandy Glidesdale is the contact person for Smith's office when having problems with the above issues. We could send Meghan the issues and concerns and then she will forward to Sandy. Meghan will invite Greg Smith to our next meeting. Work order re: hitched trailers is currently being worked on (Smith's side of the area). SLO Sue Harold showed up. Props to her. No letter will be submitted by JJ to the station. She will be present when she is able to. SLO is requesting that she be notified. Café O on Vanowen and De Soto area. SLO needs help with this store. Corbin area two guys were stabbed. Three male Hispanics. Graffiti problem call police when you see suspicious activity. Area on Roscoe and Winnetka Stop N Go store. Can call 911 for the refrigerators are dangerous for the kids in the area. Recycling center is now up front and not in the back. This issue will be added to the agenda for the Public Safety meeting in April. The business is causing problems in the area. They were told to move in back of Jon's but Jon's does not want them in the back. Penfield is being worked on. Half way house on Mason and Roscoe Blvd. Third Thursday of the month is her Basic car meeting at Devonshire Station at 7 pm.

5. **Leisha Garcia from the City of Los Angeles Floodplain Management Plan (FMP). She will provide pertinent information on the FMP project and will ask for input.**
Not present.
6. **Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Helen Yoon of the Bureau of Sanitation regarding Alternative Technology for trash disposal.**
Not present.
7. **Discussion and possible action to support the Winnetka Recreation Center/ Valley Fab Girls up to \$1,000.00, subsequent to youth committee vote and recommendation motioned by Tess Reyes Dunn and MaryAnn Smiley seconded it. All approved.** Currently the Fab girls have 29 girls who are involved in the after school program from Winnetka Recreation Center. They are involved in many community events, ages 4-12. They are active and are not involved in street delinquency. All of the girls are doing exceptionally well in their school academics and keep themselves occupied every day. A priority list was provided to the board members as far as the supplies that are needed to run this type of program. JJ motioned to support up to \$1300.00 and Josef seconded. All approved.
8. **Jim Rojas from Tarzana Landscaping to discuss landscaping ideas for the Sherman Way median.** Not present.
9. **Swearing in of new Youth Member, Stephanie Aguirre.** Not present.
10. **Discussion and possible action on supporting the six river rocks installation on each left hand turns at the Sherman Way median.** Sims discussed the Tarzana Nursery Landscaping which will provide the river rock and flowers that will be placed on the six left hand turn lanes on the Sherman Way Median where the signal lights. Erick motioned to support up to \$25,000.00 which will include the material and labor (including the river rock from another distributor) and TJ seconded it. All approved.
11. **Discussion ad possible action to support on May 29- 31, 2009 the 4th annual fireworks show. The event, Hawaiian Festival will be held at Northridge Park & Recreation Center. Discussion and possible action on the budget discussion which is due on 06/01/09.** In the past, WNC bought water and now they want money to support the actual fireworks for the day of the event. Erick motioned to support up to \$1,000.00 for the firework show. TJ seconded it. All approved except for one.
12. **Discussion and possible action on Elections for 2010. This issue pertains to what was discussed at the Saturday downtown meeting with DONE and City Elections Division.** Erick discussed that the elections will be taken over by the city. Mar – June will be election time. First and third week of the month and it will be by lottery. This will be referred to the By Laws Committee. Monday the 20th.
13. **Discussion and possible action on the inventory identification process. Please refer to the list of description of inventory items.** Erick will handle this issue and will provide the board with an update
14. **Discussion and possible action for second phase of Sunny Brae School Garden beautification project.** Greg describes and passes out diagrams and a map of the Sunny Brae Garden. The estimate is \$1861.00. JJ motioned to support up to \$1900.00. Alan seconded it. All Approved. Proceed on possible future support for flower pots.

15. **Discussion and possible action to support Save A Life Sunday Disaster Preparedness Fair on June 7th and June 14th, 2009 at Chaminade College Preparatory School (7500 Chaminade Ave. Canoga Park, 91304). To support up to \$7,000.00 for this event and stakeholders can be trained in CPR, AED and First Aid.** Table it for next month TJ will provide more detailed info for next month.
16. **Discussion and possible action on revisions to the citywide sign ordinance. On March 26, 2009 the City Planning Committee approved the revisions.** Table indefinitely.
17. **Discussion and possible action on requests by the Department of Transportation for an opinion on proposed speed limits on DeSoto Ave, Mason Ave, and Victory Blvd.**
Alan motioned to support the proposed speed limits. Erick seconded it. All approved. JJ will submit a letter.
18. **Reminder to all board members to complete the survey by Monday 04/13/09 regarding Community Action Plan to the State, which is done every two years. www.lacity.org/CDD/index_two.html.**
Reminder to all of the board members to complete.
19. **Discussion and possible action on an update for Neighborhood Pride Day on June 13, 2009.**
Arminah discussed the identified area Welby Way and Nadia Way. Letters were sent to the homeowners and no response from them. These houses will be visited by the committee to notify them. Volunteers are needed. Vendors will be asked to volunteer. June 13th is the date. Probation will be asked to see if the Probation Officers will participate and have minors who will work off community service hours present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

20. **Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report, Lace): (7 minutes)**
Discussion of monthly report. A reminder to all chairs of each committee to have an idea of the amount of money that should be allocated to each committee for the future budget. \$15,000.00 will be taken by the Mayor from each NC. Due to our approval for today's issues we may not have an excess of \$15,000.00 remaining. Must provide budget to Erick and JJ cc MaryAnn. Will be added to May agenda with specific projects.
21. **Interfaith Committee Report (Chelebian):**
No report.
22. **Events Committee Report (Martens): (7 minutes)**

Discussion and possible action tote bags to be given away during the Second Annual FCE . To support up to \$3,000.00 for eco friendly tote bags. A sample of the tote bag was passed out. Blue bag is \$1.00 and yellow smaller one 90 cents. Erick will inquire what is allowed to "give away" to the community. As of now, we believe it is not acceptable. Pictures were passed around regarding the jackets for the board members. Total cost for each \$40.00. Total is \$600.00. TJ motioned to get the vendor out here and to support up to \$800.00 and Josef seconded it. All approved; except for one abstain.
Discussion and possible action on a WNC jacket for each board member to wear during events/meetings.
Discussion and possible action on a budget proposal for the events committee 2009/2010 total of \$30,000.00. Budget for \$30,000.000 omit from the agenda as it is irrelevant.
Discussion and possible action up to \$18,000.00 for the FCE event on August 16, 2009.
TJ is requesting \$18,000.00 for the Earth Day event. Get other NC's to be involved such as West Hills, Reseda, Canoga Park, and any other NC's to assist us in this event. JJ will send a letter to all the presidents to get involved.
23. **Youth Committee Report (Schweizer): (10 minutes)**
Discussion and possible action to support the Youth Expo in 2009 as motioned by Alan Schweizer and seconded by MaryAnn Smiley. All approved.
Erick motioned to support up to 5,000.00 for the Youth Expo and Art seconded it. All approved.
24. **Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUM) (Popowich): (7 minutes)**
No report.
25. **Public Works & Transportation Committee (Chelebian):**
No report.

26. Public Safety Committee (Smiley): (5 minutes)

Reminder to the board members that May 15, 2009 is the next Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force will be held at Winnetka Recreation Park from 7:30 am -2:00 pm.

27. Emergency Preparedness (Martens): (5 minutes)

Discussion and possible action to support the budget for 2009-2010 up to \$25,000.00.

Table for next month.

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$15,000.00 on trauma kits to be stored in different triage locations throughout the Winnetka area.

Not a consideration as it will not be approved by DONE due to the gift giving dilemma.

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$5,000.00 on food and water for emergency supply (shelf life is 5 years)

Table for more information.

Discussion and possible action to support up to \$5,000.00 on trainings/supply for the EP events with Red Cross and LAFD.

Table for next month.

28. Rules, Election & By-Laws Committee (Popowich):

29. Future Agenda Items & Calendar of events:

- Public Safety Committee: April 21, 2009
- Youth Committee: April 6, 2009
- Events Committee: April 28, 2009
- Public Works & Transportation Committee: TBD
- Interfaith Committee: TBD
- Emergency Preparedness: April 27, 2009

25. Adjournment
