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From: J.J. Popowich, Secretary
Date: January 11, 2005
Subject: Regular Meeting Minutes for 01/12/05

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Candidates Forum**
3. **Call to Order and Board of Directors Roll Call.**

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

4. **Approval of the minutes for our December meeting.**
 - 4.1. Ms. Lamishaw requested one correction to show that Ken Molock called the meeting to order and not Ms. Lamishaw who was not present.
5. **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.**
 - 5.1. Ms. Vicki Gilley from the Community Redevelopment Agency was present. She wished everyone a happy new year and introduced herself, and thanked the WNC for the opportunity to speak before the Board. She said the 2006 Fiscal budget has been submitted to their director. They will begin reaching out to the community shortly to find out what they think. She would like to invite all the stakeholders to review the proposed projects and what they want to do with the funds.

She provided a sheet that lists all the proposed projects in the area. Most of these she said were commercial projects along Sherman Way. She referred to the Cohasset Manor as a residential project. She also said that last year the CRA assisted with a redevelopment project in conjunction with Premiere Auto. The CRA is currently looking into a project with the Forest Glenn Apartments on Cohasset and Oso. She said that the company has already invested 2 million into rebuilding the apartments to turn them into condominiums.

5.1.1. Mr. Jurgenson asked what the CRA's position on IZ (Inclusionary housing) was.

5.1.1.1. Ms. Gilley commented that they are generally supportive of the idea but not unsympathetic to the concerns it raises with residents around projects like that. She went on to say that the CRA has dual concerns because one object is to fix the blight in an area and one is the same as the rest of the city with adequate housing.

5.1.2. A stakeholder asked what the criteria is and what the limit is for assistance.

5.1.2.1. Ms. Gilley responded that the limit is \$175,000.00 as a silent second on any project they do.

5.2. Senior Lead Officer Karen Rodriguez was also in attendance. She introduced herself and explained briefly what a SLO is. She said that going forward she would be attending meetings regularly to provide crime information to the WNC. She also announced that the newest version of the Neighborhood Watch newsletter was available and thanked Universal Printing for donating the printing. She said that she didn't have any specific numbers with her on crime data. She did provide the following:

0% increase/decrease in violent crime over the last quarter.

26% decrease in crime

8% decrease in property crimes (which 1% over the entire year).

Part 1 crimes (rapes, assaults, & auto theft) have decreased 7% from December to January, with an overall decrease of 4% for the year.

She went on to say that Chief Bratton had set a 20% goal for crime reduction for 2004. The actual decrease for the year was 7%. The new goal for 2005 is 10%.

She announced that there has been a string of fast food robberies in the area. She said that Popeye's Chicken on Sherman Way & Mason was robbed recently as was the KFC on Winnetka & Sherman Way. The police do have some leads and are working on making an arrest soon.

She announced that the Canoga House Inn on Winnetka has been a long standing problem in the community. She and other officers worked with the City Attorney and the local prosecutor and together they have held the owners accountable. As a result the owners have sold the property (under threat of abatement [taking the property away] if the problems weren't fixed). The new owners have started to fix it up and have limited rentals to 1 month. They have installed 18 new security cams and are installing a brick wall in the front. The new owners have hired retired police officers to do security on the premises.

5.2.1. Mr. Popowich asked if the WNC could get the NW newsletter in electronic format so he could post it on the web site.

5.2.1.1. SLO Rodriguez said she would work on that.

5.2.2. Mr. Jurgenson commented that with crime dropping by 7% how does that compare with other communities.

5.2.2.1. Ms. Rodriguez responded the 7% figure is for the West Valley as a whole.

5.2.3. Mr. Jurgenson asked if there was any one to represent the police department for the Devonshire Division.

5.2.3.1. Ms. Rodriguez referred him to SLO Sue Harold.

5.2.4. Mr. Popowich reminded SLO of her announcement to meet with the Public Safety Committee going forward.

5.2.4.1. SLO Rodriguez agreed and said that command has instructed the SLO to begin meeting with the equivalent of the Public Safety committees in each of the NC's. Going forward she will be attending those meetings and not the larger Board meeting.

5.3. Ms. Alycia Seaman from Senator Levine's office was on hand. She announced the Senator is co-sponsoring Cash for College Day. This event helps educate high school students and their parents who are looking for assistance with college tuition. The event will be on January 21, 2005 from 10 – 2 PM.

She announced that the Senator is looking at introducing a bill for Pharmacists Options. This deals with the pharmacists ability to provide medication, or not. She would announce more details as it becomes available.

She went on to say that each Senator is allowed only 40 items in any session and the deadline for submission is February. Next month she would have a better description of the agenda. She did say that the budget looks to be the biggest item on the agenda for the year.

5.3.1. Ms. Lamishaw asked if the Cash for College program was being extended to undocumented residents. She went on to comment that we have a lot of folks who aren't documented but really do need the support.

5.3.2. Ms. Seaman stated that she believes everyone needs to be a legal resident of CA.

Ms. Lamishaw commented that she has heard a lot about City Council folks who aren't paying attention and walking out during a meeting. She announced that she was offended that two Board members chose to do this and she hopes it will not happen again.

6. Discussion and possible action on selecting attendees for the February 7, 2005, Mayoral Debate being sponsored by the Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, KCBS 2, and KCAL 9.

6.1. Ms. Lamishaw went over the item to be discussed and reminded everyone that they have to be on time or early because once it starts taping they will not allow anyone new into the stage. She reminded everyone that you didn't have to attend in order to submit a question. She also said that even though your question was submitted it may not be asked.

6.2. Mr. Popowich announced that Ms. Chelebian, Mr. Jurgenson, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Burgess have all volunteered to go.

6.3. Ms. Lamishaw said that sounds like good representation.

6.4. A brief discussion ensued on who would go to which taking. Ms. Robinson, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Jurgenson would go to the 2/7/05 taping. Mr. Jurgenson, Ms. Chelebian, and Mr. Popowich would attend the 2/28/05,

6.5. Mr. Burgess reminded everyone to be on time and early to find parking.

6.6. Ms. Lamishaw said that anyone else who wishes to attend or submit a question needs to do so within 48 hours.

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

A. PLUM Committee report:

WNC-011405-1: "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council approves the January 5, 2005 PLUM report." (Popowich)

- a. Mr. Popowich reviewed the PLUM actions and asked for a second on his motion to pass the recommendations.
- b. Mr. Schulte seconded the motion
- c. The Secretary called roll and the motion passed 14-0.

B. Rules, Elections, and By-Laws Committee Report: Update on any committee action applicable.

- a. Mr. Basch provided a short report. He recapped the D.O.N.E. approval
- b. He announced that the outreach efforts are going well and thanked all those who worked on the newsletter and the upcoming election flyer.
- c. Mr. Popowich announced the typo in the terms of the time for the forums.
- d. Mr. Basch announced that Michael Cohen would be the administrator for the election. D.O.N.E. will act as arbitrator. He went on to say that the no campaigning within 100ft of the polling place would be strictly enforced.
- e. A stakeholder asked for confirmation on the start times of the debates.
 - i. Mr. Basch responded.
- f. Mr. Popowich asked when the order of appearance on the ballot would be made.
 - i. Mr. Basch stated that after the final date for a candidate declaration form we will hold a date to pick the order.

C. Communications & Outreach Committee Report: An update on the status of the WNC Quarterly news magazine, election outreach efforts, and additional projects. (Robinson-Popowich)

- a. Mr. Popowich listed what the committee does. He thanked Ms. Robinson for all of her efforts to organize events and help plan the events. He went to say that it's something he doesn't do often.

- b. Ms. Robinson announced the Parking Town Hall has been scheduled for 4/07/05, and that Councilmember Dennis Zine has agreed to attend.
- c. Mr. Basch asked if a copy of the newsletter had been sent to D.O.N.E.
 - i. Mr. Popowich said no, but he would send one.
- d. Mr. Basch asked what the cost of the Election Flyer would be.
 - i. Mr. Popowich said that cost would be similar to the newsletter but slightly less since its being done in black and white.
 - ii. Mr. Basch commented he may have to re-allocate some funds.
- e. Mr. Schulte asked who prints the newsletter.
- f. Mr. Popowich advised that it was Academy Mailing in Sunland. He commented that they do quite a few or most of the Valley newsletters now.
- g. Mr. Basch commented it would be ok and he could apply it to the Q2 amounts. He said if we go over that amount he will need a motion from the WNC Board.

D. Facilities Committee Report (Molock).

- a. Mr. Molock said that there was nothing new to announce. They are still searching for a location.
- b. Ms. Conover asked if we could ask Zine for some storage space, like a file cabinet, so we can store the materials we are all collecting. She said some others have mentioned this is possible.
- c. Ms. Lamishaw said we could look into it and asked Mr. Molock to look into it for us.

E. Public Safety Committee Report (Popowich) N/A

- a. Mr. Popowich advised everyone that the Committee didn't meet in December due to the holidays. He said the next meeting would have a discussion on the police tax measures and a presentation from a gentleman trying to set up an Emergency Medical Response team.
- b. Mr. Jurgenson announced the Devonshire Police Station will be hosing a Town Hall on 2/03/05, at 6:30 PM, at the Shepard of the Hills Church. He went on to say for the record that this was the reason he left the meeting to obtain the information. He commented that he realizes this was a bit of a concern with Ms. Lamishaw.

F. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Chelebian) N/A

- a. Ms. Chelebian announced that we didn't have a meeting due to the holidays as well. She announced the agenda items for the next meeting and invited all those in attendance to attend if they were interested.
- b. Ms. Lamishaw asked if there was an October meeting.

- c. Mr. Popowich responded there was.
- d. Ms. Lamishaw pointed out there were no minutes posted.
- e. Mr. Popowich apologized and said he would post them.
- f. A stakeholder said that his block of Mason Ave (7800 block) was in dire need of repair. He said that he has noticed damage to his house due to the damage to the street from the recent storms and the large trucks that are using the street recently.
 - i. Ms. Chelebian said that the Public Works & Transportation Committee could act as a clearing house for reports of storm damage to streets and potholes.
 - ii. Mr. Montaine said he had spoken to Marisol and that he was advised there was a 78% reduction in street funding for repairs.
 - iii. Mr. Popowich said that was true and it was quietly slipped through by the Mayor.
 - iv. Mr. Montaine said that any resident can call 311
 - v. Ms. Lamishaw announced that Boeing Corporation has finished the sale of its property to the City and the MTA will be building a 660 vehicle parking garage/lot on that site for the Orange Line. She said the NE corner where the Jacoby Building Materials currently is will also become a 200 space parking lot in the future.

8. WNC Liaison Reports: Reports on the activities of the liaison's to the LADWP, Controller Chick's office, VICA, and others. No action is expected.

- 8.1. Mr. Popowich announced that Controller Chick is running for re-election and is not sending out updates at this time.
- 8.2. Ms. Lamishaw announced that the LA DWP has gone through some major changes recently and the MOU is being re-negotiated between the DWP and the coalition of NCs. She said the former Director was asked to resign due to the PR billing scandal and the new director, Mr. Deaton is now involved. She said it is going to be difficult because his views are different and he wants to run it his way. She said that the group is not backing down from their position.

9. Public Comment Period

- 9.1. Mr. Schulte said he would like to see an item on the Outreach & Events agenda for a commemorative pin to give out to all those who have served on the WNC and who volunteer their time. He commented that it could be something that individuals could pay for themselves.
 - 9.1.1. Mr. Basch stated the City would not pay for this as there is no benefit.
- 9.2. A stakeholder asked where the Orange Line begins.
- 9.3. Ms. Lamishaw said that it starts from the Red Line in North Hollywood and runs along Chandler until it reaches De Soto and Victory.
- 9.4. Mr. Popowich said that they will place an item on the Public Works & Transportation agenda and see if we can get someone from the Orange Line to come speak to us and educate us.
- 9.5. Mr. Schulte commented that when he bid on the project there were three main stops along the way that were covered and included restrooms. There may be more now.

Adjournment