

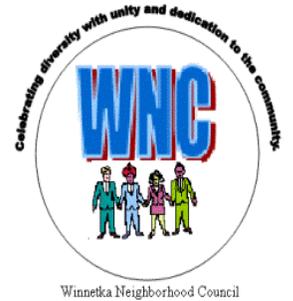


# WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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	JJ Popowich		Marilyn Robinson	
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Dwight Burgess	Herbie Schwartz	Rick Montaine	Raquel Diaz	Open

To: Council Members, Public

From: JJ Popowich, Secretary

Date: February 21, 2006

Subject: Public Safety Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2006

### 1. Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.

Present	Absent Excused
Popowich, JJ	Swartz, Herbie: Excused
Burgess, Dwight	Diaz, Raquel: Absent
Robinson, Marilyn	
Montaine, Richard	

### 2. Approval of minutes.

2.1. Mr. Popowich asked for approval of the minutes.

### 3. Public Comments

3.1.

### 4. State and local government representatives' updates: LAPD, Fire, and any other local, state, or federal officials that wish to attend to discuss items of importance to the Public Safety Committee.

4.1. SLO Raigoza said she continues to get complaints regarding the graffiti, loitering, and now some juvenile fights. They have made one arrest for graffiti from a juvenile at that part. There is also a second arrest which may be related but it's not directly linked to that location.

In regards to the juveniles loitering in that area belong to one of the houses on Gifford St. These youths have complied with the officer's requests to leave the area so at this time they can't do anything. The reports of fighting were first reported as loitering and then later (after a slow response) they have received second calls reporting fights. However, when officers show up there is no one there.

4.2. Mr. Popowich said that while the WNC Board has not met, he will send the letter requesting the gates to be closed tonight as we can't wait any further time.

4.2.1. SLO Raigoza said she will keep that request open until we have movement. She commented that we continue to receive emails from a stakeholder in the area and have requested to meet with him as well as having invited him to the meetings to address his concerns.

4.3. Mr. Popowich commented that we continue to receive the emails and we also respond to the stakeholder's email letting him know where we are in the process that others in that area have stated it's improve.

4.3.1. SLO has continued to conduct walk through and have not reported any new incidents of gambling and drinking when they have been there. They will continue to conduct random visits to ensure that it continues.

4.4. Mr. Popowich asked about ticketing loiters.

4.4.1. SLO Raigoza said that if they are on the sidewalk and are blocking the sidewalk they could be ticketed if they refuse to leave. She said in this case they have complied and have not blocked the sidewalk. She also said they can ticket for curfew violations and they are not violating curfew. The only other is for truancy and they have not been there during school hours.

4.5. Mr. Popowich asked for an update on Saticoy and Oso.

4.5.1. SLO Raigoza said she ran a report for public drinking in that area. She said it averages only one arrest a week for drinking. She referenced a vice operation in that area and she has asked other units (including bike patrol) to keep an eye on that area.

In regards to the trespass sign requests and letters that we had discussed sending, she decided to conduct a walk through of that area again. She actually waited for the managers to sign the letters and now has them. The next step is the Neighborhood Prosecutor in that area will set up an appointment with Housing and Safety to walk through the buildings to let the apartment managers know what needs to be fixed.

There will be a large meeting scheduled for March 30th, with various city departments to provide apartment owners with information on what needs to be kept up and repaired. They will also receive information on various city programs that can help.

4.6. Mr. Montaine asked about placing camera's and signs that the area is monitored. Can something like that be done to improve the area and help you monitor it?

4.6.1. SLO Raigoza said that it's hard to do that unless it's gated. She went on to say that one of the biggest problems in regards the dumping issue is a large vacant lot on Cohasset Street.

4.7. Mr. Popowich said he would contact the Building and Safety Department's PACE program director and ask him to look at the property located between 20436 and 20414 Cohasset St. He said that they may possibly work to identify the owner and cite the owner.

4.8. SLO Raigoza also brought up the issue with street vendors in the area around Sutter. She said that she has asked them what they are doing there as its illegal and she commented that they have been told by the school that the street vendors can do it as long as it's not near the school.

4.8.1. Mr. Popowich asked SLO Raigoza to send him an email with what was said to her and we can send a letter to the Superintendent and maybe they will address it.

4.8.2. SLO Raigoza commented that she has also been working with Councilmember Zine's office to do a street vendor sweep near the schools.

4.8.3. Ms. Robinson commented that this needs to be organized with Building and Safety, and suggested we contact Frank Bush.

**5. Discussion and possible action on creating an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Winnetka. This will include a discussion on storage depots for emergency items, arranging and promoting CERT training courses in Winnetka, promoting Red Cross training and CPR certification. May include a discussion on the appropriation of funds from the WNC general fund for outreach and materials.**

5.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item.

5.2. Ms. Robinson asked about what the Mayor's plan.

5.3. Mr. Popowich said that he is unsure at this time what the plan from they mayor. He said he is scheduled to go to a meeting at the Mayor's office in regards to this meeting.

5.4. Ms. Robinson said they are working on a senior fair with Canoga Park and Reseda.

5.5. Mr. Popowich said he would like to have a CERT training program here.

5.6. Ms. Robinson asked where.

5.7. Mr. Popowich said that Valley Village would be a good location for this. He said he would check with them to see if they would be willing to host the event.

**WNC-PS-022206-01:** *The WNC will work with Canoga Park and Reseda to host a CERT training program in Winnetka for the three areas. The WNC will spend up to \$600.00 to create and distribute flyers for this program. (Popowich)*

5.8. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Notes</i>
JJ Popowich	X			
Marilyn Robinson	X			
Dwight Burgess	X			
Rick Montaine	X			
Raquel Diaz				Absent
Schwartz, Herbie				Absent
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

5.9. Motion passed 5-0.

**6. Discussion and possible action on possible plans to install speed bumps around local schools (in conjunction with efforts in the Public Works & Transportation Committee).**

- 6.1. Mr. Popowich said that there has been no movement on this issue and the PWT is not meeting this month.
- 6.2. SLO Raigoza commented that Sutter is the worst location with their pick up and drop off problems.
- 6.3. Mr. Popowich said he will send a note to Officer Leland with the CHP to request an enforcement program with the cameras we purchased.

**7. Discussion and possible action on purchasing emergency first aid kits for distribution through local schools. This may involve determining size of kit, distribution method/timing, and appropriation of funds from the WNC General fund.**

- 7.1. Mr. Popowich introduced the item and proposed the idea that the WNC look at an emergency survival kit for Winnetka residents. He suggested that this may be in conjunction with programs at local schools or through the local churches. He presented a few ideas to the committee members on what the kits may look like and some preliminary costs for kits purchased together. Costs from one vendor would be about \$32 - \$33 dollars in bulk of 100 or more. He said that he believes they can do better with a little shopping around.
- 7.2. Ms. Robinson said it could come out of Outreach if we do it through the schools.
- 7.3. Mr. Burgess said that since the community is not coming to the Council then we should go to them.
- 7.4. Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Burgess to research different costs.
- 7.5. Ms. Robinson said she will bring this up with the Education and Youth Sub Committee to get a count of children and possibly what they could do with the schools.
- 7.6. Mr. Popowich said that would be a great idea. We can work with the LAFD to come in and do a presentation and we can distribute it to the schools.
- 7.7. Mr. Montaine asked if we needed a waiver to do this.
- 7.8. Mr. Popowich said that we would go to the LAFD first and see if they would be willing to do it and then we can approach the schools with the program to do.
- 7.9. Ms. Robinson said we should do Sunnybrae first as they are one of neediest schools.

**8. Committee Business –**

- A. Comments on Committee Member’s own activities/ brief announcements.
- B. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- C. Introduction of any new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.
- D. Requests for Committee Members to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time.

**9. Adjournment**