



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:30 PM**



Winnetka Convention Center,
20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 91306

(Located next to Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

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President	Vice-President	Secretary (Vacant)	Treasurer	Parliamentarian
JJ Popowich	David Uebersax	Joshua Belkin	Jaime Pelaez	Franklin Solis
Board Members				
Steven Fuhrman	Erick Lace	Eric Lewis	Tess Reyes-Dunn	Tamicka Easley
John Poer	Ajantha Sriramya	Matthew Gregorchuk	Christopher Persaud	Jonathan Lewis

- MEET & GREET** (Refreshments) [10 min] _____ # of Guests
- CONVENE MEETING**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [1 min]
- BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL** [2 min]

Board Member	Position	Present	Absent	Excused
Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large		X	
VACANT	At-Large		N/A	
David Uebersax	Vice President	X		
Eric Lewis	At-Large		X	
Erick Lace	At-Large	X		
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X		
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer		X	
JJ Popowich	President	X		
John Poer	At-Large		X	
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.	X		
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large		X	
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X		
Tamika Easley	At-Large	X		
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X		
VACANT	At-Large		N/A	
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- Discussion and possible action to appoint stakeholders to fill two vacant At-Large positions on the Board. A call for candidates was posted on our website and announced in the last two Board meetings. The following stakeholders have submitted written requests to be considered for these positions:

- Christopher Persaud
- Fenstad Kurt
- Joshua Belkin

Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to address the Board to explain why they wish to serve on the Board. The Board will be allotted 5 minutes for each candidate to ask the candidate questions. The Board will then vote to fill the first position. Upon completion of the vote to fill the first position, a second vote will occur to fill the second position. Each vote will be a roll-call vote.

- Mr. Popowich introduced the item and explained the rules. He announced that Mr. Fenstad had pulled his name from consideration. Mr. Persaud was asked to speak first and the Parliamentarian was requested to track time
 - Mr. Persaud introduced himself and expressed his interest to serve on the Board. He said that one of his major goals was to expand outreach to let stakeholders know about the WNC. He stated that not enough stakeholders know about what the WNC does. He mentioned expanding our social media presence.
 - Mr. Fuhrman asked Mr. Persaud to tell the Board a bit more about himself
 - Mr. Persaud said he is a consultant working on patents. He has an MBA. He has interned with State Assemblyman Cardenas government representatives in the past and that focused on outreach
 - Mr. Solis thanked him for his interest and asked about Mr. Persaud's ability to balance his life with the Winnetka NC He shared we have had several board members who were committed but could not balance
 - Mr. Persaud commented it's a good question. He said that he would do everything he could to balance out his commitments
 - MS. Reyes-Dunne asked if he is willing to serve on committees and reference the Youth and Safety Committees as examples.
 - Mr. Persaud said that he could commit to one committee.
 - Ms. Reyes-Dunne said that's important.
 - Mr. Uebersax noted that Mr. Persaud has been interested since 2014 and he commended that. He asked if there was a specific committee that interests him and how would he describe the difference from being a stakeholder and a Board member who may have to listen to different positions.
 - Mr. Persaud said he would have to reach out and get ideas and positions of the stakeholders. He said he would have to subtract his personal feelings from what he is hearing and try to put a decision together based on what stakeholders felt and what the majority of stakeholders felt. He said that he is certainly interested in Planning & Land Use but wants to learn about other committees. He also mentioned the committee that deals with children as an important committee because he want to make the children happy. He stressed he would have to get information on
 - Ms. Green thanked him and asked him if there was an area of Outreach that interested him.
 - Mr. Persaud said he has a professional interest in ensuring that students have all of the knowledge they need to help them go through the existing levels of support and

plans. He also wants to make sure businesses have what they need to succeed.

- Mr. Popowich asked about his take on fit of projects and density issues
 - Mr. Persaud said that he would have to look at the character of a neighborhood first and see how the project fits the tone of that neighborhood. He would have to listen to neighbors who to get their view of the impact. He also said that you also have to take into account higher density leads generally to higher property values.
- Mr. Popowich thanked Mr. Persaud and asked Mr. Belkin to introduce himself.
 - Mr. Belkin introduced himself as board and raised in the California. From Northridge and been in the valley. He works for a bank in downtown LA. He lives near Runnymede. One of the things he really likes about Winnetka is the family feel of the community which is something missing from LA. He said he wants to focus on community, family, and safety. He said that one of the things that triggered his interest was an accident near his home and was disappointed with the lack of response from the LAPD. He feels that there is an increase in crime in the area and he feels this is one of the reasons we don't see people wanting to move in. Crime is one of the things people look at when they want to come to a community. He said his passion is focusing reducing crime.
 - Ms. Reyes-Dunne commented that we have problems like that all over the community.
 - Mr. Popowich injected to ask her to ask a question.
 - Ms. Reyes-Dunne asked if he has seen a change in the area from the police.
 - Mr. Belkin said he has seen some but there are things we can do to make things better.
 - Ms. Easley asked if he had any experience on a Board
 - Mr. Belkin said he is an executive Board member for Jewish Home of the Aging for about a year
 - Mr. Uebersax said that sometime when we are a Board member or a Committee member can't be shared the same way as we could as a stakeholder – such as out of bounds with the Brown Act. You have much more power, and you have your opinion, but you have to work for the community
 - Mr. Belkin said as a banker he often has to focus on his clients and their needs. Here it is about the Community and he would be focused on that.
 - Mr. Solis thanked him and mentioned he chairs the Safety Committee. He asked if he has attended the NW meeting and whether or not he has met the Senior Lead Officer.
 - Mr. Belkin said he had not had the opportunity. It all started with his desire to have a speedbump installed and that's how he found out about us.

- Mr. Solis mentioned that it's important he understands these are the questions that he will be asked as a Board member and he is happy to see him want to join
- Mr. Fuhrman said he likes what he is presenting. Since he is a banker, he asked if he would be interested in serving as a Treasurer.
 - Mr. Belkin said he would first have to start on the Board and he would like to see a bit more about how it works. He is not saying no.
- Mr. Uebersax said that was his same question.
- Mr. Popowich thanked everyone and said the next step is to vote on each.
- Mr. Uebersax asked if we expected to have any future availability.
- Mr. Popowich said he believes there will be. We will vote in order we heard from them.
- Mr. Fuhrman asked about which terms.
- Mr. Popowich explained what the City is doing with NC elections.
- There was a discussion about how we would determine which candidate gets what term. The discussion ranged about doing a coin flip to determine. Mr. Perez's term ends in 2018, and Mr. Hill's term ends in 2020.
- The ayes have it for coin flip. Senior Lead Officer performed the coin flip and Mr. Persaud won Mr. Hill's term.
- Mr. Persaud first

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Vacant	At-Large					X
David Uebersax	Vice President	X				
Eric Lewis	At-Large					X
Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X				
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.			X		
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
Vacant	At-Large					
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- Mr. Persaud was approved 7-0-1 and is appointed to the Board
- Mr. Popowich called for a vote for Mr. Belkin

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Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian					
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.	X				
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
Vacant	At-Large					
		8	0	0	0	6

- Mr. Belkin was approved and is appointed to the Board.
- Mr. Popowich congratulated the candidates.
- Mr. Popowich said that – the flip was tails and Mr. Persaud will take Mr. Perez’s term which ends in 2018, and Mr. Belkin will take Mr. Hill’s term which ends in 2020.

6. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Banks, from Councilmember Blumenfield’s Office was asked to swear the new Board members in.
- After both were sworn in pictures were taken and Mr. Popowich explained some general rules

7. MEETING RULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS [2 min]

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [5 min]

- Motion to approve minutes for August 8, 2017 (Popowich) (WNC-2017-091217-01)
- Asked for changes got it.
- Mr. Lace made the following motion:

WNC-2017-091217-01: The Winnetka NC approves August 8, 2017 minutes as amended.

- Mr. Ubersax offered a second with a friendly amendment to have the ability to re-open the minutes at a later date if an error is discovered

WNC-2017-091217-01: The Winnetka NC approves August 8, 2017 minutes as amended, with the stipulation that the Board may vote to amend the minutes at a later date.

- Mr. Lace accepted the friendly amendment
- Mr. Popowich asked how we could challenge the record at a later time if this is our recollection and documentation of what happened.
- Mr. Uebersax said that it would be a correction that would be supportive of the items. For example, in a past minutes there was a motion number missing – it would be a technical fix.
- Mr. Lace said once we closed it off its accepted as a solid record.
- Mr. Popowich asked Ms. Serrano (DONE) for guidance.
- Ms. Serrano asked for clarification
- Mr. Uebersax said we could go back and fix something that happened, but wasn't recorded exactly.
- Mr. Lace said that its likely not acceptable Parliamentary practice
- Mr. Popowich said that was his feeling and he did not see how it could work.
- Ms. Serrano said she would agree.
 - Mr. Popowich made an alternate motion:

WNC-2017-091217-01: The Winnetka NC approves August 8, 2017 minutes as amended.

- Mr. Lace Seconded
- Mr. Popowich called for the vote.

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David Uebersax	Vice President		X			
Eric Lewis	At-Large			X		X
Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X				
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.		X			
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Easley	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				
Joshua Belkin				X		
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- Motion passes 7-2-2

9. **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES** [5 min each, 20 min max]

- Updates: The latest information from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Bob Blumenfield (CM BB), Congressman Brad Sherman (CMN BS), State Senator Fran Pavley (S FP), State Assemblyman Matt Dababneh (ASM MD), the LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), and any other local, state, or federal agencies in attendance.
 - Mr. Banks – the Sanitation department is holding a Clean Streets Challenge. They are urging NCS to partner with other community organizations to go out into the community and clean it up. He shared an example of a building that is constantly tagged – he said one way of addressing this is to just send Building and Safety to deal with this, but if the NC and the Community come up with a plan they will win a grant to accomplish their goal. He shared the applications are in the back and need to be submitted by the 28th you then have until October 30th to complete what we said we would do. The Department of PW will provide all the tools. Trees can be planted, community gardens etc.
 - Mr. Solis asked if the workshops were required.
 - Mr. Banks said Blumenfield’s office is hosting one at their office and the Department of Sanitation is hosting it where the Sanitation will be there to answer questions.
 - Mr. Uebersax said that when the program came out a year or so ago, he pointed out we already do this. He said that it seems like they are inventing a new apparatus for something that is already being done. He would rather have the full old funding level of \$50K. He also pointed out the deadline is extremely tight and it’s not clear how we could meet that with already committed projects on the plate.
 - Mr. Solis mentioned he is the beautification contact for Winnetka. He asked if we have to have 2 or 3 organizations. If that grant gets approved where will the funds go?

- Mr. Banks commented that the grant comes at the end. For example, Reseda is doing a blitz community flyer event to promote 311. He said the funds will be given to the NC. It has to be three.
 - Mr. Uebersax asked more specifically for where the funds will go.
 - Mr. Banks said the Office of Beautification would provide all the materials. They just want the plan and the workforce
 - Mr. Uebersax asked for clarification of where the funds will go.
 - Mr. Banks wasn't sure – suggested we go to the meeting
- Mr. Banks also talked about LASHA event from 6PM to 7P at the Our Redeemer Lutheran church on how they are addressing homelessness in the community. This is next Wednesday, Sept 20th.
 - Mr. Solis said he has been working with a family of six who were living in Winnetka Park. They contacted LASHA and they provided them vouchers to live in a hotel until they can arrange more long term housing. For LASHA they have to be truly homeless on the street.
 - Mr. Banks said Mr. Blumenfield will be at the 10/9/17 Chamber of Commerce. He will also be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the St. Mark's School in Winnetka.
 - Mr. Banks also announced the Book of Life showing at Madrid Theatre –final showing
 - Ms. Serrano welcomed the new Board members. She explained she works with 6 councils in the Valley. She said the City Council will be making a final decision on the elections, which is likely to have a 2019 date. She said there is a sheet to select how we wish to do elections. She recommend we review the report.
 - Ms. Serrano said DONE is surveying NCs to gather some basic demographic data to get an idea of the diversity in NCs
 - DONE held a Census Data presentation. There is a link on the profile to Winnetka's information. Suggest the NCs look at this data to find out more about their community and use that to figure out what type of services and events you want to do.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members should not address or discuss these comments other than to direct matters to the appropriate Winnetka NC committee or other government agency. [3 min each, 20 min max]

- Mr. Popowich asked Jim Kinsley to speak on support of the Westfield project. His organization believes this is an economic benefit. He believes it will reshape the West Valley for years to come. He feels Westfield has been a fantastic partner to the community. They are supportive of many local charities. They encourage the WNC to work with them on the final plan. They were excited about the parks and the entertainment venue.

- There was a discussion about a point of order called regarding allowing the public to speak on an item that is on an agenda at a later point. Mr. Popowich determined that we should not generally allow it but he is already in the middle of his comments and we will hear him out here and then screen the rest.
- Mr. Uebersax asked if we could ask a question. He wanted to know if they expect to partner with them.
- Mr. Kinsley said yes. They have been a valued partner for many years and they expect that to continue for years to come.
- Adrian Moreno, a Winnetka stakeholder who said he was a lifetime Winnetka resident and a nurse. He said he is a member of They are here to announce their 4th San Fernando Valley Pride event and they are asking that we promote the event. He shared the organizations website.
 - Mr. Solis asked for flyer to be emailed to the Board for inclusion on our website.
- Andrea, a Winnetka stakeholder, introduced herself as a student at LA Valley College soon to go to UC Irvine. Growing up there was no organizations that offered a place for LGBTQ+ community. She spoke about the Pride event as a family event and encouraged the community to attend.
 - Mr. Popowich asked Andrea to send her statement to him so he could include it in the minutes as she read it. [NOTE: The stakeholder never sent the comments so the full statement was not captured]
- Seymour Amster – Ex Dir Parents educators and students in action. They are a non-profit supporter of the teen court program. They have a program at CP and Taft HS. Because of his organizations these options still work. This is a diversionary program where a juvenile commits a crime and it is referred to the teen court where a trial by his/her peers is conducted. Those convicted have to work with his organization to fulfill the terms of their agreement to serve community time. They have submitted an NPG grant and wish to be heard in a committee. He shared one example and how it was a learning experience for the entire school population. He said this shoplifting case is a way to show the impacts of shoplifting.
 - Mr. Solis asked if he has submitted the NPG.
 - Mr. Amster said yes and was here to talk about it to get referred to a committee so he could be questioned more.
 - Mr. Solis asked if the schools represent Winnetka
 - Mr. Amster – yes both school serve
 - This item was referred to the Youth Committee and the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

- Mr. John Pelzer is a 35 year valley resident and small business owner. He is a life long democrat. He introduced himself as a candidate for Congressman for the 30th District. He shared his decision process to run for this position. His conclusion was we needed someone who is more engaged and more active than our current representative. He intends to approach the position itself as a job, and not a career. He said that if he is elected he would go into Washington without any corporate donations

11. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Board members or members of the public may request any item listed on the consent calendar to be pulled for discussion. If you wish to pull an item for discussion please advise the Secretary before the meeting or request the item be pulled at the of discussion. [5 min]

12. **FINANCIAL CONSENT CALENDAR:** Board members or members of the public may request any item listed on the consent calendar to be pulled for discussion. If you wish to pull an item for discussion please advise the Secretary before the meeting or request the item be pulled at the time it is brought up for discussion. [15min]

- The WNC approves the following items on the Financial Consent Calendar. (Popowich) (WNC-2017-091217-02)
 - i. Moore Business Results Invoices (Outreach)
 - August 1, 2017 invoice (WNC 2017 0701) for July activity expense: \$464.53
 - September 1, 2017 invoice (WNC 2017 0901) for August activity expense: \$299.30
 - ii. ICDSOft annual renewal fee: \$104.38
 - iii. Winnetka Convention Center:
 - Invoice #: 430 for the May 25, 2017, Budget & Finance Committee: \$150.00
 - Invoice #: 431 for the June 28, 2017, PWT Committee: \$100.00
 - Invoice #: 432 for the June 28, 2017, Budget & Finance Committee: \$150.00
 - Invoice #: 436 for the July 24, 2017, PWT Committee: \$100.00
 - Invoice #: 438 for the August 15, 2017, PLUM Committee: \$150.00
 - Invoice #: ~~438~~ 440 for the August 28, 2017, PWT Committee: \$100.00
 - i. Valentino's expenses for meeting food for the following months:
 - September 12, 2017 meeting in the amount of \$50.00
 - ii. ExtraSpace Storage fees for the following months:
 - September Storage expense: \$210.00
- Mr. Popowich noted the motion will be changed to reflect that the invoice # for the August 28th meeting of the PWT Committee is changed to 440.
- Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

- Mr. Popowich called for the vote.

Board Member	Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy	At-Large					X
Christopher Persaud	At-Large				X	
David Uebersax	Vice President	X				
Eric Lewis	At-Large	X				
Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X				
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.				X	
Joshua Belkin	At-Large				X	
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
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Motion passed 8-0-0

13. NON-CONSENT CALENDAR

- Discussion and possible action to select a new Secretary for the Winnetka NC. The position was vacated by Mathew Gregorchuck effective June 2017. The Board will hear from interested Board members and conduct a vote to select the new Secretary. (15 min)
 - Due to a lack of interest in the position no action was taken and this will remain on the agenda.
- Discussion and possible action regarding how best to leverage the Winnetka NC in order to assist the organizers of the 10th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, October 17, 2017. Ms. Reyes-Dunn is working with the organizers to organize and gather volunteers. [10 min]
 - No discussion was held.

14. TREASURER'S REPORT: (Pelaez/Uebersax) Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of Winnetka NC finances, the WNC checking account, and the Treasurer's bank account Access, plus any additional financial reports as needed other than the MERs.

- Discussion, review, and approve any outstanding Monthly Expense Reports (MER) May 2017 and June 2017

WNC-2017-091217-03: "The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the May 2017 and June 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports including the associated bank statements. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE." (Uebersax/Pelaez)

- Mr. Uebersax walked the Board through the MERS. During the discussion he pointed out that we did not spend 33k and that it was unfortunate and disappointing that we could not complete what we set out to do.
 - Mr. Lace asked about the NPG for the schools
 - Mr. Uebersax said no and explained they were not submitted in time.
 - Mr. Popowich commented that is why we need to actually get things done.
 - Mr. Lace said it supports the schools and he has to wait until they provide the signed documents.
 - Mr. Fuhrman made the following motion:

WNC-2017-091217-03: “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the May 2017 and June 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports including the associated bank statements. The Board approves the report, with the amendment allocation on the April MERS for website maintenance be corrected and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE.”

- Ms. Eisley seconded the motion.
- Mr. Popowich called for the vote.

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Christopher Persaud	At-Large				X	
David Uebersax	Vice President	X				
Eric Lewis	At-Large	X				
Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X				
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.				X	
Joshua Belkin	At-Large				X	
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
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- Motion passes 8-0-0
- Ms. Reyes-Dunn asked about funds to Earthquake Safety
 - Mr. Popowich explained we could not pay for this because we didn't have an active

Treasurer to sign forms. He has signed, we can submit.

- Mr. Uebersax explained his role as VP and the Asst. Treasurer. He can no longer be the Asst. Treasurer and cannot issue payment requests through the website. He can be the designated card holder and can pay by the card. He commented that Mr. Peleaz is still the Treasurer and is working with him to get paper work processed. He said we cannot pay through the website and that's a problem because we cannot pay our webmaster. We cannot ask the City Clerk. However he said that there is some precedence for having the Treasurer submit a funding request to be paid.
 - Ms. Serrano said she would follow up.
- Mr. Solis said he appreciates the Treasurer's efforts but how can we expect to fill the position if the current holder hasn't submitted his resignation.
- Mr. Uebersax said that he said he's told our webmaster that if we do not have a new Treasurer he would have to resign tonight and be asked to be considered for the Treasurer. He would rather not do this and if it's still possible for the current Treasurer to help out until we get a new fully trained Treasurer.
- Mr. Solis said he fears we could be shut down at any minute. He doesn't feel that one Board member should be holding us up.
- Mr. Popowich pointed out that Peleaz is open to resign, but the issue is lack of engagement of the Board members to step up. CHASTIZED for his long comment on this last time. It's not Peleaz
- Mr. Solis said DONE promised us answers.
- Mr. Popowich jumped in and reiterated he has been upfront and open about this and it means someone on this Board has to step up to be Treasurer so we can get access
- Ms. Reyes-Dunn said some don't feel qualified
- Mr. Uebersax said that we made changes to offer a committee to do most of the work and the city has vastly improved the process which may not even make that necessary
- There was discussion about disaster and the need to participate in this event.
- Mr. Popowich said he was not willing to talk about more funds – but pay for this one.
- Discussion, review, and approve any outstanding Monthly Expense Reports (MER) July 2017 and August 2017

WNC-2017-091217-04: "The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the July 2017 and Aug 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports including the associated bank statements. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE." (Uebersax/Pelaez)

- Mr. Uebersax walked the Board through the new MERS and reviewed the July and Aug months.
- Mr. Solis asked we state the full name of the reports for the new Board members instead of the acronyms.
- Mr. Uebersax stated the MERS are the Monthly Expenditure Reports and BONC is the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. He also asked Glenn Bailey, an NC Budget Advocate to address the certification issues
- Mr. Lace made the following motion:

WNC-2017-091217-04: “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the July 2017 and Aug 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports including the associated bank statements. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to DONE.”

- Mr. Solis seconded the motion
- Mr. Bailey recommended we delete the bank statements as that is no longer shared and stated it was the City Clerk who it needs to be submitted to.
- Both Mr. Lace and Mr. Solis accepted the recommended changes to the motion:

WNC-2017-091217-04: “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the July 2017 and Aug 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk”

- Mr. Popowich called for the vote:

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Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
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Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
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- Motion passes 7-0-0
- Discussion and possible action regarding the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer position. This may be an update only, or may be an action to appoint a Board member to either position.
 - The Board agreed to table this to the next meeting in case any of the Board members would like to step up and fill the position.

15. REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS

- **Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report** (Popowich) [45 min]
 NOTICE: The PLUM Committee Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

- i. Discussion and possible action to review and approve the PLUM Committee recommendation regarding continued support for the Westfield Promenade project:

WNC-PLUM-2017-081517-03: The PLUM Committee recommends the Board submit a letter of continuing support for the Westfield Promenade project as it has been developed with the following comments:

- The PLUM Committee acknowledges that Westfield has considered and addressed previous suggestions, setting a model for how developers and NC's should work together
- Westfield is requested to add a center island along the middle of the interior street running north to south. This center island will provide a resting point for pedestrians crossing the street and improve safety
- Encourage Westfield to continue to work with local organizations (impacted NC's, DOT, FAST, CALTRANS, and the MTA) on traffic mitigation issues

The developer will be on hand for a short Q & A, however there will be no presentation.

- Mr. Popowich summarized the discussion and the motion.
- Mr. Lacey moved the following motion

WNC- 2017-091217-05: The Winnetka NC Board approves the PLUM Committee recommendation to submit a letter of continuing support for the Westfield Promenade project as it has been developed with the following comments:

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- Encourage Westfield to continue to work with local organizations (impacted NC's, DOT, FAST, CALTRANS, and the MTA) on traffic mitigation issues
- Mr. E. Lewis seconded
- Mr. Fuhrman asked Westfield's representative Mr. Green for a few updates. He asked if they have looked at the median in the center of the street.
 - Mr. Green said they have looked into it along Promenade Blvd, but have not made a decision.
- Mr. Fuhrman asked if they had worked on expanding the local transit shuttles to expand and increase the frequency.
 - Mr. Green commented that it was still a work on progress. They are open to it. They recently met with the Warner HOA and they are also interested.
- Mr. Fuhrman shared his input regarding frequency, especially for lunch time. He felt this would benefit all the tenants who want more customers
- Mr. Lace said he has spoken to groups and wanted to congratulate them for their outreach efforts. He said that he hopes this support doesn't end the outreach.
 - Mr. Green said they would continue.
- Mr. Popowich called for the vote

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Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large					X
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				
David Uebersax	Vice President	X				
Eric Lewis	At-Large	X				
Erick Lace	At-Large	X				
Franklin Solis	Parliamentarian	X				
Jaime Pelaez	Treasurer					X
JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large					X
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.					X
Joshua Belkin	At-Large	X				
Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Green	At-Large	X				
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large					X
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- Motion passes 9-0-0
 - Mr. Green thanked us for our support and thanked all the Board members for their hard work.
- ii. Discussion and possible action to recommend the Board file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File 15-1138-S15 “Report on Implementation of Safe Parking Pilot Program”. This program would authorize the use of off street parking lots (i.e. shopping centers, commercial parking lots, etc.) as overnight parking for the homeless who sleep in cars. The program would allow parking lots to be used for this purpose with some restrictions on when the homeless would need to leave. It would also allow for outreach and case management services to be provided to the homeless. In some cases a Conditional Use Permit would be required. The Board will consider the PLUM Committee recommendation:

WNC-PLUM-2017-081517-04: The PLUM Committee recommends the Board adopt file a CIS statement and write necessary correspondence to inform the City that the Winnetka NC is generally opposed to the concept of using existing parking lots for overnight parking for homeless individuals without appropriate funding and structure to the process. Specifically, the WNC is concerned about the following:

- A lack of a defined process to allow for public discussion and input to any proposed usage of a specific property. While some situations allow for this if there was a CP the report seems to indicate situations where this would not be the case. Each community should have input and plans should be made to address and mitigate concerns.
- The report does not address security for these sites or the surrounding neighborhoods
- The report does not define what services will be available to the homeless. The WNC feels there should be specific services for medical concerns, addiction issues, and family services that should be available at each location
- The report is vague regarding how violators will be addressed in terms of vehicles that remain beyond the service hours.
- The report does not indicate any specific funding to adequately oversee the program to address items 2-4 and other specific needs.

- Mr. Popowich asked for discussion.

- Mr. Lace moved to approve the following motion:

WNC -2017-091217-06: The Winnetka NC Board approves the PLUM Committee recommendation to file a CIS statement and write necessary correspondence to inform the City that the Winnetka NC is generally opposed to the concept of using existing parking lots for overnight parking for homeless individuals without appropriate funding and structure to the process. Specifically, the WNC is concerned

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 - The report is vague regarding how violators will be addressed in terms of vehicles that remain beyond the service hours.
 - The report does not indicate any specific funding to adequately oversee the program to address items 2-4 and other specific needs.
- Mr. Solis seconded the motion.
 - Mr. Persaud said he was in support of the motion. He feels the lack of structure for this experiment is a problem. He referenced the LAUD iPad issue
 - Mr. E. Lewis said he was happy to see they are looking at it, but this is not the solution
 - Mr. Hillard, a stakeholder, shared a story about an accident in Burbank that he said was caused by a homeless person shoving a cart into traffic. He went on to comment that without supervision these things will still happen.
 - Mr. Popowich called for a vote.

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John Poer	At-Large					X
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Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large					X
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- Motion passes 9-0-0
- iii. Discussion and possible action on the PLUM Committee recommendation to support, in general, the goals of the non-profit organization called Coalition to Preserve LA regarding their request for a motion and letter of support from the Winnetka NC Board requesting City officials increase the involvement of Neighborhood Councils in the process of making major decisions about the General Plan and Community Plans. The PLUM Committee recommends the Board adopt the following motion:

WNC-PLUM-2017-081517-05: The Winnetka NC recognizes that the City of Los Angeles has embarked on a months-long plan to develop a vision for a new General Plan for the City of Los Angeles. This proposed vision is being developed with limited public input, often behind closed doors. This new General Plan is scheduled to be released to the public and the Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall.

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council hereby declares it will support the efforts of the Coalition to Preserve L.A. in its efforts to ensure major planning decisions and revisions of the General Plan are conducted in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner that allows any and all citizens of Los Angeles who wish to have input into the new General Plan a chance to be heard and considered.

The Winnetka NC has often lamented that the public, and its own Board members, cannot participate in public meetings, hearings, and debates because they often occur downtown, and often occur during the day. Even when meetings are held in locations outside of downtown they often happen only once in an area that is meant to cover large geographic areas.

In conjunction with the Coalition to Preserve L.A. the Winnetka NC hereby requests that all Planning Department Work Group meetings about shared ideas and ideals for revising the General Plan and its many elements and the Mayor’s Planning Task

Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan:

1. Be Fully transparent,
2. Be set and held at evening and weekend hours,
3. Be immediately opened to the public
4. Include a live streaming component that includes an interactive feedback loop for citizens to participate via internet, and all streaming content be archived on the Department of Planning's website **Department on**

Furthermore, we respectfully request that the Department of Planning assign a representative or liaison to attend each Neighborhood Council to educate Board members and stakeholders and create a transparent method for the liaison to record thoughts, ideas, concerns, and comments and share with any working group.

Additionally, the Winnetka NC supports the Coalition to Preserve LA's efforts to require all future Open Space Work Group meetings, three of which were competed in closed door sessions, be open, transparent, and held in at night and weekend hours, and that the Working Group add three additional Open Space meetings be held that follow the prescriptions in this motion.

We further request the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee expand their closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the prescriptions in this motion."

- o Mr. Popowich introduced the item and noted the error of an extra "Department on" included in the motion listed. He then asked for discussion.
- o Mr. Lace moved the following motion:

WNC -2017-091217-07: The Winnetka NC recognizes that the City of Los Angeles has embarked on a months-long plan to develop a vision for a new General Plan for the City of Los Angeles. This proposed vision is being developed with limited public input, often behind closed doors. This new General Plan is scheduled to be released to the public and the Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall.

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- Mr. Fuhrman seconded the motion.

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- Motion passes 9-0-0

- **Public Safety Committee (PSC) Report** (Solis) [15 min]

NOTICE: The PS Committee Meeting: TBD (Location to be decided)

- i. No Report this month

- **Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report** (Uebersax) [25 min]

NOTICE: The PWT Committee Meeting is held at the Winnetka Convention Center

- i. Discussion and possible action based on PWT Motions regarding traffic safety issues, particularly relating to recent fatalities, to coordinate with CD3 office, and Department of Transportation, with possible communication with LAPD, and coordination with the WNC Public Safety Committee for additional concerns.

- a. Winnetka Avenue, south of Vanowen Street:

- a. After many years of monitoring the unanticipated creation of a third lane of traffic during certain hours, in a stretch where there remains an unfulfilled promise of having a bike lane (including the intersection with Gilmore was the site of a fatality involving a bicyclist), the PWT wishes to have an update as to when the required traffic study will be implemented and completed, to allow the street to be restriped to 2 lanes, and the addition of a bike lane.

- b. Additionally, not only has the third lane been used during hours were parking is allowed, there not only continues to be cases where drivers weave between that third lane and primary lanes, there are also drivers who use the center divider (designated for left turns) as an extra lane for an extended distance. As such, attention from the LAPD for traffic enforcement is requested.

- b. Roscoe Street between DeSoto and Mason: Following a fatality last month apparently involving a drunk driver and high speed, underscored by an email received by a stakeholder who lives nearby, the PWT Committee Moved to consider the following suggestions:

- a. Installation of signs emphasizing the posted speed limit (signs currently on W/B Roscoe at Mason, and E/B at DeSoto), with a radar unit linked to an electronic display showing speed of oncoming vehicles, flashing if they are speeding.

- b. Conducting an updated Speed Study for the area.

- c. Increased DUI checkpoints in the areas in and around Winnetka.

- d. Also discussed were the practicality of installation of speed bumps – usually not advisable on an artery such as Roscoe, or Rumble Strips. The latter, being recently installed as somewhat of a pilot program on Plummer Street between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Canoga

Avenue—but also seen on streets in other areas where speed could be an issue, may warrant specific discussion with CD3 and/or DOT.

- c. Following another fatality, on Sherman Way at Oakdale, involving a hit and run driver, similar consideration might be warranted, as more is learned in that case.
- ii. Discussion and possible action related to the (tabled) Motion by the LANCC DWP Committee included on the WNC July Board Meeting, but adopted by PWT, relating to the process whereby the recent DWP Contract with IBEW was proposed and adopted:
 - Whereas the DWP Board of Water & Power Commissions approved the new labor agreement between the DWP and IBEW Local 18 at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017;
 - Whereas the Notice of this Special Meeting was not given until Monday, June 19, 2017;
 - Whereas the documentation concerning the new labor agreement was not placed online until the day of the meeting;
 - Whereas the City Council approved the new agreement on June 28, 2017;
 - Whereas the DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor did not conduct any outreach to the Neighborhood Councils or the Ratepayers;
 - Whereas the lack of transparency erodes the trust of confidence of Ratepayers and Angelinos in the Department, the City Council, and the Mayor;
 - Therefore, the Winnetka NC calls for a full presentation and discussion on the new labor agreement to the Neighborhood Councils and Ratepayers.
- **Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report** (Lewis) [15 min]
NOTICE: The OSM Committee Meeting: TBD (Location to be decided)
 - i. No report this month:
- **Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) Report** (Lace) [15 min]
NOTICE: The YAC Committee Meeting: TBD (Location to be decided)
- **Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report** (Uebersax) [20 min]
NOTICE: The B&F Committee Meeting: TBD (Location to be decided)
 - i. Report this month
- **Rule, Elections & By-Laws Committee (REB) Report** (Uebersax) [5 min]
NOTICE: The REB Committee Meeting: TBD (Location to be decided)
 - i. No Report this month

- **Budget Advocate/Budget Rep Report** (Green)
 - i. LA City budget day is June 24th 7:30am to 4:00pm at City Hall. (Green) [10 mins]

2. OFFICER & LIAISON REPORTS

- President's Report (Popowich) [5 min]
- Will be putting on a motion to hire a secretary
- Secretary's Report (Vacant/Green) [4 min]
- LA City Council District 3 Beautification Action Team Liaison Report: (No Rep) [5 min]
- LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee Report (Uebersax) [5min]
- LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Report: (Uebersax): [5 min]
- LA Public Works Liaison Report: (Uebersax) [5 min]
- Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Liaison Report (Vacant) [5 min]
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Report: (??) [5 Min]

3. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

- **Mr. Uebersax commented that at least one NC at the Congress shared they live stream their meetings on YouTube and that is a permanent record. He suggested we look at having a recording device.**

4. MEETING ADJOURNED