



Winnetka Neighborhood Council

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

BASED ON CORRECTED AGENDA

Tuesday, October 10, 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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JJ Popowich	David Uebersax	Jaime Pelaez	Franklin Solis	Joshua Belkin
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John Poer	Ajantha Sriramya	Matthew Gregorchuk	Christopher Persaud	Jonathan Lewis

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

Board Member	Position	Present	Absent	Excused
Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large	X		
Joshua Belkin	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		
Tamika Eisley	At-Large		X	
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X		
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X		

5. **MEETING RULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS** [2 min]

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** [5 min]

- Motion to approve minutes for September 12, 2017 (Popowich) (WNC-2017-101017-01)

Board Member	Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Ajantha Sriramy	At-Large	X				
Joshua Belkin	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				
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				
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Motion passes: 11-0

7. **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, Field Deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield. He spoke on the recent mountain lion (P41) that was found dead. It appears that the animal died due to ingesting rodent poison used in City parks. He said that there is a Senate Bill 1687 that has been presented to list all of the various rodent poisons that may have been interested and prohibit their use in parks where protected animals are present. Councilmember Blumenfield is in support of this bill.
 - Mr. Poer asked if there was a Council File number.
 - Mr. Banks. Not yet he may put one forth.
 - Ms. Reyes-Dunn asked if this was the lion that had cubs
 - Mr. Banks did not think so
 - Mr. Uebersax commented that in another area worked with adjacent land owners as well.

- Mr. Banks also announced the October 19, 2017, Homeless Connect Day at the Prince of Peach Church. Provides assistance to homeless individuals, showers, and counseling services.
 - Mr. Solis asked if they could get an update on Measure K. He referenced another meeting where funds were being pursued for parks etc.
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 - Tricia Kasson– Economic Development Deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield. Proposition K was passed in 1994 by voters that was supposed to fund several specified projects and also some competitive grants. There are about 9 years left in the program and they are trying to resolve the remaining projects that were accepted. One of these specified projects is the Reseda Skating Rink. The project has \$4 million in funds that have been set aside. The cost to build the Skating Rink would be \$26 million. They are working with the Kings and other sources to try to cobble together the full funds to complete this. They are not ready to announce anything publically but they are getting close to exercising the options to purchase the parcels and move this forward.
 - Mr. Poer asked why nothing has been done since 1994
 - Ms. Kasson stated that the main problem was finding a suitable parcel that was available at a cost they could afford to build the rink.
 - Mr. Poer asked how it was funded.
 - Ms. Kasson by tax assessments.
 - There was a discussion about the status and where they would be placing this. Right now it's slated for the vacant lots along Sherman Way between Lindley and Reseda.
 - Mr. Solis asked if the CRA funds are going to be used for the Reseda Theatre. Is it still in the works?
 - Ms. Kasson said it's still in the works. An RFP was issued and they have also been having discussions with the Lamellae and they have agreed to put in a theatre at that location and maintain the façade and sign.
 - Ms. Serrano DONE announced that the City Council approved delaying elections until 2019. She also thanked us for submitting four CIS this year already. She announced the LA Housing and Community Investment Department Community will be hosting a workshop in North Hollywood. They will be reviewing renters' rights and issues.
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8. **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]

- Ms. Palai introduced herself and shared she is having a problem with a City tree in the parkway. Two large branches broke off and fell on her front lawn. The City responded quickly and cleaned it up. On September 14th she spoke to Councilmember Blumenfield's office about taking the tree out. There was a commitment to have someone come and take it out in a few days. No one showed. She called Jenni at the Councilmember's Office and she came out to take pictures. At the same time there is free flowing water near the tree that she can't identify where it came from She is reporting that no one has done anything and she is concerned about the water that is running. She really needs the tree to be taken out.

- Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Banks to let the NC know what's going.
- Mr. Banks commented he is aware of it and he took Ms. Pelai out to discuss it.
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- A stakeholder wanted to address the delivery trucks on Keswick St. She has shared this with us via email. The problem is off and on. This is the Food for Less Trucks.
- Mr. Uebersax said that they have tried to discuss this at the PWT meeting in August. They are in the processing of researching the problem. The shopping center was built with two access points – one on Saticoy and one on the other side.
- Mr. Fuhrman said that he walked by the location and there is a sign on the Saticoy Ave that designates docks with designated types of delivery. He suggests that they send a letter to Kroger. He pointed out that he doesn't like the fact that the street is narrow and he worries about traveling on that street.
- The stakeholder said that if they can't get in there they will block the street and unload on the sidewalk.
- Mr. Popowich said he would place it on the agenda for next month and we can draft a letter to Kroeger or we could allow the PWT to continue to do it.
- Mr. Uebersax said it would be best if we work with the local manager.
- Mr. Popowich said he would place it on the agenda for a discussion about sending a letter.
- Mr. Poer asked if they are violating any parking restrictions.
- Mr. Solis said that unless there is a curb that says no unloading.
- Mr. Poer said if there isn't any restrictions then we need to address getting a law or some sort of parking restrictions
- Mr. Solis said that's a good idea but we can also try to do a letter.
- Mr. Popowich said we will place it on the agenda to
- Mr. Persaud asked if the City attorney's office would be willing to help us.
- Mr. Popowich said the City Attorney does have an office that could help with nuisances. (Neighborhood Prosecutor) ... but we can write a letter.
- Mr. Uebersax said we can get a letter together and that's a good idea.
- Ms. Reyes-Dunn asked what the parking and loading dock will look like.
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- Ms. Teresa Ruffin and her husband announced they recently bought their first home in Winnetka. She said that her street doesn't get serviced by street cleaning. Her area also has a lot of street traffic which creates a lot of trash that people leave on the streets. She has called around and submitted a request for it. They were advised it would be once a year. She wants the NC to see if there is anything they can do to get regular street cleaning. They also have problems with cars that are sitting on the street and Parking Enforcement doesn't seem to be responsive and fixing this. Finally there are puddles that are forming because the water run off doesn't. She was advised to approach the NC to work on it.
- Mr. Uebersax said that we have not done a street cleaning request.
- Mr. Fuhrman said that he had a similar issue on his street. He suggests calling the City's abandon vehicle.
- Ms. Ruffin shared that she has called them and the cars keep coming back.
- Mr. Fuhrman asked about damaged vehicles that are left on the street – is there anything that can be done.
- Mr. Banks said that vehicles cannot be left on the street if they are not in operating conditions. He hasn't heard of a motion that would prevent tow trucks from dropping off cars. He said that the problem with parking enforcement is that there is limited resources to patrol the area. He

commented that when it's brought to their attention they report it but the problem remains for resources. He suggested looking at parking restrictions – it's a lot of work but it can help. However, that may not work for someone who owns a vehicle there.

- Mr. Uebersax asked if Mr. Poer was aware of the process to get the street cleaning.
- Mr. Banks commented that the City is not currently adding any new routes due to lack of funding for new routes. They will do courtesy cleanings but there will not be any posted signs.
- Ms. Ruffin asked how.
- Mr. Banks said that she can request it from him or through MyLA311.
- Ms. Ruffin said they have requested it but they are recommended to get a petition.
- Mr. Banks said he would put the request in for the courtesy cleaning and he will make sure it gets done.
- Mr. Popowich said he would send her minutes that showed what the process was.
- Mr. Banks gave her a quick rundown of what the process was. He said it can take 6 months to a year.
- Ms. Reyes-Dunn said she had called about posted signs.
- Mr. Popowich said that is what Mr. Banks was just talking about.
- Mr. Fuhrman asked Mr. Banks to talk to the Councilmember about preventing tow trucks leaving damaged vehicles on the street.
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9. **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]

10. **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-2017-101017-02)
 - i. Moore Business Results Invoices (Outreach)
 - October 1, 2017 invoice (WNC 2017 1001) for September activity expense: \$525.44
 - ii. Winnetka Convention Center:
 - Invoice #: 444 for the September 26, 2017, OSM 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. Fuhrman moved the motion

- Mr. Lace asked to speak on the ExtraSpace Storage. He asked if we could consider paying for multiple months at one time.
- Mr. Popowich explained contract issues
- Mr. Gregorchuck asked if we can pay in advance
- Mr. Popowich explained we have to get a bill first and then we pay. The issue is not the funds, it's a lack of a Treasurer which means we have a limited card.
- Mr. Uebersax commented that he has been unable to pay several bills due to this restrictions
- Mr. Lace seconded

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JJ Popowich	President	X				
John Poer	At-Large	X				
Jonathan Lewis	Youth Rep.				X	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				
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- Motion passed 12-0
- There was a discussion about whether or not Mr. Belkin had completed training.
- Ms. Serrano said he has completed the Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Mr. Persaud commented he has completed all three trainings.
- Motion is confirmed passed.

11. 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)

- Tabled until next month due to no interest
- Discussion and possible action on a request from Councilmember Blumenfield's office for a letter of support for his efforts to encourage Amazon to look to Warner Center area for a Second North American Headquarters. Councilmember Blumenfield's office has provided the following points to consider:
 - Amazon is looking Amazon is looking for a location that can support 50,000 well-paying (average \$100,000/yr) new full-time jobs, including a full-benefits package, at all employment levels that Amazon wants to source from their chosen location.
 - Amazon estimates its investments in Seattle from 2010 through 2016 resulted in an additional \$38 billion to the city's economy – every dollar invested by Amazon in Seattle generated an additional \$1.4 for the city's economy overall.
 - In that same period Amazon paid \$43 million into Seattle's public transportation system for employee transportation benefits.
 - It is estimated that as a result of Amazon's operations, indirect benefits generated included:
 - the creation of 53,000 additional jobs,
 - \$38 billion of additional investment into the local economy, and
 - A \$17 billion dollar increase in personal income by non-Amazon employees.
 - The Councilmember's Office has provided a template letter for consideration.
- Ms. Kasson said that Amazon makes a good case for why this would be a benefit to the Community. She mentioned that Warner Center was zoned and created for this use. There are available sights in the area that are vacant and can be developed for their uses. They bring good paying jobs.
- A stakeholder asked what types of jobs.
- Ms. Kasson – all levels of professional jobs that would support their operations from executive to maintenance. They want to look at 500 sq. ft. of existing office space. They want to build a total of 8 million sq. ft. spaces. She pointed out the funds for transportation would help expedite the Orange Line conversion to light rail. The Rocketdyne sight is just one sight that needs to be developed its 43 acres. Overall there is somewhere around 20 million.
- Mr. Solis said that its sounds like a good opportunities. However he has some concerns. H said he understands that Amazon has some needs for biking and public transportation. He is concerned about giving way too much to get Amazon to come to LA. Considering that there is a slim chance we could get this given the competition could she let us know how this will increase traffic and crime in the local area and will it require more law enforcement officers for the area. What will we do about housing?

- Ms. Kasson said that we have to be in the bidding to win their business. Should Amazon come to LA and generate the revues they have generated in Seattle there will be more money to hire more officers. If they build the area that they wish to then there are builder's fees and there are numerous other fees that will generate funds which will allow us to scale up services. In terms of crime – several years ago she attended a planning conference in Seattle and they took them on a walking tour of the area and showed what they did to refurbish the area that they chose. There was more lighting and more activity which she believes improved the area.
- Mr. Poer asked if this is the same area as Westfield?
- Ms. Kasson said that there are several sites such as Rocketdyne. There are other areas. There is some potential for them to use some of the Westfield property.
- Mr. Poer said that his daughter lives in Seattle and he shared some of what she says have occurred due to the development. Housing costs have tripled. We already pay \$1800 on average and imagine the tripling of that. He says it's not all rosy. They have brought a lot of money into Seattle. He feels one thing we should do is talk to some of the local NCs up there to see what they would say before we jump on the band wagon. He's not opposed to it but it may not be right of this area.
- Ms. Kasson said that every major metro area is experiencing a housing crisis. There have been changes to zoning and we are just not building enough. Throughout the US there is more population than there is housing. She said he is correct, there are issues, but she feels there is a lot of benefit.
- Mr. E. Lewis asked if we should consider a multi-NC discussion before we jump on the band wagon. Perhaps we could reach out to other NCs.
- Mr. Popowich talked about the deadlines. Not sure hwy. Unfortunately there is not room for a public discussion
- Mr. Gregorchuck commented that he feels this is a good idea. He says Millennials have a tone of debt and having good jobs in the area would be a good thing. He builds houses and it will stabilize to housing market if they can just build more.
- Mr. Uebersax said that he feels this kind of a white elephant that everyone wants to pursue. He says that pursuing it and waiving different requirements just to get more business is a concern. He doesn't feel that we have a good shot to get it because of our economics and cost of living here. He went on to point out that Amazon doesn't pay sales taxes. He thinks it's more realistic to establish a Mars Colony in Warner Center before we would get this and it's more realistic.
- Mr. Fuhrman asked Mr. Uebersax to clarify his sales tax. He pointed out that they are required to collect and pay.
- Mr. Uebersax said there may be areas where they do not due to local laws.
- Mr. Poer said that if Amazon is in LA and sell to a locality outside of CA where it's not required then they don't have.
- Mr. Gregorchuck moved that we send a letter

- Mr. Persaud said that he is in favor of such a motion and he feels that Mr. Poer’s concerns are valid and we should find out more about them before we can do the letter. IF we can’t then we can still look at it later. He suggests that we ask the VANC to put it on their agenda to talk about it. This would allow a combined group of NCs’ to maybe.
- A stakeholder asked if there was a piece of paper.
- There was discussion about an RFP on the website.
- A stakeholder asked when they will be making a decision.
- Ms. Kasson said it would be in the first part of 2018.
- Mr. Popowich read letter
- Mr. Lewis second
- The Winnetka NC agrees to send the letter presented by Councilmember Blumenfield in support of the application to be considered for Amazons Second NA HQ.
- Mr. Uebersax said he is against the motion. There is a lot more that needs to be discussed and discovered before we move this forward. We should take that time.
- Mr. Fuhrman said that we are only saying that we are in support of the idea of them coming to LA. We don’t have a specific project with a plan that has the required studies (environmental and traffic). Until we have something before PLUM with specifics we are only saying we support the idea. Right now he we are only supporting the concept.
- Mr. Gregorchuck said it doesn’t hurt s to send a letter
- Mr. Fuhrman commented that its unlikely they will come with our cost of living and economics
- Mr. Solis said we should submit the letter and just deal with it later.

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Matthew Gregorchuck	At-Large	X				
Steven Fuhrman	At-Large	X				
Tamicka Eisley	At-Large					X
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large		X			
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				

- Motion passes 9-3
- Discussion and possible action to create a FAQ section for the Winnetka NC website that will store common questions and answers that pertain to both community solutions that the WNC has identified and possibly a section, public and compliant with the Brown Act, that discussions common Q&A on how the Board generally addresses items. (Persaud)
 - Mr. Popowich read the item
 - Mr. Persaud shared that he has noted that organizations have created good solutions to problems and over time as people retire those solutions are lost because the institutional knowledge has disappeared. He said that organizations also has plans to do more outreach in the community by connecting with businesses and it could not be executed because of personnel changes. He wants to make sure that the NC doesn't have to re-invent the wheel every time an issue comes up. This would benefit non-profits.
 - Mr. Popowich thinks it's a great idea. He used the example of the recent parking issues that have come up within the last six months.
 - The Winnetka NC will create an FAQ that will provide answers to the Community on common questions and how to complete things. A Brown Act compliant section will also be created to address how the Board has addressed internal issues as well.
 - Mr. LACE seconded the motion.
 - Mr. Uebersax said he thought this is a good idea. Having the ability to refer stakeholders to our website to let them know we have addressed the questions and how it can be done. There's a matter of digging in and doing it.
 - Mr. Lewis thinks it a great idea.
 - Mr. Fuhrman said he feels it would be a good task for the new Secretary to take on.
 - Mr. Uebersax said that's a good idea.

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Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				

Motion passes

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12. 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) September 2017

WNC-2017-101017-03: “The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the September 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports. The Board approves the report and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.” (Uebersax/Pelaez)

- 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.
 - Mr. Uebersax said that he checked on the MER for last month. It hasn’t been released by the system because there is a charge that is being reviewed from an out of country source. The charge is about \$.87 and this needs to be addressed first.
 - There was a discussion about the charge and whether or not it’s a follow up charge to another transaction that we did authorize.
 - He is continuing to work with Mr. Pelaez to get the MERs signed because of changes that needed to be made last month. In addition, the Board Certifications need to be signed for the MERS and the other charges. Once that is done he can submit it to the City Clerk who will pay the items.
 - There is a problem with the limit on the Purchase Card. There may be a problem where they will not raise the credit limit on the card if we do not have a Treasurer who has been trained on the system. Right now the limit is \$333.00 (down from \$5000).
 - Mr. Lace asked what the limit should be.
 - Mr. Uebersax said that was about \$5000 because they would parcel it out quarter by quarter. There is a way where you can request it be raised if needed with appropriate paperwork and approvals.

- Ms. Serrano said the funds are available, but the problem is the Treasurer
- Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate said that the funds should be available if we have uploaded the budget. But the Treasurer issue has to be addressed. The daily limit can be adjusted but it's by default about \$5000.
- Mr. Popowich said we need a Treasurer. We need one of the Board members to step up and be Treasurer. If we don't get one soon he may move to request DONE to just decertify us.
- Mr. Persaud asked how long the training.
- Mr. Baily said that it's about 2-3 hours
- Mr. Persaud asked if we can have an Asst. Treasurer to help with the work load for those that are concerned.
- Mr. Popowich said we do have an Asst. Treasure position. We also set it up so we can do most of the work in Committee if we have to.
- Mr. Lewis seconded that and talked about the Committee structure to help them.
- Mr. Uebersax said the new process sis much easier and well designed and wouldn't think we would even need the Committee. We just need a Treasurer.
- Mr. Lace asked if we had members of the community.
- Mr. Uebersax clarified it's a Board member only committee but it's a public meeting.
- There was a lot of discussion about how the Board and the Committees we have set up would support the Treasurer.
- Ms. Serrano explained the Treasurer gathers paper work and submit it to the City Clerk. They are responsible for educating the Board on what needs to be done in order to meet deadlines. There is a second person who acts as a card holder who handles the transactions.
- Mr. Uebersax said there is also NPGS that we left on the table last month because we didn't have a Treasurer who could follow up and get the paper work.
- Mr. Popowich said that's not the Treasurer's fault. That's the organizations and Board member's fault. He talked about the process, hat the roles are, the fact it's not the Board members fault. It's the LAUSD.
- Mr. Bailey asked if the Board has approved the July and Aug MER.
- Mr. Uebersax said that what we are looking for is Board Certifications for the actual approved

expenses.

- Mr. Bailey said that we should get those in because the City is now starting to enforce for NCs who have not done July and August.
- Mr. Uebersax said he doesn't have access to a scanner but it's on his list
- There was a discussion about the charge from Bulgaria Company that some feel are connected to IDCSoft. Mr. Popowich said he asked that we just dispute the charge. Mr. Uebersax is working on trying to resolve this. There was a dissuasion about having to put on the agenda to approve the extra costs.
- Mr. Popowich asked Mr. Baily to clarify whether or not the funds needed to be approved and have a Board Certification form for that as well as a Board Certification form for the approval of the MER.
- Mr. Baily commented that we only need to submit a Board Certification for the approval of the MER.
- The Budget Advocate suggested that we just create a receipt as a place holder and upload it and then explain it to the City Clerk.

13. 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 6:30 PM
- Update on the discussion regarding plans for involvement in the Los Angeles Department Of City Planning efforts to review the Community Plans for the Winnetka area. The Committee heard from Christine Sakinara, City Planner, Corey Kitchens, Tom Glick, and Nelson Rodriquez - representatives from the Department of City Planning regarding the Departments efforts to revise the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills Community Plan.
- Update on the discussion with Elizabeth Ene, Planning Deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield's office regarding the future of development in Winnetka. The Committee had a wide ranging discussion about what the Committee sees as appropriate growth within the Community and the presentation from the Department of City Planning that preceded this discussion.
- **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 where 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.
- Mr. Uebersax explained the Committee has been working to try to get the bike lanes and parking restored along Winnetka Ave near the LA River Bridge. He reminded the Board that these were removed due to the addition of a third lane that was required by the Federal government in return for funding. He said that for a long time there was supposed to be bike lanes that go all the way to Pierce

College. This is all on hold due to the third lane. He shared the Fed requirements are no longer in effect and we are waiting for a traffic study. Additionally, WHWC has jurisdiction over the area between the river and Victory and they are waiting for their input. He said we could send a letter to them WHWC on this issue.

- Mr. Baily, Chair of the City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee. He shared that he is aware of and was here to hear the community's complaints about the parking. He said from the bicycler's community the plan was to extend the lanes past Vanowen. He shared that several years ago when we passed a motion to request this be restored they submitted a motion in support. He is pleased to report that of 20 or so projects for bicycles this project is listed on the report as a concept project. This is a major step forward. He feels it would be a good idea if the NC resurrected that older resolution and requested that the project be moved from concept to design stage. He suggest we send the resolution to the active project contact in the Department of Transportation. He also shared that the project is listed as Vanowen to the Orange Line. Their recommendation was to Calvert which is the entrance to Pierce College. He said that things can fall off the list if there is pressure from other parts of the City. He suggests we put forward our decision and push it.
- Mr. Uebersax said we can vote on that tonight after we discuss item b). He said that he feels the median should not be a full time left turn lane. He feels that people use it as a third lane both ways to pass other cars during rush hours.
- Mr. Poer commented that people get into the turn lane and after they pass the bridge heading south and ride it all the way to Victory.
- Mr. Uebersax made the following motion:

The Winnetka NC hereby declares that our XXXXX motion still stands and we request that the third lane that was previously used for parking be removed, the parking be restored along Winnetka Ave from Vanowen to Victory and posted appropriately. Such restriping should also limit the center median to be used for left turns at cross streets only. We further request the bike lane that currently terminates at Vanowen be extended as previously requested through Victory Blvd. And as far as Calvert St.

- Mr. Lewis seconded the motion
- Mr. Fuhrman said he wanted to reiterate something that he has discussed before. He is opposed to this, not because he is against the bike lanes, but because the City made a deal with the Federal government for a specific purpose – to widen the bridge. He doesn't feel that we should renege on that deal and there should be something that prevents us from changing that deal. He feels it's wrong not to follow through.

- Mr. Uebersax said he has assurances that the Federal government.
- Mr. Popowich commented on the discussion back and forth.

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Ajantha Sriramya	At-Large					
Joshua Belkin	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 Eisley	At-Large					X
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				
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- Motion passes 8-2

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. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Chairs of the Outreach Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Youth Committee recommendation to hold joint Committee meetings on the same night as follows: 6:00 (Youth), 6:30 (Safety) and 7:00 (Outreach)
 - Mr. Lace said that he doesn't feel it needs a motion. It was something that the Committee chairs discussed. They talked about doing a joint committee meeting.
 - Mr. Popowich said he cannot check the Bylaws at the moment but he is concerned that the Bylaws may be specific. He suggested we just let this stand for now, but we vote on it later.
 - Mr. Lewis said that the Committee does need to have a standing date to meet. The public needs to know.
 - Mr. Popowich pointed out that DONE requires an agenda to be posted to say that a meeting has been canceled.
 - There was a discussion about the difference between Ad Hoc and standing committees. The Bylaws have the standing committees listed.
 - Mr. Solis said it would benefit us to have the Chairs to meet at different hours.
 - Mr. Popowich shared the idea of having a joint meeting for all. Shared how they do it.
 - Mr. Lewis said that there may be a problem with that as it becomes a Joint Board meeting. That would rea tea problem where the Board could take an action without all the Board members there. The staggering of the Committee meeting times will prevent this from happening. Committee members can be there.
 - Mr. Popowich said that we really should set a specific date and time.
 - Mr. Lewis said they discussed it but he sees it was not provided
 - Mr. Poer said that the Chairs need to let them know we are going to have a meeting on a specific day.
 - Mr. Popowich said we are not going to have meetings all over the community. The Board said that we would meet here as a central location where people would need to go. He

talked about the availability of the schools

- Mr. Lewis commented that he feels that they discussed meeting here and the cost savings would be having the meeting on the same day. He felt that Mr. Lacey and Solis were incorrect.
 - Mr. Solis said that they were talking about a special joint meeting.
 - Mr. Popowich asked the Committees to go back and vote on it appropriately. He outlined how each committee would create an agenda for each one, vote on it, and then come back to the Board for approval.
- ii. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Outreach & Social Media Committee to appoint Tamika Easley, Chair of the Committee as the point of contact for the content for the webmaster who maintains our website.
- Mr. Lewis shared that Moore Business Results would like a single point of contact. They discussed how it would work.
 - Mr. Popowich said that in some pinot in the past he believed this was set as a duty of the Secretary.
 - Mr. Lewis said that he believes it has been separate people in the past and we just agreed to set a specific contact.
 - Mr. Solis returned to the previous item. He understands we need to have a set meeting. He understands he needs to arrange a space. He said right now the website says that there will be a meeting if needed.
 - Mr. Popowich reiterated that the requirement is that if there is no meeting then it has to be posted as no meeting.
 - Mr. Solis MOVED approval
 - Mr. Fuhrman said he is not comfortable voting for someone who is not present.
 - Mr. Lewis said she put this forward.
 - Mr. Poer said that Ms. Easley did submit the request. If she disagrees she can request we revisit the issue.
 - Mr. Lacey said that this is how the Committee voted on it.
 - Mr. Fuhrman said there has been 15 minutes of discussion that could change her point of view.

- Mr. Lace asked to table this.
 - Mr. Solis withdrew.
- iii. Discussion and possible action on the following recommendation of the Outreach & Social Media Committee:
- “WNC-OSM-092617-01: To investigate future a Blood Drive hosted by Safety and Outreach Committee.” (Lewis/Solis – Approved 5-0)
 - Mr. Lewis put forth the idea that we do another blood drive. We have done one before.
 - Mr. Popowich moved the motion.
 - Mr. Poer seconded the motion.

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Tamicka Easley	At-Large					X
Tess Reyes-Dunn	At-Large	X				
Christopher Persaud	At-Large	X				
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- Motion passes 10-0

- iv. Discussion and possible action to approve the OSM Committee recommendation outlined below and to adjust the Winnetka NC Annual Budget to move appropriate funds from the budgeted meeting location funds to the appropriate outreach category to fund the motion.

- “WNC-OSM-092617-02: To allocate \$800 to support the Disaster Preparedness Fair as our combined efforts with Outreach and Public Safety coming from existing line item and remaining pulled from unused meeting funds.” (Solis/Persuad – Approved 5-0)
- **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]
- 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]

4. MEETING ADJOURNED

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the either:

- The Winnetka NC Board Secretary via email at secretary@winnetkanc.com, or
- The Winnetka NC President at 818-648-6219, or via email at jpopowich@winnetkanc.com.

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad-hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days, for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION

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