



Board Member Name	Jan-11	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-12	May-10	Jun-14	Jul-12	Aug-09	Sep-13	Oct-11	Nov-08	Dec-13
Eric Lewis	x											
Erick Lace	x											
Greg Sullivan	x											
JJ Popowich	LE,E											
Marilyn Robinson	x											
Mike Mikaelian	x											
Natasha Somerville	x											
Youth Position Vacant	/											
Tara Walker	AE											
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x											
Tom Sattler	x											
William Hillard	A											
Wilson Linares	A											
Asadbaig Baig	x											
Total	9											

X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, / = Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early

2. Explanation of Meeting Rules

3. Approval of Minutes for both January:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Eric Lewis				
Erick Lace				
Greg Sullivan				
JJ Popowich				
Marilyn Robinson				
Mike Mikaelian				
Natasha Somerville				
Tara Walker				
Tess Reyes-Dunn				
Tom Sattler				
William Hilliard				
Wilson Linares				
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Total				

4. **Public Comments:** Comments from the Public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. The Speaker Card is requested so that the Speaker's names are complete and correct in the meeting Minutes.
5. **State and Local Government Representative Updates:** Mayor Villaraigosa's representative, Councilman Smith's representative, Councilman Zine's representative, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative, and other local or state government representatives that may wish to attend.
6. **Discussion and possible action Presentation and possible action Blind youth Committee Mrs. Dara Laski will present ways we can help and assist. (Robinson)**
7. **Discussion and possible action on the closures of Firestations by the city for budgetary reasons. (Popowich)**

Note from union: <<Dear Community Leader, Thank you for your service to your community and your support for the LAFD.

As you know, the budget crisis in Los Angeles has resulted in across-the-board reductions of nearly all of the services that the city provides. While all of the cuts are painful and unfortunate, the most dangerous cuts have been those to our service; paramedic and fire protection.

For the past year and a half the LAFD has endured the daily closure of 15 fire companies, 9 ambulances and 3 paramedic supervisors. Together, these closed resources have amounted to a 10% reduction of our emergency response capability. The closures occur on a rotating basis, meaning that they happen in one part of the city one day and then another part the next day. That is done, more than anything else, to hide the ugliness of this service reduction from the public.

The result of all of these resource closures has been, of course, delayed responses. And unfortunately, delayed responses have, in some instances, resulted in citizen's deaths – preventable deaths.

Now, the LAFD is being cut even deeper. On January 2nd the Fire Chief ordered the closure of an additional 7 fire companies, 10 Paramedic Supervisors and yet another Hazardous Materials Squad. This means that since the beginning of the budget crisis we've gone from a marginally staffed fire department with about 1,100 firefighters and paramedics on duty each day, to an understaffed fire department with only about 950 protecting you each day. While we continue to respond to the same 1,100 daily emergencies, on average, we've lost 15% of our fire companies, 20% of our basic life support ambulances, 66% of our Hazardous Material Squads, and 66% of our Paramedic Supervisors. We are at the breaking point.

If nothing is done, more deaths will occur, and they will likely include one or more of the LAFD firefighters who, out of necessity and dedication, are taking on additional risk due to these reductions on each and every emergency.

There are many solutions to this crisis and we have suggested them all to elected officials. For starters, we've offered \$35 million in contract concessions so that the money saved might go to immediate staffing restorations. We've also suggested appropriate cuts on the management side within our department, cuts that would have no negative impact on public safety, but rather would only require that fire department brass begin to "share some of the sacrifice" with those whom they supervise. We've also asked for a seat at the table as staffing decisions are made, so that we might be there to fight for the resources that the community needs the most.

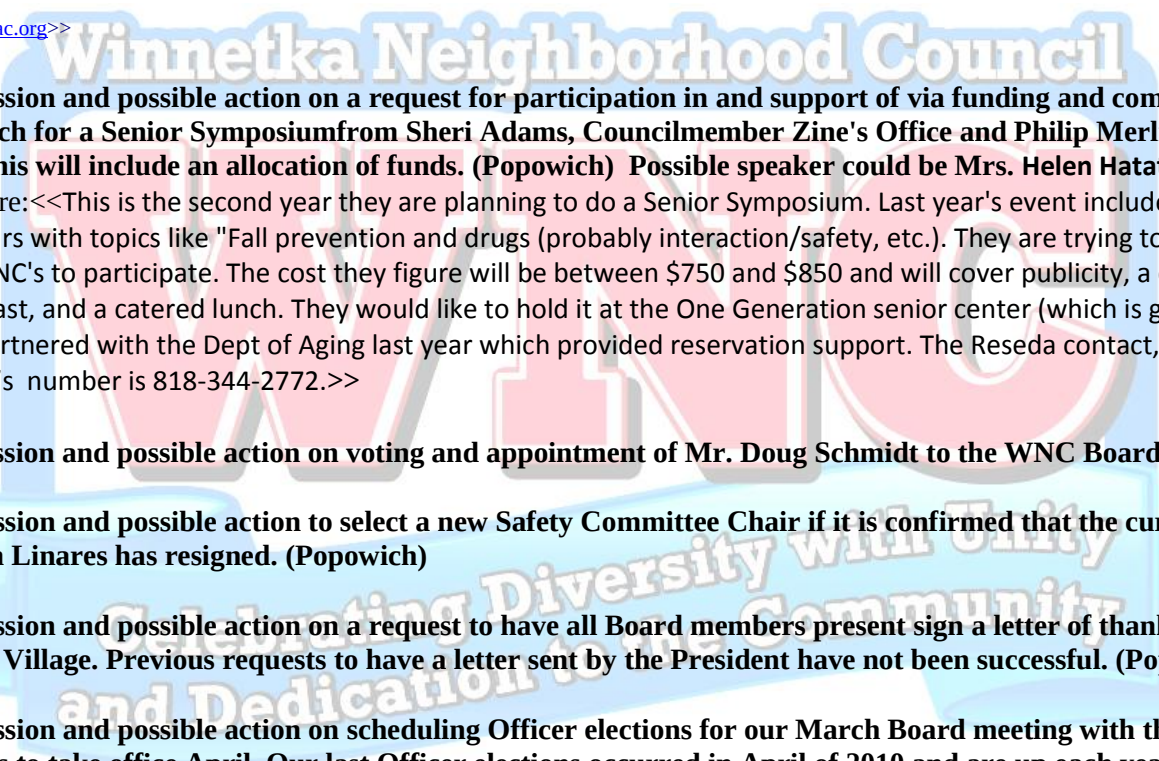
So far none of these efforts has gotten us anywhere. I am now asking you to please call your Councilmember and the office of the Mayor to express your concern about the reduction of fire and paramedic services in Los Angeles. Your community is in danger and you have a right to be heard on this. I also hope to have this issue discussed by the City Council in the near future, and if so, I will contact you again to encourage your attendance at this meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions or be of any help to you in return. You have my email address and my cell # is (213) 280-443.

Thank You Again, **Pat McOsker – President United Firefighters Local 112**

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8. **Discussion and possible action on a request for participation in and support of via funding and community outreach for a Senior Symposium from Sheri Adams, Councilmember Zine's Office and Philip Merlin, Reseda NC. This will include an allocation of funds. (Popowich) Possible speaker could be Mrs. Helen Hatat.** Additional notes are:<<This is the second year they are planning to do a Senior Symposium. Last year's event included several seminars with topics like "Fall prevention and drugs (probably interaction/safety, etc.). They are trying to get all Zine's NC's to participate. The cost they figure will be between \$750 and \$850 and will cover publicity, a continental breakfast, and a catered lunch. They would like to hold it at the One Generation senior center (which is good). They also partnered with the Dept of Aging last year which provided reservation support. The Reseda contact, Philip Merlin's number is 818-344-2772.>>
 9. **Discussion and possible action on voting and appointment of Mr. Doug Schmidt to the WNC Board.**
 10. **Discussion and possible action to select a new Safety Committee Chair if it is confirmed that the current Chair, Wilson Linares has resigned. (Popowich)**
 11. **Discussion and possible action on a request to have all Board members present sign a letter of thanks for Valley Village. Previous requests to have a letter sent by the President have not been successful. (Popowich)**
 12. **Discussion and possible action on scheduling Officer elections for our March Board meeting with the new officers to take office April. Our last Officer elections occurred in April of 2010 and are up each year. (Popowich)**
 13. **Discussion and possible action on allowing the Government officials to update the WNC, item 5, before the Public Comments, item 4, which is out of the agenda order and was of some concern to a stakeholder. Also to consider the time allotment for each public comment. (Lace)**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Finance Committee Report (Including Treasurer's Report) (Popowich):

A, Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Finance Report as presented by the Treasurer. **(Popowich)**

15. **By law Review Committee:** Please be prepared to review changes made and we will entertain a vote. The Committee will summarize how it came up with each section, DONE is currently considering the proposed changes which have been sent to all board members on 2/3/11. (Lace)

16. **Public Safety Committee:** (Linares)

17. **Outreach and Youth Committee Report:** Report of Ad-hoc Merchandise committee's plans to obtain a WNC banner and flyers for promotion for the WNC. Choosing the final look for the two new 8' by 1' banners that were already approved and then direct their manufacture. These banners are needed no later than April 16th for Junior Blind Olympic event. (Lewis and Popowich)

18. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee:** (Popowich) no meeting

19. **Public Works & Transportation Committee:** (Mikaelian) no meeting

20. **Rules, Elections & By-Laws (REB) Committee:** (Lace) Report

21. **Good of the Order.**

22. **Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:**

- **Public Safety Committee.**
- **Outreach & Youth Committee.**
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee. 4th Tuesday**
- **PLUM**

23. **Adjournment**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Before a vote on each item any member of the public who has not filled out a "Speaker Card" will be accorded 1 minute to make a statement. This period will not last longer than 5 minutes total.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the 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 Neighborhood Council Secretary at (818) 718-0629, or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to sullivang@hotmail.com

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 Dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (310) 562-3268.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

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-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 panels' 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 Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and 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.

