



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 11th, 2014, 6:30 PM

Valley Village, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following locations: **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave., **Fulton Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Blvd., **Gil's Barber Shop**, 20433 Sherman Way, **Winnetka Recreation Center**, 8401 Winnetka Ave.

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 not specifically listed on this agenda yet is within the Board's 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 ensures that each speaker's name is complete and correct in the meeting's Minutes. 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 Board vote on any 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 last no longer than 5 minutes total.

1. Meet & Greet and Refreshments. [10 min] # of Guests _____
2. Convene Meeting, Board Member Roll-Call & Introductions [3 min]
3. Explanation of Meeting Rules [1 min]
4. **Government Representative Updates:** The latest information from representatives of the offices of Mayor Garcetti, Councilman (CM) Bob Blumenfield, Congressman (CMN) Brad Sherman, State Senator Fran Pavley, State Assemblyman Dababneh, the LAPD, the LAFD, LAUSD, the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE /EmpowerLA), and/or any other local, state, or federal agencies that may be able to attend. [10 min/30 min total]
5. WNC Election, Sunday, March 16, 2014, 11AM-5PM, Winnetka Convention Center, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka:
Updated information from either Citywide Election Administrator Glenn Bailey, and/or Region 3 Independent Election Administrator Tony Wilkinson, and/or WNC 2014 Election Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Mary Ellen Moreno. [5 min.]
<http://empowerla.org/south-west-valley/>
6. **Public Comments:** Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members may not address or discuss these comments other than to direct any necessary matters to the appropriate WNC committee or other government agency. [3 min/20 min total]

OFFICER'S REPORTS

7. **President's Report** (Lewis)
 - Interested in Vacant WNC Committee seats? Give Eric a call. Notes we have committee opening PW open with a seat.
 - Contact me if you are interested in volunteering on one of our committees or at any of our future events.
8. **Vice-President's Report** (Lace)
9. **Secretary's Report** (Sullivan/Ross-Blumer)
 - Discussion and approval of WNC Minutes for January, 2014 [3 min] **WNC-2014-021114-01**
10. **Treasurer's Report** (Popowich/Uebersax)

- We will need to vote in February for March money. A reminder...
- Update, discussion, and action regarding WNC finances. (Popowich) [6 min]
- Vote on monthly expenditure report.
- Discussion and possible action to accept a formal apology from JJ Popowich, Treasurer, for the delay in completing the WNC newsletter. The secretary suggests a review of timelines for financial submittals so that the Treasurer is not given last minute funding requests. The City and DONE are known for staccato action.

11. Parliamentarian's Report (Robinson/Owen) No report.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following Committees' reports. [2 min or as noted]

12. Outreach & Public Relations Committee Report (Robinson)

- PR Cmte meetings: 4th Thur of each month, 7:30PM, Valley Village.
- Grant writing update
- Our 3 WNC bus bench ads are completed and look great! Everything ran smoothly and timely. Mary Ellen emailed photos of the benches to the board and brought hard copies to tonight's meeting for all stakeholders to see. The excellent locations of the benches will bring name recognition and exposure for our March 16th elections.
- Volunteers sought to design the upcoming election newsletter.
- Discussion and possible action regarding funding the up the upcoming election newsletter approving approximately \$4,500. (Lewis) 5 min

13. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich)

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 1st Tue of the month as needed, 6:30PM, Valley Village.

14. Public Safety Committee Report (Lerma)

- Safety Cmte meetings: 3rd Tue of each month, 6:30PM, At Valley Village.

15. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Uebersax)

- PWT Cmte meetings: 4th Mon of each month, 7PM, Limerick Ave. Elementary School,
- 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
- Lydia Grant and others have reminded us that it would be good to designate a 'Public Works Representative' for the WNC, as part of the outreach, which she's fostering with Kevin James' office; she said that's not the only benefit.
- Discussion and possible action regarding a proposal by CM BB's WiFi proposal for consideration of the Board submitting a Community Impact Statement for [Council File: 13-0953](#)

Following notification that Council Member Bob Blumenfield was introducing a motion for the Los Angeles City Council Innovation, Technology and General Services Committee to explore the provision of access to free wireless Internet service (WiFi) for Los Angeles residents ([Council File: 13-0953](#)), the Winnetka Neighborhood Council referred this to the Public Works and Transportation Committee, who discussed this at several meetings. On January 27, the PWT approved a motion that recommends the WNC Board opposition to this proposal for WiFi, due to Health Concerns and Cost (funding should be focused more on essential services.

- Discussion of the list being assembled by PWT to incorporate suggestions previously submitted as priority items for street and sidewalk improvements (as part of the Mayor's Pothill Blitz in September, as well as other items that have been brought to the attention of the Board and committee. This is being conformed to the format the form (<http://bss.lacity.org/NeighborhoodCouncils/RequestFormNC.pdf>) posted by the website for Bureau of Street Services (<http://bss.lacity.org/NeighborhoodCouncil.htm>). Following prioritization of items submitted (and any additional suggestions), action will be taken to

work with CD3 liaisons and City Staff as appropriate, in order to utilize the funding of \$50,000 provided by previous Councilmember Zine, to be used in the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2014.

- Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the committee's ongoing efforts to revitalize the Sherman Way median in Winnetka. (Ross-Blumer) [2 min]
- Spring Clean Winnetka Event [4 min]
 - The PWT Cmte is setting goals for an annual event starting in 2014.
- Update re the Vanowen Bridge just east of Mason.

16. Youth Advocacy Committee Report (Lace) Youth Cmte meetings: 4th Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Valley Village

ADDITIONAL NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS

- 17.** Discussion and possible action on a letter, suggested by Bettie, written to Mr. West the Postmaster, and others regarding the pending closure of the Winnetka address Post Office. (Popowich) [4 Min]
- 18.** Discussion and possible action on a awarding a certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Les Lamoreaux for the excellent wood cabinet made for the Ceremonial Fire department Axe. (Lewis)
- 19.** Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Mr. Walker Foley and an organizer with Food & Water Watch working to 1) support the LA City fracking moratorium; and, 2) stop Governor Brown's twin tunnel proposal that will divert the Sacramento River underneath the Bay Delta. (Lewis) [10min (5 min per topic)]
- 20.** Discussion and possible action on formally requesting funding restoration of videoconferencing at Van Nuys City Hall so that Valley residents will once again be able to make public comment to the City Council without having to go downtown. To those of you who plan on attending tonight's Budget meeting with <<Mayor Garcetti, please consider supporting restoration of videoconferencing at Van Nuys City Hall so that Valley residents will once again be able to make public comment to OUR City Council without having to go downtown.
- The additional cost was estimated two years ago as being \$10,000 for a technician to run the equipment (Public Safety officers are already assigned to the building so there should be no extra cost for them.) Think about: the Valley is 40% of the City, 1.6 million residents, and out of a \$7 billion total City budget, this is 0.00000142857% of it (a millionth??). If you are not able to attend tonight, please consider sending an email to one of the Mayor's Area Representatives (West Valley one is listed below). The Mayor is required to release his proposed 2014-15 Budget by April 20th so this is perfect timing. Thank you! For the Valley, Glenn Bailey>> (Popowich) [2min]
- 21.** Discussion and possible action regarding the level of student safety at Sunnybrae Elementary School. It has been reported to this board by a local parent that her child did not have sufficient care and twice was able to get out of the preschool area, ending up alone and unsecured on the sidewalk outside of the campus. As WNC President, I request permission to ask for a letter from the school detailing what steps have taken place to improve the safety of students at Sunnybrae Elementary since these incidents. (Lewis) [5 min.]

22. Discussion and possible action on a proposed resolution requesting enforcement of Marijuana Dispensary laws. (Ross-Blumer)

<<It is estimated that there are over 1000 medical marijuana business subject to closure since the passage of Proposition D the City of Los Angeles Medical Marijuana Ordinance approved by the voters in the May 21, 2013 Municipal election.

Unlawful medical marijuana businesses continue to operate unabated and new medical marijuana businesses continue to open with impunity in direct conflict with the voter's intent to establish a regulatory framework and to stop the proliferation of such marijuana businesses in the City of Los Angeles.

Please see attached Resolution and cover letter regarding funding for enforcement of Proposition D. Your assistance is requested getting this Resolution before City Council so that the intent of Proposition D can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Steve Lubell

Steven K. Lubell, Esq.

Commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court (Ret.)

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ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports. [2-4 min or as noted]

23. Budget & Finance Committee Report (Uebersax)

24. Executive Committee Report (Lewis)

25. Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee Report (Lewis)

- Discussion and possible action regarding the REB Committee's recommendations to revise the WNC Bylaws and Rules, including an update to the committees. (Lewis) [6 min]

26. 2014 N.C. Elections Ad-Hoc Committee (Moreno)

- Congratulations to the WNC! We reached our goal of 14 candidates for 7 open seats on the board for the upcoming elections. We also have a candidate for the youth representative position. Now it's time for all candidates to get out and campaign for the March 16th election. I'd like to formally invite all 15 candidates (including youth representative) to give a 2 minute introduction and candidate statement at our March 11th board meeting, which will be held 5 days before the election.
- Motion to pay a demand warrant up to \$50 for our share of the rental of the Reseda American Legion Hall for the Rally in the Valley election event on Jan. 17, 2014. We will get a copy of the one invoice to DONE.
- Motion to pay up to \$100 for water and light snacks for candidates' tent on Election Day March 16, 2014.
- Motion to budget up to \$500 for our share of a joint NC ad in the Daily News advertising the upcoming March 16th NC Elections. \$800 was budgeted, but we've spent \$432 on first adv.

27. LA DWP Committee Report (Uebersax)

- LADWP Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each odd month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood

28. LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Committee Report (Uebersax)

- LADWP MOU Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each even month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Ave.

29. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Report (Uebersax)

- LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10AM, 6501 Fountain Ave.

30. Neighborhood Watch Representative Report (Hilliard)

31. Mayor's Budget Representatives' Report (Hilliard & Lerma)

32. Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Report (vacant)

33. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Report (Lewis/Hilliard-alt)

- VANC meetings: 2nd Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1st fl. Conference rm.

34. Good of the Order [2 min]

35. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events: [1 min]

36. Adjournment Time:

37. Attendance

Board Member Name	Jan-14	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-8	May-13	Jun-10	Jul-8	Aug-12	Sep-9	Oct-7	Nov-11	Dec-9
Marilyn Robinson	A											
Erick Lace	X											
Eric Lewis	x											
JJ Popowich	x											
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X											
William "Lance" Hilliard	X											
David Uebersax	x											
MaryEllen Moreno	X											
Bettie Ross-Blumer	AE											

