



WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 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. **Introduction of WNC Candidates for pending Winnetka Neighborhood Council Elections.**

Candidates are invited to give a 2 minute introduction and candidate statement.

As of this meeting, we are **5 days before the election.**

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/>

13 people signed up

Mark Anthony Capehart

Eulanda Marie Carter

Tess Reyes-Dunn

Paul Heere

William 'Lance' Hilliard

Kevin Kanooni

Erick Lace

Eric Lewis

Kathleen Rupp Palaez

John 'JJ' Popowich
Marilyn Robinson.
Mr. David Uebersax
Cameron Richter, youth representative

All seven board members are running with new candidates running too; there are 7 seats open.
There is change and are interesting things going on in the city.

- 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)

- VANC Mixer, 4/10/14
- Appointment of Bettie Ross-Blumer as the WNC's CD3 Beautification Liaison for Councilmember Blumenfield's new Beautification Action Team.
- The City's Gang Relations Committee also need a liaison from WNC if there are any interested board members.
- Please contact me if you are a stakeholder that is interested in volunteering on a WNC committee 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 February, 2014 [3 min] **WNC-2014-031114-01**

10. Treasurer's Report (Popowich/Uebersax)

- We will need to vote in March for April money. A reminder...
- Discussion and possible action of paying for the Storage locker, to pay monthly quarterly or annually. Action **now** is essential to avoid loss of entire contents.
Now in arrears by DONE meddling with past financial convention and resulting in a lack of procedural clarity.
- Motion to approve up to \$100 for snacks and refreshments for the general board meeting in April, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit for this transaction. (Lewis) 2 min.
(let's use the \$50 from March in April as there should be lots of people then with possible new board members and the big Williams Homes item again)
- Update, discussion, and action regarding WNC finances. (Popowich) [6 min]
- Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing any necessary new business cards for new and potential incoming board members and officers from the City of LA. G.S.D.
Publishing, at a cost not to exceed \$300. (Lewis) 3 min.
- Discussion and possible action to respond to audit findings from the DONE funding team. This will include a review of the audit findings including a discussion about previously unknown requirements from DONE as well as taking action to approve monthly bank statements, and other possible minor discrepancies.
- Discussion and possible action to determine what the WNC wants to do with two vendors, Extra Space Storage and Moore Business Results. Recent actions by DONE are indicating we may have problems with continuing to be able to reliably pay the vendors.

11. Parliamentarian's Report (Robinson/Owen)

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 Working on the NPCs that are being worked on per WNC budget:
Valley Village, Junior Blind Olympics, TRUE Project (LAPD Topanga), Hope Chapel, One Generation Senior Symposium
- Discussion and possible action to approve allocating \$500 from the Neighborhood Purposes Grants budget item "School Projects" to help pay for needed items for the upcoming local public school culminations. (Lace) 5 min.
- May 15th have to get all funding in.

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.
- **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.**

Formalize it at the next meeting. Needs to finalize now if possible with a month from now April.

- 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 The PWT Cmte is setting goals for an annual event starting in 2014. The target date is Saturday, April 26th (the weekend *after* Passover/Easter and following **Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22nd**). Venues and target areas: Quimby Park or Orange Line parking lot as focal points for volunteers to meet, organize, and pickup materials. We hope to have Outreach tables at both locations, but towards the end of the event, things will centralize at Quimby Park for a wrap party for celebration and recognitions. Teams: Discuss participation of other committees, neighboring NC's, other organizations, and possible sponsors.
- Discussion, and possible action relating to the Committee's Motion regarding the proposal for the State to pursue a \$20-\$50 Billion water project that would include the construction of tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River under the Delta, which could have an impact on costs for water in Southern California, and therefore DWP rates. LA DWP, along with the Metropolitan Water

District, (which manages multiple infrastructure resources to provide water to client agencies throughout Southern California) has continued to provide information, including websites and presentations focused on the project; which would seek to secure Water Supply Conveyance systems (as well as flood control protection and storage development), proposing conservation measures such as Habitat and ecosystem restoration as well as Actions to reduce/eliminate stressors:

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Home.aspx>

<http://www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com/go/doc/1643/1802027/Bay-Delta-Conservation-Plan-June-1-NC-Presentation>

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/yourwater/supply/Delta/index.htm>

Additional information has been provided by the organization which first sought to have this issue discussed by WNC, expressing concerns that the conservation aspects were disingenuous, the diversion of water would be primarily benefitting corporate agriculture, fracking interests, and real estate developers at the expense of ratepayers and taxpayers, whereas the environmental goals, conservation, and mitigation of possible earthquake impacts could be achieved with significantly less expense.

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/California/>

<http://www.stopthetunnels.org/>

<http://deltatunnelboondoggle.com/>

Motion Passed by the Public Works and Transportation Committee

“The Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council recommends that the WNC Board oppose the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan to build twin tunnels or any such conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River. The project, estimated to cost up to \$67 billion, is unnecessary and would benefit corporate agriculture at the expense of ratepayers in Los Angeles. We urge you to pass legislation to prohibit the use of ratepayer money to finance this project and to support investment in local water projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply.”

- Discussion about Bicycle Lanes to be considered in Winnetka. Jojo Pewasong has researched examples of Bike Paths, Bike Boulevards, and Bike Lanes, and has evaluated potential streets where those might be considered, as well as designations of streets where ‘Sharrows’ could be applied (graphics on the streets similar to crosswalks and lane markings...but with a bicycle silhouette with chevrons, that call attention to potential bike uses on the shared roadways).
- 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 actiona Specific Plan for Winnetka. What would we and all Winnetka stakeholders like Winnetka to be like in 10 years, in 20 years? Let's get specific and create a plan. Neighboring Woodland Hills and Northridge, to name two, have new Specific Plans.
- 18.** Discussion and update on the current status of Williams homes project on Winnetka . No action planned; will be referred back to PLUM committee in April. At the regularly convened PLUM Cmte. meeting on Tuesday, 3/4/14, there were over 70 stakeholders in attendance in addition to the 5 members of the PLUM Cmte and 2 from Williams Homes. Williams Homes presented their updated plans for the proposed development of 68 detached single-family homes (townhome style) located at 8544-8654 Winnetka Ave. The presentation and discussion between the stakeholders, the Committee members, and the developer lasted over 3 hours.
The Committee unanimously passed the following motion:
Motion to support the Williams Homes project at 8544-8654 Winnetka Ave. upon the following stipulations: 1) the development remains within the Low Density Zoning designation of the General Plan, which is up to 7 units per acre (perhaps Low II or whatever the Community Plan allows); and 2) the five homes along Penfield Ave. will not be part of the townhomes but be regular, single-family homes, fee simple, which would create a separate zone, and would create a 6-lot subdivision: the five Penfield Ave. homes, and one larger lot for the remaining detached, single-family townhome-style homes. (Ross-Blumer) [3 min]
- 19.** Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing any necessary new WNC polo shirts for new and potential incoming board members from the board's current clothing vendor at a cost not to exceed \$200, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 20.** Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing additional plastic name plate holders for all committees and any necessary new badges for incoming board members from Standard Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$200, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 21.** Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$150 to Carla's Cafe for the VANC Anniversary Mixer, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 22.** Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$4969.91 to MP Printing & Mailing for the newsletter, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 23.** Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$500 to Daily News for the NC Election ad, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 24.** Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$14.72 to JJ Popowich for treasury printing costs, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.
- 25.** Discussion and action to approve expenditure of \$50 to American Legion Hall in Reseda for the

recent Election Rally that was held on 1/17/14, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.

26. Discussion and action to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for water and food for the election/candidates' tent volunteers on Election Day, 3/16/14, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. This financial item was approved in Feb by the board but is motioned again to add the p-card limit increase. (Lewis) 3 min.
27. Discussion and action to approve payment in full of all monies owed by the WNC to Moore Business Solutions for outreach services, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
28. Discussion and action to approve payment in full of all monies owed by the WNC to Extra Space Storage for the board's storage locker rental, and a request to increase the quarterly p-card limit to accommodate this transaction. (Lewis) 3 min.
29. Discussion and possible action to assign up to two City Hall parking passes for any board members that need to actively use one. (Lewis) 2 min.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

30. Budget & Finance Committee Report (Uebersax)

31. Executive Committee Report (Lewis)

32. 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.
- Update to the committees, officer positions, attendance rules, and agenda posting locations. (Lewis) 6 min.

33. 2014 N.C. Elections Ad-Hoc Committee (Moreno)

- Congratulations to the WNC! We have 12 candidates running for 7 open seats on the board for the upcoming elections. We also have a candidate for the youth representative position. All 15 candidates (including youth representative) are invited to give a 2 minute introduction and candidate statement tonight.
- We are asking for volunteers to work at our polls on Election Day (March 16). Anyone who is 16 years or older and who is not a candidate is eligible to work. This includes current board members who are not running for office. Please register online at empowerla.org/elections. You may sign up for all or part of the day. The volunteer hours will be from 9 am to 6 pm, which is one hour before the polls open and two hours after. Our polling place is at Canoga Park Bowl/Winnetka Convention Center. It is located at the corner of Winnetka and Vanowen.
- Motion to approve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to conduct a new board orientation (an hour and half) to educate and train all new board members. The training will be an hour and a half and will cover the board basics, ie. Brown Act, Funding, PRAs etc. We "wanted" to do this training during the first meeting so all board members will know the rules and go in the right direction. (Lewis)

34. LA DWP Committee Report (Uebersax)

- LADWP Cmte meetings: 1st Sat of each odd month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood
- New billing by the DWP: As the DWP is short of meter readers, they have been estimating ratepayers' bills (!). They are hiring new and rehiring some retired readers to correct this

situation. If you have issues, please use the DWP online email system. There is a new personal call-back feature when phoning, so you don't have to wait on the phone. There are new billing dates. Meter reading routes recently have been revised and optimized.

- Our Ratepayer Advocate spoke, and said that he has objected to the solar feed-in tariff program since Jan. 2013. We are paying 15-cents while Edison is paying 6.7 cents. Suggests that we speak up to the City Council about this issue. A motion was made and carried by the LANCC attendees that the DWP Committee strongly supports that Ratepayer Advocate's advice regarding the rates of the Fit 100 Program to more accurately reflect market price.
- The Ratepayer Advocate continued about Delta Bay Project (the proposed multi-billion-dollar tunnels in the San Fran. Bay area): This water would not aid Los Angeles in dry years other than to help fill our ample water storage in wet years.
- Drought solutions: We need to look into recycling water (grey water) and into storm water capture.

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

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

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

- LANCC meetings: 1st Sat of each month, 10AM, 6501 Fountain Ave.
- Presentation for drought plans for L.A., the recycled water program, by Evelyn Cortez-Davies (LADWP). Our Governor declared a Drought Emergency in Feb. The plan is to 1) maximize conservation, 2) grow recycling, and 3) do storm water capture, and 4) clean up the San. Fern. Vly. groundwater basin.
- DWP has a Ca\$h In Your Lawn program, paying \$2 per square foot of residential turf removed, and \$1 per sq ft of commercial turf removed. Go to www.LADWP.com/CF
- Reminder re your Watering Days for outdoor sprinklers: Street address ending in 1,3,5,7 & 9: Mon., Wed. and Fri. Street address ending in 0,2,4,6 & 8: Tues., Thurs. & Sun. See www.LADWP.com/WaterConservation
- Our Councilmember, Bob Blumenfield spoke on his City-wide broadband/WiFi proposal. It would be a City & private company partnership, and light posts would be used. There will be fiber optics going to the posts, and WiFi emanating from the light posts. The basic signal would be free, and the private company would offer a premium service to whoever chooses to subscribe.
- He spoke about the existing 35 Community Plans need to be reviewed every few years, and now is the time for the current ones. Announced the Dept of City Planning is having 7 Community Planning Forums to give feedback on 3 Citywide Initiatives: Plan Re:Code, Mobility Plan 2035, and Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles. South Valley forum is Sat., April 5th, 9am-Noon, Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys.
- Deputy Major for Budgeting, Rick Cole, gave a talk on Mayor Garcetti's administration structure and goals: 1) Safety; 2) a Prosperous City; 3) a Profitable City; and 4) to Restore City Services. He spoke about the City budget, and explained the meaning of "deficit" (spending more than what one has) and "shortfall" (a projection that one will have less than one will spend). Spoke about how our infrastructure and facilities (streets, sidewalks, public buildings, etc.) are in need of repair or rebuilt. Also spoke about the long-term obligations, like the Fire Dept. pensions. His goal is to maintain 10,000 LAPD, to have no City lay-offs, not to cut City services (pot holes, tree trimming, sidewalk repair), and to balance the budget.

37. Neighborhood Watch Representative Report (Hilliard)**38. Mayor's Budget Representatives' Report** (Hilliard & Lerma)**39. Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) Report** (vacant)**40. 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. The next VANC meeting will be on Thursday, Mar 13.
- The Winnetka NC voted in February to request that the mayor fund the operation of video teleconferencing at the Van Nuys City Hall. This item was submitted to the VANC for consideration this month.
- City updates presented: Councilwoman Martinez has presented a motion (CF 11-1017-S1) requiring mandatory workplace, sexual harassment and adult-bullying training for all NCs; DWP representatives presented the proposed projects for the next six years.
- The Dept. of City Planning has setup forums across the city in March and April to gain public feedback. For more info visit these websites: la2b.org, recode.la, healthyplan.la .
- DONE updates presented: The Van Nuys DONE office will be reopening soon, DONE will be arranging for training of board members after the upcoming NC elections
- There is a new group working on a LA Parking Freedom Initiative to sponsor a municipal ballot initiative that will mandate a reorientation of public policy with regards to parking enforcement in LA. Jay Beeber, the Sherman Oaks NC board member that is responsible for having the red-light cameras removed is part of this group.
- The VANC Anniversary Mixer, April 10, 2014, CBS Radford, Studio City. This free event is open for all current and newly elected board members. It is a good opportunity for NC members to meet other Valley NC members as well as various city officials and elected representatives. The Winnetka NC is a sponsor of this event.

41. Good of the Order [2 min]**42. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events:** [1 min]**43. Adjournment Time:** _____**44. 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	X										
Erick Lace	X	X										
Eric Lewis	x	X										
JJ Popowich	x	ae										
Tess Reyes-Dunn	X	X										
William "Lance" Hilliard	X	X										
David Uebersax	x	X										
MaryEllen Moreno	X	Ae										
Bettie Ross-Blumer	AE	X										
Trevor Owen	X	X										

