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Brief Summary: On April 14, 2015, the full Winnetka NC Board of Directors passed agenda item 22.3 by a vote of 8-4, creating motion # WNC-2015-041415-04, supporting the City Council Motion to raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2020.

Additional Information:



## WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, CA 91306

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Madison Lamoreaux	Bettie Ross-Blumer	Tom Sattler	David Uebersax	Vacant (Youth Rep)

## REGULAR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6:30 PM

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

(located next to Winnetka Bowl)

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 location: **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 9
2. Convene Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance [1 min]
3. Board Member Roll-Call, Introductions, Meeting Rules & Announcements [4 min]

Board member	Dec. 9 2014	Jan. 13 2015	Feb. 10	Mar 10	April 14	May 12	June 9	July 14	Aug 11	Sept 8	Oct13
Steven Fuhrman	x	AE	x	x	x						
Erick Lace	x	X	x	x	x						
Madison Lamoreaux	/	x	AE	x	x						
Victor Lerma	x	X	x	ae	L 9:40						
Eric Lewis	x	X	x	x	X						
Mary Ellen Moreno	AE	X	x	ae	X						
Trevor Owen	x	X	x	x	X						
Kathleen Pelaez	x	X	x	x	X						

John Poer	x	X	x	x	X						
JJ Popowich	x	X	x	ae	Le						
Tess Reyes-Dunn	x	X	x	x	X						
Bettie Ross-Blumer	x	AE	AE	x	X						
Tom Sattler	x	X	x	x	X						
David Uebersax	x	X	x	x	X						
total	12	11	12	11	14						

**4. Government Representative 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. [5 min each, 20 min max]

- Officer Maldonado** introduced his partner-in-training Officer Jose Moreno. Officer Maldonado works to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our area. The good news is there will be an Open House at Topanga Station April 26 from 8:00 to 12:00. Proceeds go to youth services. (9-20 years of age) This is a great alternative to keep kids off of the streets. Over 300 kids are involved. The city does not provide funding. Everything is done by fundraising. May 16- Salute to Kids March at Lanark Park 10am-2pm. Resource fair for the youth, dancers, face painting food, bike raffles. The officers left flyers for this event. Crime rates in Winnetka have gone up. Some statistics that he stated (since Jan 1) were as follows: Only 1 sexual assault, 8 street robberies, 15 aggravated assaults, many burglaries, 23 GTA. Protect your home and make it seem like someone is home by leaving on radio, etc. He brought flyers regarding home protection and talked about the importance of having video cameras. He reminded us to call 877 ASK-LAPD for non-emergencies, instead of calling the front desk of the police station. Neighborhood watch meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the station. All are welcome.
- Jenny Portillo-** They are about to begin budget deliberations. They will be asking constituents via an online survey about what their budget concerns are. April 25 at One Generation the Councilman will be there to talk to people. This Saturday Councilman Blumenfield will be at an Earth Day event put on by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council. David mentioned to Jenny that David Corral from the Parks and Rec was very helpful for our Spring Clean last week. Homeless situation at Runnymede Park has been an issue. They are putting in timers for the bathrooms so they will lock at 10pm, which will hopefully dissuade the homeless. She is also trying to get lights at Quimby Park.

**5. Guest speaker: Kurston Cook,** policy fellow with California Common Cause RE: Recommended reforms to the LA City matching funds program. He wants to raise awareness about their program regarding public financing to go to candidates. The goal is to have a decrease of outside contributions to elections. He showed a video. Public financing of campaigns is important so politicians respond more to public interests and not to their private donors. The video explained

how the system works. Candidates have to reach out to get small contributions which can be matched, doubled, or tripled by public funds. It brings the focus of the politicians back to the people they represent. Small donors are empowered. It helps to level the playing field financially for candidates running for public office. In addition, the candidates can spend more time on important issues and not simply fundraising. Kurston answered questions from the board and guests. Eric Lewis offered to put info on our website.

**6. Public Comments:** 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, 15 min max]

**7. President's Report** (Lewis) [4 min]

- He watched the Mayors State of the City address and summarized some of the major points as follows: 70,000 new jobs. Credit is up. He has created new initiatives. Clean Streets Initiative- 5000 new trash cans put around the city. He will be providing cleanliness reports. Overall crime is lowest since 1949. Cameras will be on every police officer. He will be assigning officers to housing units for 5 month periods so they can really get to know the populations. Adding 5 new rail lines. We have 3 billion dollars in federal money coming for transportation. We will be making major improvements and additions to LAX. Uber and Lift can now pick up at airport. LA is the number one city in the US. \$10 million more will be invested for affordable housing. Drought – incentives to get rid of your grass lawn.

**8. Vice-President's Report** (Lace) [2 min]

Chamber of Commerce wants to work with the Winnetka NC for events. One event may involve the Special Olympics. Some funds from youth that were not used may be used. Grand reopening for Winnetka Convention Center will be in September. JJ said we have money for shirts for board members and they can be bought quickly.

### **REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS**

Discussion and board action is possible on the following Winnetka NC Committee reports.

**9. Youth Advocacy Committee Report** (Owen) [2 min]

- YA Cmte meetings: 4th Thurs of each month, 6:30PM, Winnetka Child Care Center, 8361 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka
- YA Cmte Report: We have money to use because the money allocated for the Job Fair will not be used. There is already a job fair planned at Pierce College. The youth committee will be combined with the safety committee and their meeting date will be changed to first Thursday of the month at Limerick.

**10. Outreach & Social Media Committee Report** (Lewis) [6 min]

- OSM Cmte meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Tue of each month, 7:00PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- Community committee members needed. Contact the board president if interested.
- Kathleen announced the upcoming 2015 Lecture Series, Part 2  
Child Safety in the Home  
Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Please join us for a free lecture from Paul Semerjian, LAFD (retired)  
She has a flyer that she can email. It is on our social media accounts.

Some other upcoming speakers, who were former Winnetka NC board members, are Greg Sullivan who will be talking about drought tolerant plants and Natasha, who will talk about financial planning and retirement.

Kathleen created a tri-fold flyer about the Winnetka NC to inform the community about who we are and what we do. We will be making copies and distributing them at various locations.



### **11. Public Works & Transportation Committee Report (Uebersax) [16 min]**

- PWT Cmte meetings: 4th Mon of each month, 7PM, Limerick Avenue Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka.
- PWT Committee Report
- Report regarding the PWT 'Spring Cleaning' event held on April 11. It was successful. He wants to get the date for next year's Spring Clean out early so that schools and other councils can get involved.
- Report on discussions about the regional issues which may benefit from collaboration with adjoining NC's:[4 min ]
  - Parthenia Street 'Traffic Calming' and 'Road Diet'
  - Traffic signalization and related issues in the West Valley, relating to the new Orange Line extension
- Report on status of Neighborhood Blitz and WNC collaboration with CD3 and Bureau of Street Services: Bettie thanked Jenny for the extension from her office to spend the 50000 from Zine. All sidewalks have been done along mason Winnetka and Saticoy and Vanowen. Tree trimming is continuing through June.
- Report on correspondence being prepared for submission to elected officials and applicable agencies regarding the following items [ 4 min ]
  - Regarding impact of development density on utilities infrastructure, and resources such as water and energy at a time of conservation. They are putting in all these new developments without considering the impact on water and power. There seems to be a disconnect. There needs to be a resource analysis when a new population is being built in an area that may not be able to handle it. This includes fire and police services. Slowing down development is a way to conserve water. David thanked all his committee members for their hard work.
  - Preparation of Letter regarding Metro Bus service in Winnetka and surrounding areas on Sundays and holidays. We want service on these days. Holly said there are no north/south bus transport systems in Winnetka on Sundays. We are just asking for any public transport on Sundays and holidays. The use of DASH is important with so much new development.
  - Eric Lewis thanked David for his successful Spring Clean.
  - May meeting may be adjusted to early June. We will let everyone know when date is set.

### **12. Planning & Land Use Management Committee Report (Popowich) [6 min]**

- PLUM Cmte meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue of each month, 6:30PM, Winnetka Convention Center.
- PLUM Cmte Report Continuing adjudication about how to vote on "The Pit". The current owner wants to build what the previous owner wanted before it was polished down. The developer is a polished presenter. The committee will take a position after further review. The community will really have to stick together for this fight. In May they will bring something for the board to take action. Their next committee meeting will have further discussion of the pit and a Verizon cell phone tower on a building.

### **13. Public Safety Committee Report (Pelaez) [6 min]**

- Public Safety Cmte meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month, 6:30PM, Limerick Elementary School, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka
- PS Cmte Report: Didnt have a quorum at last meeting.  
Public Safety is up and running again. A special meeting will be called for the first week of May to set a permanent regular meeting time. We will also discuss hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross at Winnetka Convention Center and perhaps it will include an incentive such as a free game of bowling. Would like to spend funds to provide advertising and give-aways for the drive, with our logo on them. The meetings will be combined with the youth meetings to be held on the first Thursday of the month at Limerick Elementary.
- Discussion and possible action regarding spending up to \$2000 for promotional items for

dispersal at the blood drive and future council events. For example, 20 first aid kits to first 20 donors and emergency kits with our name on it. Kathleen presented quotes and various options for first aid kits.

Kathleen made a motion that their public safety committee wants to reallocate \$2000 funds intended for the Public Safety fair to the funding for promotional items for the blood drive and possible future use, including 24 large emergency kits and 500 small emergency kits. Mary Ellen seconded the motion: **WNC-2015-041415-01**

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Fuhrman, Steven	X					
Lace, Erick	X					
Madison Lamoreaux	X					
Lerma, Victor					X	
Lewis, Eric	X					
Moreno, Mary Ellen	X					
Owen, Trevor	X					
Pelaez, Kathleen	X					
Poer, John	X					
Popowich, JJ	X					
Reyes-Dunn, Tess	X					
Ross-Blumer, Bettie	X					
Sattler, Tom	X					
Uebersax, David	X					
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>				<b>1</b>	

**ADDITIONAL NEW & RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion and board action is possible on the following agenda items.

- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding how the WNC can help Winnetka’s homeless population. (Popowich) [10 min] **Tabled**
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the NPG for Valley Village. (Lewis) [2min] **Tabled**
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding the NPG for One Generation Senior Symposium. (Lewis) **Remove this item.** We are already on the flyer.

## ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND MOTIONS

Discussion and board action is possible on the following reports.

### 17. Secretary's Report (Moreno/Pelaez) [4 min]

- Discussion and approval of the WNC Minutes for March 10, 2015 **WNC-2015-041415-02**
- Lace moved to approve and Tess seconded the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	Absent	Ineligible
Fuhrman, Steven	X					
Lace, Erick	X					
Madison Lamoreaux	X					
Lerma, Victor					x	
Lewis, Eric	X					
Moreno, Mary Ellen	X					
Owen, Trevor	x					
Pelaez, Kathleen	X					
Poer, John	X					
Popowich, JJ			x			
Reyes-Dunn, Tess	X					
Ross-Blumer, Bettie	X					
Sattler, Tom	X					
Uebersax, David	X					
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	

### 18. Parliamentarian's Report (Owen/Ross-Blumer) [2 min]

- No report

### 19. Treasurer's Report (Popowich/Uebersax) [4 min]

- Update, discussion, and action regarding Winnetka NC finances as needed.
- Presentation of the Treasurer's Report including discussion and possible action to approve the February and March 2015 expenditure reports. (Popowich) [6 min]
- Motion: "The Winnetka NC Board has reviewed the February and March 2015 Monthly Expenditure Reports including the US Bank Statement for the months ending in Feb 2015 and March, 2015. The Board approves the reports and authorizes the Treasurer to submit the reports to DONE." **WNC-2015-041415-03** Erick moved to approve and Tess seconded.
- We need approval in the minutes for ink for secretary's computer for next month.
- We also need an agenda item to approve the funds for White Rabbit and Smart and Final. We need to get our stuff out of storage because we don't get equal funding from DONE monthly and we cannot pay ahead of time. We then get locked out of our storage due to lack of payment.

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Fuhrman, Steven	X					
Lace, Erick	X					
Madison Lamoreaux					x	
Lerma, Victor					x	
Lewis, Eric	X					
Moreno, Mary Ellen	X					
Owen, Trevor	X					
Pelaez, Kathleen	X					
Poer, John	X					
Popowich, JJ	X					
Reyes-Dunn, Tess	X					
Ross-Blumer, Bettie	X					
Sattler, Tom	X					
Uebersax, David	X					
Total	12				2	

**20. Budget & Finance Committee**

- Discussion and possible action regarding updating the protocols for setting the NPG portion of the WNC budget. (Lewis) 15 minutes
- Discussion and possible action regarding budget preparation. (Lewis) 10 min

**21. Rules, Elections, & By-Laws Committee** (Lewis) [ 2 min]

- Discussion and possible action regarding updates to the WNC Bylaws and Rules. We met last night and reviewed the board rules and bylaws. Minor changes were made to the bylaws such as adding assistants for parliamentarian, secretary, and treasurer. We also updated current names of committees. JJ presented the document on the screen for all to understand and give input regarding changes. The revised document will be submitted to DONE and will be available on our website upon approval.
- David explained that DONE says that if our meetings of sub committees have 5 or more board members than it is considered to be a subcommittee meeting and joint board meeting. This opens up a can of worms as far as quorums and decisions go. Eric has emailed several questions regarding this issue to DONE and is awaiting a response.
- Motion to approve bylaws as changed. Erick moved to approve and Trevor seconded. Approval of Rules will be tabled. May will be theory of budget and June will be hard numbers.

**22. Business Relations Ad-Hoc Committee** (Lace) [2 min]

- The Ad Hoc Committee urges the approval of the following motion:



The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Raise the Wage proposals from both Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and LAANE to raise the wage level in the City of Los Angeles. We additionally support the addition of a “wage theft” provision and a “sick time” provision.

- The two proposals were similar. JJ recused himself from the conversation because he works for a firm that has investments in Los Angeles and cannot be part of the discussion that may affect Los Angeles retirement investments.
- Trevor made the motion and John seconded the motion listed above. **WNC-2015-041415-04**  
Discussion: To support means that Kathleen will be writing a CIS and submitting it to the LA City Council. David did not receive the email regarding the Ad Hok meeting. John said that the discussion in the past centered around supporting the idea of the proposals, but not to back a specific proposal. These two proposals may be merged in the proceedings. David is opposed to the idea. The minimum wage is for entry level jobs. Steven thinks a wage should be decided between an employer and employee and not mandated by law. Mandating a minimum wage that high cheapens the college degree. He is against it for these reasons. As minimum wage goes up, the cost is passed on to the consumer and brings down our spending power. Trevor thinks we should get behind Mayor Garcetti’s initiative. Tom feels sorry for the business people. Retired people are going to suffer because things will be going up. Erick Lace said a family of three is in poverty at the minimum wage. John has experience working in negotiations with unions and employers. Any employer is going to pay the least amount that he can to his employees. He thinks we need something in place. This is a complex situation. He thinks something should be put into place. Imelda thanked the council. JJ returned to the meeting.

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Fuhrman, Steven		x				
Lace, Erick	X					
Madison Lamoreaux	X					
Lerma, Victor					x	
Lewis, Eric		x				
Moreno, Mary Ellen	X					
Owen, Trevor	X					
Pelaez, Kathleen	X					
Poer, John	X					
Popowich, JJ				x		
Reyes-Dunn, Tess	X					
Ross-Blumer, Bettie	X					
Sattler, Tom		x				
Uebersax, David		x				
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	

- 23. LA DWP Committee/Memorandum of Understanding Cmte Representative (Uebersax) [4 min]**
- LADWP Cmte/MOU Cmte meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month, 8:30AM, 6501 Fountain Av., Hollywood
- 24. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Representative (Uebersax) [4 min]**
- LANCC meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month, 10:00AM, 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood
- 25. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Representatives (Lewis/vacant-alt) [2 min]**
- VANC meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur of each month, 6:30PM, Sherman Oaks Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> fl. Conference rm.
- 26. Good of the Order [2 min]** Victor thanked David and Bettie for doing a great job.
- 27. Future Agenda Items & other Calendar Events [2 min]**  
Approval of ink for the presidents.
- 28. Adjournment 10:04**

## Winnetka Neighborhood Council

Members of the public may request and receive, without undue delay, copies 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 [mmoreno@winnetkanc.com](mailto:mmoreno@winnetkanc.com).

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### 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 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.

