



*Westlake North*  
**Neighborhood Council (WNNC)**

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WESTLAKE NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
 (WNNC)

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Thursday September 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.**

President	Sandra Villalobos	Bus. Rep.
Vice President	(Vacant)	
Treasurer	Rocky Valenzuela	CBO
Secretary	Harold (Mac) R. McCarthy	At Large
	Vacant	At Large
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	Ivonnenanette Machado	At Large
	Vacant	Bus. Rep
	Aurora Pineda	CBO Rep.
	Margarita Alvarez Gomez	CBO Rep.
	Vacant	Res. Rep
	Karina Rodriguez	Res Rep.
	Consuelo Morales	Sen. Rep
	Vacant	Youth Rep
	Ventura Mendez Florencia	Youth Rep

WNNC Board of Directions

**I. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:14**

1. The following people were present at the Special Meeting.  
Sandra Villalobos, Rocky Valenzuela, Aurora Pineda, Margarita Alvarez, Karina Rodriguez, Consuelo Morales, Harold McCarthy, and Ivonnenante Machado.
2. The Following people were absent at the Regular Board Meeting Ventura Mendez Florencia
3. Quorum was met with 8 people present at the meeting.

**II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Officer Robert Solorio Senior Lead Office of the Rampart Area Came in to report on recent activities throughout the area. Everything has been good, property crimes have lowered from the beginning of the year. There has been a rise in aggravative assaults usually with amongst acquaintances. Rampart is pushing out information for anger management classes. They are also getting additional outreach teams together in order to combat against the large homelessness population. They are trying to get percentage down however they decling against any form of help. Office solorio left his buisness card for co!munity members and also informed they could contact him Through Sandra Villalobos.
2. Ivonne brought up the night out event in Rampart and how it was an amazing event. For future night out it would be interesting to try and participate.

**III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Issues with agenda was fixed so presentation on AirBnb and homesharring was presnted while the update was moved general public comment.
2. Presentation reviewing what is happening withbshort term rentals. People are being evicted from there properties and their units are being put on Airbnb. He explained that AirBnb is usually focused more on tenants renting spaces to make a bit more cash while bigger apartments are using short term rental to take in more cash. They want to pass an ordance so that they have 60 days so it stops the units from being used as hotels.

3. Mac spoke saying when agenda item comes back we should have both sides be present to defend their perspective
4. Presentation continued offering more in depth information and statistics on what AirBnb is being used and how it is affecting the rental ordinance. This limits the available renting units for people. As years pass AirBnb is taking over more and more space, thus making it difficult for long term renting.

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Representative from Westlake South James came to introduce himself to Westlake North. He is very interested in working with WNNC in connecting with the communities and possibly working together for an outreach event.
2. Preserve Los Angeles they have been getting letters that seem to be giving impact with the home sharing ordinance. It is opening people's eyes so that they see how important the neighborhood council involvement is.
3. She is also pushing for more trees in Los Angeles many have been removed and we need to push to have more and help push against global warming.
4. Katie a local community member came expressing her concerns with her building, saying that they haven't been sharing much information of what is happening. She is scared because she doesn't know if she will be evicted or what is happening. Connections were made and suggestions of what she can do and where she can.

**V. BOARD ITEMS**

1. Rocky went over the MER's he had and the paper work, explaining in detail what had to be done and where we stand. Paying bills are the first things and money has been set aside into the budget. Everyone was in favor and the budget was approved
2. Rocky is the card holder and Sandra signs off purchases and we believe it should stay like that.
3. We discussed the vacancies of the board, and due to quorum being at 8 we really need to vote board members in. We asked who was interested in joining. We will also be looking into ways to outreach to getting community members join the board however, Sandra expressed that with our limited number we need board members in case one of us miss. With that being said Sandra proposed Jennifer Virgen and Randy Waller to join the board. Vote was taken and both Jennifer and Randy were voted into the board as Jennifer as business rep and Randy as resident rep. They are to provide proof of certification by our next meeting which will be September 21 2017

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. We will be working on our bylaws to change some rules so that if an open date occurs it allow us to put in the edits. The two main chairs for thus are Margarita and Harold
2. Sandra wants to have a special meeting with the clean streets challenge. She wants to discuss participation of the board if possible. To be moved to discussed in depth next week at special meeting

3. Also looking into a budget and working with WSNC in a possible outreach event to expand to the community.
4. Also talking more in depth of thr board retrate snd setting an actual date
5. Jennifer Virgen is a animal lover and will be taking over the animal liasion.
6. Rocky talked about the importance in the safety committee. How they sponsored backpacks that had helmets and first aids for the training cadets. Sandra also mentioned that the Red Cross meets in ccnp they are a good organization to team up with. They are trying to get the community safety prepared and aware. If natural disaster happens they want to train the community to be first reponse teams for this area.
7. Karina rodriguez presented the epa movememt from the enviornmental protection agencies thay are hosting an event on october 19,2017 on the corner of third and loma. They want to get input from the community on changes thst they want to see in their community and to make it safer and a healthier place overall. It would be good for westlake north to get involved host a booth to give information and get information back.
8. Ventura wasnt present so we skipped the youth liasion
9. We no longer have a film liasion since andrew is no longrr on the board. Since rocky was woeking with amdrew on it he will be taking over. They always close down on six street making it really hard to find parking. They also want to look into that
10. Purposeful aging liasion Margarita brought up a survey that the city is putting out. It is important that everyone takes part in the survey because we all will grow old and its a way to get invovled with what the city wants to do.
11. Jennifer Virgen will be taking on the position of animal liasion
12. Homeless liasion Ivonne, she went to the meeting on wednesday and had found out that the city is working with the homeless through programs such as LAHSA but homeless dont want the help because they dont like the shelters.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Sandra spoke about the soy bilingual festival and the thanks. Wegot from the kids for our participation.

**VIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Randy woukd like to agendized to discuss the possibility or westlake south westlake north becoming one.
2. Jennifer Virgen brought in a NPG but unable to vote on it so will be pushed to next meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm**

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