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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)**  
**AGENDA for: Monday, January 5, 2009 7:00 PM**  
**10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602**

1. **Meeting Opening and Call to Order Start Time: Attendance: Absent: Excused: Guests:**  
**Motion:** to Approve December 2008 Minutes.

**1.1 ONLY NEED TO DISCUSS IF ACTION/RESPONSE/RESOLUTION HAS OCCURRED**

**Action Item(s) and Response and/or Resolution in Progress** (to track the status of an item through to completion and/or why the City says something cannot be done and remove item from Agenda)

- 1.1.1 **Cahuenga Street Improvement Item #5 Downgrade segment of Cahuenga** (see detail below under section 2.2):

**ACTION ITEM:**

11/3/2008 Terry sent to Tom La Bonge on November 3, 2008.

**RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION: Downgrade segment of Cahuenga**

12/01/2008 Terry sent a second letter to Ed Reyes, LA Planning Chairman.

- 1.1.2 **Cahuenga Street Improvement Item # 7 Traffic and speed considerations.** (see detail below under section 2.2):

**Traffic and speed considerations** (see detail below):

Request that the city paint a "SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING" sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga and prevent U-turns,.

**RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:**

12/01/2008

- Brian Gallagher said he is issuing work orders for pavement markings. Should be done within 30 days.

- 1.13 **Trash Bin Raiders** In alley by Wendy's house...noisy and man yells.

**ACTION:** Wendy draft a letter to La Bonge and send to Terry to review and email to City contacts and to cc: email to Jay, Wendy and Karen.

**2. On-Going Business** (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

- 2.1 **Local Crime**, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

- 2.2 **Door-to-door solicitors**

- 2.3 **Neighborhood Watch**, Steve Hampar

- 2.4 **CERT Training**, John Adair Next Series starts January 11, 2009

**3. Work In-Progress Status** (Public Input limited to 3-minutes), **Brian Gallagher**

The following items are on track with the City

- 3.1 **Cahuenga Street Improvement Project** (decimal extensions 1, 2, 3, correspond exactly with original items regarding Cahuenga Street Improvements by North and South groups)

**12/01/2008 Update**

In bidding process. August 2009 to start Contract Award.

- 3.1.1 **Solid White Lines (Striping Plan)** to identify street parking on the west side of Cahuenga from Magnolia to Camarillo in places where the street briefly widens (example 4800 block)and is taken by drivers to be an extra lane.  
12/01/2008.

- Brian said this was In the "Scope" calendar of those small changes that include the drop off area in front of the school scheduled for design by 2009, executed 2010. Brian was reminded that this item was separate from the Scope matters and was asked why it had to wait. He said they can't do it now because it is "tied to Incremental changes" on Cahuenga.
- PS&T Committee asked what those incremental changes were; Gallagher said he didn't have them now but would **send a copy** of the plans to the GTLNC address, and the office could distribute it to committee members. (not received by GTLNC Office as of 12/29/2008).

**3.1.2 "No Right turn on Red" on the corner of Camarillo and Cahuenga.**

**12/01/2008 Update**

- Gallagher agreed that visibility was too poor to make the turn on a red, and DOT'S solution was a new item that was mentioned at the last GTLNC Board meeting that of REMOVING THE CROSSWALK.
- Item was DOT'S PLAN of Crosswalk Removal on Camarillo, west side of Cahuenga. Very controversial discussions. At first Brian seemed adamant that the crosswalk must be removed in interests of traffic because he claimed that pedestrians will hold up Cahuenga's southbound vehicles making right turns. He wanted to require pedestrians on the west side of Cahuenga approaching Camarillo to cross over to the east side of Cahuenga, cross Camarillo, then cross back to Cahuenga.
- Points were made by committee opposing his questionable arguments: There are too few pedestrians to tie up traffic turning right (Brian assumed that most parents walking their children to school were coming from the south, and was told that almost all of them come from the north so don't get down to Camarillo). Also, most south-bound vehicles on Cahuenga don't turn right on Camarillo because of the long lights at Lankershim/Vineland/Camarillo, so they wait to turn right when they get to Riverside or Moorpark.

**GTLNC Board Motion for January 20, 2009: Prohibit Right Turn on Cahuenga and Camarillo during peak hours as recommended by DOT.**

**3.1.3 (Dead issue due to cost to residents) Pedestrian lighting on Cahuenga in dark areas.**

**3.1.4. (Denied) "Photo Enforcement Signal" on Cahuenga at the intersection of Camarillo.**

**12/01/2008 Update**

Red Light Photo. Not enough accidents. Not enough money to do now per Brian.

**3.1.5 (See above Section 1.1) Downgrade segment of Cahuenga from Secondary Highway to Collector Street.**

Continuing big issue for residents in this area.

**3.1.6 (Done) Ambulance sirens & speed.**

**3.1.7 (See above Section 1.1) Traffic and speed considerations.** In October Marie A. brought up the continuing concerns over parents making U turns in front of the school; and need for "Slow/School Zone" painted on the pavement for vehicles approaching the school from the south.

**3.1.8 Cahuenga: left turn arrows:** Gallagher said they will be on Riverside, maybe Moorpark. Not on Camarillo.

**3.1.9 Permanent speed displays**

- Brian plans to install special ??? on Cahuenga at Huston, Biloxi and Whipple.
- He referred to something like at on Moorpark and Elmer, and offered to email a photo to GTLNC to distribute to Jay's Committee. (GTLNC Office did not get the photo as of 12/29/2008).

**3.1.10 Universal Studios sign needed for Lankershim off ramp on 134 fwy.**

**3.2 Forman Avenue at alley: red painting the curb (north-east of the alley)**

- Will get red curb on both North and South of alley

**3.3 Riverside and Talofa (Trader Joe's corner)**

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

**3.4 Trader Joe's Alley at Forman**

- The City may red paint more of the curbs for safety when vehicles leave the alley.
- Vehicles don't obey the stop sign where the alley opens to Forman, and rumble strips aren't allowed by law in alleys.

**3.5 Camarillo and Forman-Environmental Affairs Committee held a Clean-Up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

**3.6 Camarillo and Clybourn Adding a traffic signal**

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

**3.7 Valley Spring Lane-(repaving between Forman and end of street (at Lakeside Golf Club) Pot holes filled.**

11/3/08 No Update Will Street be repaved? If so when? 12/01/08 No Update

**3.8 Camarillo and Ledge: (North West corner)**

- Difficult to cross in vehicle
- Heidi D.-tree stump removal-sidewalk buckled

11/3/08 To Committee 12/01/08 No Update

**3.9 Proposed Speed Limits (40 MPH) on Riverside between Clybourn and Van Nuys Boulevard**

**12/01/2008**

- Gallagher reported that the speed zone has been 35 but the limits expired, so they need another study by Valley traffic. One study showed average speed of 45, another of 40.
- He said that generally, the speed zone is determined by how fast the traffic is going, so if the study shows the average speed on Riverside is 45, city will re-set the zone to 45!!! If it's 40 that allows for radar enforcement.
- timing the traffic lights at one speed, or not timing them, does not seem to affect the speed the vehicles travel.

- 3.10 Ponca STOP sign on Moorpark and Ponca S/W corner**  
 11/06/2008 Request four-way stop signs needed.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Betsy M. asked Alice Roth to pursue the request regarding the installation of four-way stop signs on Moorpark and Ponca.  
 11/2008 **RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:** City denied.  
 12/01/2208 **Moorpark and Ponca shrub blockage problem**  
 Brian will refer to Urban Forestry to take out the parkway shrubs that are blocking visibility.

**3. New Business (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)**

- 3.1 Emergency Preparedness** Add to PS&T Committee under the Neighborhood Watch Component Discussion, Terry  
**3.2 Paty's crosswalk at Riverside/Clybourn** Discussion, Bob Greene, Owner of Paty's

**4. Event/Meeting Calendar**

**MTA/Universal Development Plans**

See GTLNC website for updates [www.gtlnc.org](http://www.gtlnc.org) (Home page and/or Planning Committee page)

**5. Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Adjourned**

**Meeting Dates for 2009:** (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **February 2, 2009**

Time: 7:00 PM      Location: 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Toluca Lake, California 91602

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