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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
MINUTES 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: 7:05 PM
Attendance: Jay Goldberg, Craig Strong, Jack Thomas, Wendy Mogul, John Adair, Janice Eaton, Betsy Mogul, Steve Hampar
Absent: Sol Ajalat
Excused: Frank Banyai
Guests: John Moskal, Mary Garcia, Rob Benavides
Motion: to Approve December 2008 Minutes. Passed.
With correction regarding trash bin raiders that Wendy was to write draft letter.

1.1 Action Item(s) and Response and/or Resolution in Progress

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

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.

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

01/05/2009 Jay and Mary G. will write letter to Ed Reyes. Name of project is Cahuenga Street Improvements NOT Widening.

01/12/2009 Jay/Gene K/Terry Davis submitted letter to Ed Reyes and CC: Tom LaBonge

RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:

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,.

12/01/2008 Brian Gallagher said he is issuing work orders for pavement markings. Should be done within 30 days.

01/05/2009 **Waiting for report from Brian**

RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:

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.

01/05/2009 Issue tabled.

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

2.1 Local Crime, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

- Crime statistics were up for December. Mostly property thefts from cars.
- North Hollywood Division boundaries have been changed. Now South of Saticoy.

2.2 Door-to-door solicitors

2.3 Neighborhood Watch, Steve Hampar

- Watch Captains will meet to discuss how to improve program.
 - Karen will put Steve's contact information on the gtlnc.org PS&T Committee Page.
 - **Emergency Preparedness** Add to PS&T Committee under the Neighborhood Watch Component Discussion, Terry
- 01/05/2009** Neighborhood Watch agrees to work with John Adair to incorporate CERT.

2.4 CERT Training, John Adair Next Series starts January 14, 2009

- John will find a location.
- Karen put information on the gtlnc.org home page (done).

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

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).

01/05/2009 Jay Goldberg will contact Alice Roth requesting that the offer from Brian regarding the Cahuenga Street Improvement Project Plans be sent to the GTLNC office.

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.

01/05/2009

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.

01/05/2009 No Update

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.
- **PS&T Committee** (GTLNC Office did not get the photo as of 01 08 2009).

01/05/2009 No Update

ACTION: Jay Goldberg will contact Alice Roth requesting that the offered photo of a permanent speed display sign per Brian be sent to the GTLNC office.

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

01/05/2009 Update Remove sign saying exit @ Cahuenga.

Motion: Motion: That GTLNC to request La Bonge immediately request removal of sign directing freeway traffic to exit Cahuenga to go to Universal City. All traffic signs should show exit at Lankershim.

Motion carried.

- 3.2 **Forman Avenue at alley:** red painting the curb (north-east of the alley)
12/01/2008 Will get red curb on both North and South of alley
01/05/2009 **No Action**

- 3.3 **Riverside and Talofa Crosswalk** (Trader Joe's corner)
11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update 01/05/2009 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.

01/05/2009 **Update**

3.5 **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**

01/05/2009 **No Update**

3.6 **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.

01/05/2009 **Update**

3.7 **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.

01/05/2009 **No Update**

MPH and NOT be raised to 40 MPH. Carried.

3.8 **Paty's crosswalk at Riverside/Clybourn** Discussion, Bob Greene, Owner of Paty's

01/05/2009 **Item on PS&T Agenda**

Motion: That Brian Gallagher explores solution-possible flashing light. Carried.

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

5. **Event/Meeting Calendar**

MTA/Universal Development Plans See GTLNC website for updates www.gtlnc.org (Home page and/or Planning Committee page)

6. **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

7. **TICKLER FILE: (to be followed up and reviewed at a future date)**

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

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update 01/05/2009 No Update

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

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update 01/05/2009 No Update