

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MEETING MINUTES

**Annual Organizational and GTLNC Board Meeting
 January 15, 2008- 7:08 to 9:27 PM**

**Toluca Lake Elementary School
 4840 Cahuenga Blvd.
 Toluca Woods, California 91601**

- Chair:** Terry Davis, President
Members Present: Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Naugle, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Eric Weyenberg, Glen Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Rich DeMichele, Roy P. Disney, Susann Jarvis, Terry Davis
Excused Absences: Cathy Saliba, Dexter Connor, Jeff Rector
Members Absent: Matt Waldeck, Reyn Blight
Standing Guests: Jay Goldberg, Richard Bogy, Rob Benavidez, Sheryl Appleton, Taneda Larios
Grievance Committee Members Present: Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat, Tim Hawkins
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 36

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. No changes were made. Minutes from December 18, 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Council members were seated. ▪ Terry outlined the upcoming changes to the election procedures. <p>Terry reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The LA City Council approved the motion to allow neighborhood councils to open a city council file; however Taneda reported that there is a possibility that a disclosure form would need to be completed. ▪ The new Stakeholder Definition as recommended by the NCRC and approved by the City Council reads as follows: "those who live, work or own property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm a factual basis for it." ▪ Terry outlined the upcoming changes to the election procedures. ▪ Code of Conduct read and signed by GTLNC Board Members 	<p>Motion: Maria Tirado moved that minutes from December 18th be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 9 of 9 sitting board members approved. 9 yes or unanimous</p>	<p>Jack Thomas volunteered to work with Gene Elerding to continue to work on the changes to our bylaws regarding the criteria for our definition of our at large members.</p>

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2.	<p>Election of GTLNC Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President – Terry Davis was nominated by Peter Hartz ▪ Vice President – Jerome Williams was nominated by Jessica Sterling. ▪ Treasurer - Peter Hartz was nominated by Maria Tirado. ▪ Secretary – Betsy Dennis was nominated by Peter Hartz. 	<p>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that the GTLNC elect Terry Davis as President. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 18/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Jessica Sterling moved that the GTLNC elect Jerome Williams as Vice-President. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 18/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Maria Tirado moved that the GTLNC elect Peter Hartz as Treasurer. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 18/0/0</p> <p>Motion: John Moskal moved that the GTLNC elect Betsy Dennis as secretary. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 18/0/0</p>	
3.	<p>Election of the Grievance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Davis reviewed the grievance procedures. ▪ Floor was opened for nominations. ▪ Gene Harding was nominated by Linda Hawkins, but was not present to accept the nomination. 	<p>Motion: John Moskal moved that the GTLNC elect Sol Ajalat to the Grievance Committee. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 26/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that the GTLNC elect Tim Hawkins to the Grievance Committee. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 26/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Linda Hawkins moved that the GTLNC elect Bonnie Holcomb to the Grievance Committee. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 26/0/0</p>	
4.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No comments or requests to speak were submitted. 		

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5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <p>Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) – Richard Bogy spoke for absent Field Deputy Alice Roth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Richard addressed the reforestation of Griffith Park to be done on the 2nd Saturday of each month. It is open to anyone who would like to participate. Contact Councilmember LaBonge for more information. ▪ Anyone interested in helping to decide the future of the Los Angeles River can contact the office of Councilmember LaBonge. <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Roy Disney/Richard Bogy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chamber is planning a pancake breakfast for May to benefit firefighters. They would like to include the GTLNC and the homeowners association in the planning and execution of the event. <p>Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Rob Benevidez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reported that crime stats are down for the last two months in a row. They are focusing on providing rehabilitation services to help reduce crime. ▪ Report that crime stats are down for the last two months in a row. They are focusing on providing rehabilitation services to help reduce crime. <p>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Taneda Larios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On February 23, 2008 2 representatives will be chosen from each region to attend the Mayor’s Budget Day to be scheduled for sometime in March. ▪ Revamped budget survey is available online. It is modeled after the state survey. ▪ Taneda answered questions regarding the new election procedures. She announced there will be election training on the 19th, but it will just be informational at this point since we do not need to comply until 2010. <p>California State Assembly District 43, The Mayor’s Area Director East Valley Deputy – Antonio Sanchez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduced himself as the new Area Director of the East Valley Neighborhood and Community Services. 		
6.	<p>GTLNC Committee Reports –</p> <p>Planning & Land Use Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the January 8th meeting. ▪ Sheryl Appleton reported that she is going to attend the Planning Training, which begins on February 23rd, 2008 and consists of 4 classes. <p>Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the January 7th meeting. ▪ Jay Goldberg reported that the traffic signal at Riverside and Talofa was not approved. ▪ Jay reported that the Cahuenga project is in the works. ▪ Jay reintroduced the request to contribute towards the purchase of video interrogation equipment. Officer Benevidez as well as Andrea Neuman (SCNC) addressed the issue. <p>Jay announced the following meetings: January 26th – Graffiti & Illegal Dumping Forum – NE Valley City Hall in Tujunga.</p>	<p>Motion: Claire Collins moved that the GTLNC authorize \$750 toward the purchase of video equipment to be installed in interrogation rooms in the North Hollywood Police Station. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed: 18/0/0</p>	

<p>January 29th – 7:00pm – Predatory Behavior Against Children on the Internet. Toluca Lake Elementary School.</p> <p>February 2nd – 8:30am-3:00pm – Zero Waste 2nd Citywide Conference. LA Convention Center</p> <p>February 28th – 6:30-8:30pm – Public Safety Through Neighborhood Empowerment. All Nations Church, 10000 Foothill Blvd.</p> <p>March 6th – Zero Waste Presentation by Bureau of Sanitation. Toluca Lake Elementary School.</p> <p>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the January 3rd meeting. ▪ Peter Hartz reported that consensus from the Outreach Committee is to adopt option # 2 from the DONE options outlined below: <p><u>DONE OPTIONS</u></p> <p>Elections in July-December 31, 2008: Neighborhood Councils whose elections are scheduled for these months may select on of the three (3) options list below. Neighborhood Councils must notify the City Clerk of their election option NO LATER THAN February 1, 2008.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Move election forward to 2nd quarter of 2008 to be conducted by the City Clerk. To do this, your board must make, DURING THE MONTH of JANUARY 2008, the necessary bylaw amendments to adopt the new election schedule. 2) Extend the terms of current board members to 2010, so that the City Clerk conducts your election in 2010. To do this, your board must amend its bylaws to adopt the schedule change. 3) Proceed with elections as currently schedule under the current process in the Citywide Election Procedures. Your Independent Election Administrator will conduct these elections with administrative approval and assistance from DONE. <p>4. Environmental Affairs Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No meeting in December. 	<p>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that the GTLNC amend the bylaws to extend and conclude the terms of current board members to 2010. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 16/1/0</p>	<p>Notify the City Clerk of the GTLNC decision regarding elections.</p> <p>Action complete.</p> <p>Amend bylaws to reflect change.</p>
<p>7. Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have only spent 38% of the budget in the first half of the year. ▪ We have approximately \$75K to spend before June 30th and there is no rollover allowed. ▪ Peter encouraged the committees to prioritize projects to benefit their committees and execute them before year-end. 		
<p>8. Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm. She thanked Maria Tirado and Betsy Dennis for providing the food for tonight’s meeting. ▪ Reminders ▪ The next meeting is February 19th at Toluca Lake Elementary School. 		