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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting January 23, 2007 - 7:05 to 9:30 PM</p>	<p>Toluca Lake Elementary School 4840 Cahuenga Blvd. Toluca Woods, California 91601</p>
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Chair: Terry Davis, President
Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Ben Aiken, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Gene Klow, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Matt Waldeck, Michael Weisler, Reyn Blight, Roy Disney, Steve Tatgenhorst, and Terry Davis
Members with Excused Absence: Peter Hartz
Members Absent: David Damiani (resigned) and Edith Gursel
Standing Guests: Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair) and Sheryl Appleton (Planning Co-Chair)
Grievance Committee Members Present: Bonnie Holcomb
Stakeholders: 13

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and extended a welcome to all the new Council members. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. David Damiani has resigned due to schedule conflicts with the monthly meeting. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from December 19, 2006 were reviewed and approved. Terry announced that the minutes will be posted to the web site in the future and Karen will send out an email reminder to let everyone know.</p> <p>Terry announced that many of our standing guests and stakeholders would not be at the meeting tonight since this is the first meeting of the newly reconstituted Toluca Lake Homeowners Association. Terry asked Gary Gordon to take on DONE also as part of his role as our liaison for Governmental Relations. She recommended a class that DONE is offering called "Strengthening Communities" on how to identify needs and assets in your community. See DONE web site: http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm</p> <p>Terry read the GTLNC Code of Conduct and all Council members signed a copy of the code for the record.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from December 19th be approved as submitted.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 18/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark as final and send to Karen for posting on the GTLNC web site (done).</p>

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2.	<p>Annual Election of GTLNC Officers Terry opened the floor for nominations for GTLNC officers. Gene Elerding nominated Terry Davis for President. No other nominations were made for the office of President.</p> <p>Barbara Carroll nominated Gene Elerding for Vice President. No other nominations were made for the office of President.</p> <p>Gene Elerding nominated Peter Hartz for Treasurer. No other nominations were made for the office of Treasurer.</p> <p>Cathy Naugle nominated Barbara Carroll for Secretary. No other nominations were made for the office of Secretary.</p>	<p><i>Terry Davis was elected President by unanimous vote and accepted the nomination. Votes: 19/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Gene Elerding was elected Vice President by unanimous vote and accepted the nomination. Votes: 19/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Hartz was elected Treasurer by unanimous vote and Terry accepted the nomination on behalf of Peter. Votes: 19/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Barbara Carroll was elected Secretary by unanimous vote and accepted the nomination. Votes: 19/0/0.</i></p>	
3.	<p>Annual Election of GTLNC Grievance Committee Terry opened the floor for nominations for GTLNC Grievance Committee. Jeff Rector nominated a slate of the three previous members of the committee, Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins. Terry stated that all of them had expressed interest in serving again.</p>	<p><i>Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins were elected as the 2007 GTLNC Grievance Committee by unanimous vote. Votes: 19/0/0.</i></p>	
4.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Linda Teverbaugh, from Save Toluca Lake, asked for our support and expertise in dealing with the 4-story condo development behind the Discovery Shop at 4440 Talofa. She handed out flyers and referred to their web site: www.savetolucalake.com.</p> <p>Julie Guilmette asked GTLNC for a continuance and for support on the safety and traffic concerns related to this same development.</p> <p>Louis Pugliese is running for the LAUSD School Board District 3 and asked for support. He handed out flyers to all.</p> <p>Don Stephen asked for help with problems of drug use, sex and loud rock and roll music at the corner of Strohm and Otsego, especially near a vacant house there. He was introduced to Jay Goldberg and given Rob Benevidez's phone number.</p> <p>Tamar Galatzan introduced herself and asked for support for her campaign for the LAUSD School Board District 3.</p>		<p>Planning Committee to address the new development at 4440 Talofa. All are invited to the meeting tomorrow at CD4 on this topic.</p> <p>Public Safety Committee to address issues at Strohm and Otsego.</p>

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5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <p>Council District 4 (CD4) – Terry announced in Alice Roth’s absence and at her request that there is a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM at the CD4 office on the development at 4440 Talofa.</p> <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Roy Disney reported on the latest news from the Universal development. He stated that Tom LaBonge is forming a work group, with representatives from the Chamber and GTLNC (Terry is our rep.) who will meet monthly. This meeting is closed at the moment. Terry recommended reading Steve Lopez’s columns in the LA Times and his blog related to this development (see latimes.com/bottleneck).</p> <p>LAPD – Rob Benevidez is attending the TL Homeowners meeting tonight and unable to attend our meeting.</p> <p>DONE – No representative present.</p>		
6.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – See minutes from January 4th meeting. Brad Rosenheim from the developer presented the scaled-back plans for the development of 56 residential units on the Washington Mutual site at 4445-4461 Lankershim. He explained that the only development under discussion was the adaptive re-use of the bank building and other potential developments on this and adjoining properties are on hold at this time. Plans are for apartments, mostly single units, at the moment but they may be converted to condos.</p> <p>Reyn reported on current activities and projects under review. He stated that six neighborhood councils are joining together for a pilot program with the LA City Planning Department. There will be a ten-point program and the creation of an MOU between the NCs and Planning. Reyn proposed that Sheryl Appleton be designated the GTLNC representative. Terry has already appointed Sheryl to this role.</p>	<p><i>Motion -- Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC support the adaptive re-use request to include the development of 56-unit residential units in the “Washington Mutual” building located at 4445-4461 Lankershim, with ground floor commercial, 2 parking spaces per unit, ½ guest parking space per unit, and with a contribution of \$50K toward a median at Lankershim and Riverside.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 14/3/3. (2 members reported conflicts of interest and abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Betsy Mogul moved that we amend the request from the developer that they not use this project to leverage future projects.</i></p> <p><i>Motion failed: 3/13/4 (2 members reported conflicts of interest and abstained).</i></p>	<p>Reyn/Sheryl Appleton to draft letter to City Planning and send to Terry (done).</p> <p>Terry to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the development (done).</p>

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6.	<p>Committee Reports – cont.</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – cont.</p> <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from the January 9th meeting. Jay Goldberg reported that he, Michael Weisler and John Moskal attended a recent community safety meeting and learned that they can plot exactly where crimes have occurred. The Neighborhood Watch Program is going well. A Town Hall meeting is being planned tentatively for May on earthquake preparedness and the Neighborhood Watch program. They will be sponsoring another series of CERT classes. Terry requested that the down-zoning of Forman as a secondary highway be addressed by the Public Safety Committee.</p> <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from the January 4th meeting. Jeff Rector referred all to a memo from Callie and Cady Stark indicating that they raised \$10,015 for Children’s Hospital in December, breaking all previous records. Cathy Naugle recommended that each child who participated be given an individual certificate of recognition from us.</p>	<p><i>Motion -- Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC support the owner’s plans for the Hacienda Paraiso restaurant at 10717 W. Riverside through the following steps:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) Maintain seating capacity at 50,</i> <i>2) Reduce parking spaces from 18 to 14, and</i> <i>3) Reduce restaurant’s square footage from 1800 sq. ft to 1379 with 220 sq. ft for an office.</i> <p><i>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion – Jeff moved that the GTLNC approve the nomination of Callie and Cady Stark of the “Kling Street Kids” for the Good Neighbor Award.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion – Jeff moved that the GTLNC approve funds to purchase both digital still and video cameras, a projector, and a laptop for use in our meetings. The motion was amended by Michael Weisler to request that 3 bids be obtained and that the total not exceed \$7,500.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Reyn/Sheryl Appleton to draft letter to City Planning and send to Terry (done). Terry to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the development (done).</p> <p>Jay Goldberg and Public Safety Committee to address downzoning of Forman Avenue.</p>

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6.	<p>Committee Reports – cont.</p> <p>4. Administrative Committee – The <i>Ad Hoc</i> committee did not meet.</p> <p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee –Terry Davis turned over the Chair to Gene Elerding while she reported for the committee. Terry reported that the committee did not meet in December. She is still working on finalizing the bids for the Moorpark Median and will be meeting with Sharyn Romano from LA/HBT tomorrow.</p>		
7.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Peter Hartz is out of town and unable to report tonight.</p>		
8.	<p>Open Forum & Announcements</p> <p>Sheryl Appleton asked how monies could be allocated for a consultant to work on the Community Design Overlay (CDO). Terry recommended that she see Peter Hartz about this.</p> <p>Mary Weaver asked how we advertised our meetings. The new bulletin board on Discovery Shop, posting sites as listed on the agenda, and the GTLNC web site are our current practice. When feasible, the meeting is published in the Toluca Times.</p>		<p>Peter Hartz to coordinate with Sheryl Appleton on a request for funds to support creating the CDO. Peter states that there is \$5K in the budget for this purpose – need the details to submit a request to DONE.</p>
9.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</p> <p>Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM. She thanked Maria Tirado and Cathy Naugle for arranging for the food for tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>Terry asked that all the committees please submit ideas for spending money immediately, since we are in jeopardy of losing our previous rollover dollars on June 1 with the start of the new fiscal year.</p> <p>Reyn Blight offered copies of the new small business tax guidelines.</p> <p>The next meeting is February 20th at Toluca Lake Elementary.</p>		