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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
 MINUTES for: Monday, March 2, 2009 7:00 PM
 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602**

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order Start Time: 7:14 PM

2.

Attendance: (please mark X=present EX=excused AB=unexcused absence:

Jay Goldberg X	Craig Strong AB	Jack Thomas X	Janice Eaton X	Sol Ajalat X
John Adair X	Steve Hampar X	Frank Banyai X	Wendy Mogul X	Betsy Mogul X
Rob Benavidez EX	Alice Roth-EX			

Cahuenga Street Improvement Project Ad Hoc Committee

John Moskal-	Christine Farnon-	Mary Garcia-		
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Guests: Victor Yang, Marie Andros

Motion: To Approve February 2009 Minutes. Minutes unanimously approved as presented.

Chairman’s Opening Remarks; With many people facing hard times we see additional homeless, transients, door-to-door solicitors and an increase in crime. And we should all be more aware of the possibilities of these things as the economy continues to deteriorate.

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 “Downgrade segment of Cahuenga”** See detail below under section 3.1.5

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:

- 02/02/2009** No answer to letter yet.
- 02/23/2009 Letter resubmitted to Ed Reyes (wrong email address first time and no response to FAX).
- 03/02/2009** **Victor Yang did not have updated information and stated that he will follow up with Brian Gallagher.**

1.1.2 **Cahuenga Street Improvement “Traffic and speed considerations”** See Section 3.1.7

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 post signs to 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:

- 02/02/2009 No Action
- 03/02/2009** **Victor Yang reported that the painting has been completed and the no-U turn sign for Southbound has been s installed and only the sign for Northbound still needs to be installed. Committee discussed requesting LAPD to enforce.**

1.1.3 **Cahuenga Street Improvement “Cahuenga/Camarillo: No Right Turn on Red”** (see detail below under section 3.1.2)

01/20 2009 **GTLNC Board passed.**

Motion: That the GTLNC Board support the recommendation by DOT that would prohibit southbound right turns on a red light at the intersection of Cahuenga/ Camarillo during peak hours as determined by DOT.

ACTION: Jay sent email to Alice Roth requesting that Brian respond to this item.

02/02/2009

03/02/2009 Victor Yang reported that DOT is planning to model the intersection and determine decision on the the results.

1.1.4 Cahuenga Street Improvement “Remove sign saying Universal Studios exit @ Cahuenga off 134 freeway.” (see detail below under section 3.1.10)

01/05/2009 Update PS&T Committee Motion to Board

01/20/2009 GTLNC Board Passed

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.

01/26/2009 Jay Goldberg wrote letter and send to Jerome Williams, GTLNC President for review

02/02/2009 Letter distributed 02/02/2009

03/02/2009 No response received. A Committee member recollection was that the Freeway also has a similar sign directing traffic to Hollywood.. This is to be confirmed and if such sign exists then the motion is to be revised to include both Universal City and Hollywood.

1.1.5 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.

02/02/2009 No action.

03/02/2009 Issue tabled.

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

2.1 Local Crime, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

As Rob Benavidez was not present the committee did not receive update.

2.2 Door-to-door solicitors- Tim Saito, Section of the City Code that requires door-to-door solicitors to carry a license.

03/10/2009 As Tim Saito was not present the committee did not receive update.

2.3 Neighborhood Watch, Steve Hampar

Steve Hampar reported that all is running smoothly and that he and Janice will contact Captains on the streets not yet activated to set up meetings for activation.

2.4 CERT Training, John Adair

John Adair reported that there were 25 graduates from the just finished class and that almost all the graduates indicated interest in enrolling in Level II and III.

Committee conveyed congratulations and expressed gratitude to John Adair for his dedicated work on the Cert Training.

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.

02/23/2009 Jay emailed Alice asking that the plans be sent to the GTLNC office.

03/02/2009 Victor Yang did not have current status but he stated that he will check and send update by email.

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

Motion: That the GTLNC Board support the recommendation by DOT that would prohibit southbound right turns on a red light at the intersection of Cahuenga/ Camarillo during peak hours as determined by DOT.

02/02/2009 No Update

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

03/02/2009 As this is a closed issue it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

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.

03/02/2009 As this is a closed issue it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

3.1.5 (See above Section 1.1.1) Downgrade segment of Cahuenga from Secondary Highway to Collector Street.

Continuing big issue for residents in this area.

03/02/2009 As this is the same item as 1.1.1 it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed here as a separate item for the April Agenda..

(Done) Ambulance sirens & speed.

03/02/2009 As this is a closed issue it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

3.1.6 (See above Section 1.1.2) 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.

As this is the same item as 1.1.2 it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed here as a separate item for the April Agenda..

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

01/05 2009 No Action

02/02/2009 No Update

03/02/2009 No Update

3.1.8 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 Action

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.

02/02/2009 No Action

02/23/2009 Jay emailed Alice asking that the plans be sent to the GTLNC office.

03/02/2009 Requested sign received.

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

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

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.

03/02/2009 As this is the same item as 1.1.4 it was requested by the Chairman that the details be inserted into 1.1.4 for the April Agenda and then deleted here as a separate item..

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 **02/02/2009** No Action

03/02/2009 As this is a completed project it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

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 **02/02/2009** No Action

03/02/2009 Victor Yang reported that DOT has found justification for a Smart Crosswalk based on the number of pedestrians using current crosswalk and other criteria including the proposed 40 mile speed on Riverside Drive. The plan is to be presented to DOT management on 3/5/09. If approved, as a smart crosswalk the intersection would qualify for a Traffic signal and would be placed on a waiting list with other approved intersections awaiting funding..

3.4 Trader Joe's Alley at Forman

The City may red paint more of the curbs for safety when vehicles leave the alley.

01/05/2009 No Update

02/02/2009 No Update

03/02/2009 As this is a completed project it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

3.5 Camarillo and Ledge: (North West corner) Difficult to cross in vehicle and Heidi D.-tree stump removal-sidewalk buckled

11/3/08 To Committee

12/01/08 No Update

01/05/2009 No Update

02/02/2009 No Update

03/02/2009 As this is a completed project it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda.

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

Motion that GTLNC request that speed limit on Riverside Drive Clybourn and Sancola remain at 35 MPH and NOT be raised to 40 MPH.

ACTION:

02/02/2009 Reviewed by Brian Gallagher subsequent to meeting at CD-4 with City Staff, Toluca Lake Homeowners Association Representative, Chamber of Commerce and Jay Goldberg by cell phone.

02/23/09 Jay emailed Alice asking if any further action (letter) is needed from GTLNC.

03/02/2009 No 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

02/02/2009 City approved.

03/06/2009 (remove from Agenda?)

03/02/2009 As this is a completed project it was requested by the Chairman that it be removed from April Agenda

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

01/05/2009 Item on PS&T Agenda

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

02/02/2009 No Update

03/02/2009 Victor Yang reported that DOT has found no justification for a Smart Crosswalk based on the number of pedestrians using current crosswalk which was low. Chairman requested that crosswalk and other pavement writing be re-painted as necessary.

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

4.1 Need a GTLNC Public Safety & Traffic Committee Member to track monthly Accomplishments (per GTLNC Executive Committee) that will roll into the year end GTLNC Accomplishment Report for all Committees and Board actions that will be posted on the website and used in the GTLNC Newsletter.

03/02/2009 Committee elected Craig Strong by acclamation.

4.2 Median at Forman/Clybourn, Neville Harrison

03/02/2009 As Neville Harrison was not present the committee did not receive presentation..

4.3 Chairperson needed: for April 6th PS & T meeting and someone to give PS & T Report at GTLNC March 17th

Board Meeting Chairman appointed Jack Thomas to present current report at the March 17th GTLNC Board Meeting and to act as Chairman for the April 6 committee meeting.

4.4 Chairman reported that a resident contacted him and requested that stop signs be placed at Sarah and Placidia. Resident who made request did not appear at the committee meeting.

4.5 Kling Street East of Cahuenga-signs are being turned around changing parking directions.

5. Event/Meeting Calendar

5.1 Earth Day (Environmental Affairs Committee April 19th 10 AM-1 Pm)

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

6. Wrap-Up and Close Meeting Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Meeting Dates for 2009: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **NEXT: April 6**

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

02/02/2009 No Update

03/02/2009 No Update