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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
February 17 2009 - 7:04 to 8:49 PM

Toluca Lake Elementary School
4840 Cahuenga Blvd.
Toluca Woods, CA 91601

- Chair:** Jerome Williams
- Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Reyn Blight
- Excused Absences:** Cathy Saliba, Janice Eaton, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Rich DeMichele, Roy P. Disney, Terry Davis
- Absent:** Cathy Naugle
- Standing Guests:** Richard Bogy, Taneda Larios
- Grievance Committee Members Present:** Sol Ajalat, Tim Hawkins
- Total Stakeholders and Guests: 7

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from January 20, 2009 were reviewed and approved as submitted.</p> <p>President's Remarks Jerome thanked the Board for their continued service and welcomed the new executive committee members. He spoke about the direction of the council, and igniting renewed interest in service to our community. His wonderful remarks are posted on the GTLNC website.</p> <p>He reminded the board to please get food as quickly and quietly as possible and to stay in your seats as much as possible to be respectful to the speakers and the rest of the board</p> <p>A new board photo will be taken at the March meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: Jerome Williams moved that the GTLNC minutes from January 20th be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded. Motion passed: 9/0/2</p>	<p>Karen will post Jerome's remarks on the website.</p>
2.	<p>Measure B - Green Energy and Good Jobs for Los Angeles Mark Siegal, Treasure of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council spoke against ballot Measure B. He outlined the downsides to the measure including the fact that although the increase is incremental, the rates will go up 200-300%. Discussion ensued. Mark and Mike Webster from DWP answered questions from the board. Both pro's and con's of the measure can be viewed at http://www.nomeasureb.com/ and http://greenenergygoodjobsla.com. Lance King suggested reading</p>		

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	the actual ballot materials because they outline very clearly the downsides to this measure.		
3.	Open Forum for Stakeholders No stakeholders presented.		
4.	City & Neighborhood News and Announcements 4.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Alice Roth was not present. 4.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG – Richard Bogy outlined the upcoming events for the Chamber. The annual pancake breakfast will be held on May 10 th , The Car Show is in September and the Christmas open house is in December. Jerome spoke about the GTLNC being more active in these events and will discuss in further at a future meeting. 4.3 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Rob Benevidez was not present. 4.4 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Taneda Larios 4.5 California State Assembly District 43 reminded the council to complete the online Ethics training, and also that our bylaws must be updated no later than June 09. Discussion of the bylaw changes will be on the agenda for March. She will send us the key issues. Budget day is this Saturday, Jerome will attend and he will figure out who can attend with him. The neighborhood purpose grants will be available by the end of the month. 4.6 Department of Water and Power – Greg Bartz reminded us that he is available for any questions, and can be reached at gret.bartz@ladwp.com . There is also a DWP website that has information for customers www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com		4.5 Betsy will add discussion of bylaws to the March board agenda.
5.	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council		
	Planning Committee 5.1.1 Gene Klow said that there are possible new renters for the former Altobelli Jewelry store and they are going to need a conditional use permit so will be asking for our support. He will bring more information to the next meeting.		
	Public Safety Had nothing new to report.		
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality (5 minutes) 5.3.1 The Good Neighbor Award was presented to Sol Ajalat. 5.3.2 Jeff Rector reported that the welcome bags are being distributed and he thanked all the vendors for participating. He also thanked Lance King and Craig Strong for providing names for distribution of bags.		

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	<p>Environmental Affairs (5 minutes)</p> <p>5.4.1 Jessica reported on the fate of public access television. The information that Jessica provided regarding the plight of public access will be posted on the GTLNC website.</p> <p>5.4.2 Jessica reminded everyone that the second annual Earth Day is Sunday, April 19th from 10-1.</p> <p>5.4.3 The Environmental Affairs committee is considering a name change to better reflect what the committee's goals are. Jessica passed out a survey to the Board and stakeholders to help determine priorities, which will help them, decide on a name. That survey will be available on the website.</p>	<p>Motion: Jessica Sterling moved that the GTLNC write a letter to be signed by the President, showing our support and urging local lawmakers to support public access as a means of civic participation and to cultivate creativity.</p> <p>Motion passed: 13/0/0</p>	<p>5.4.1 Jessica will draft a letter and send it to Jerome for review and signature. Karen will post the information Jessica provided for the board on the GTLNC website.</p> <p>5.4.2 Karen will post the flyer on the website.</p> <p>5.4.3 Karen will put the survey on the website.</p>
	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Peter was not at the meeting so there was no report.</p>		
6.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</p> <p>Thanks to Terry Davis and Bridget Oberlin , who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2009. - Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers. 		Jerome Williams