

**GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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**Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

**Note the Change of TIME and LOCATION to:  
5pm @ Office of Councilman Tom LaBonge  
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Toluca Lake 91602**

**1. Meeting Opening\Call to Order**

**Start Time:** 5:15pm

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Reyn Blight, Sheryl Appleton, Gene Klow, Dexter Conner, Bridget Oberlin, Claire Hervey Collins

**Absent:** Mary Weaver, Roy Disney, and Richard Bogy (unexcused)

**Guests:** Andrew Weissman, Presenter, Jane & Jamie Fleming stakeholders

**CDO Attendees:** Gavin Coon, Jeanice Deeb, Lance King, Shirley Duenckel, Janice Eaton

**Motion:** to Approve February 10, 2008 Minutes. (unable to review minutes unable to access minutes on the website)

**2. On-Going Business - Public Comment (3 minutes each regarding a project)**

**A. CDO – Workshop 5 (this Item is POSTPONED until our next meeting on 14 April)**

- Review of February 10th meeting was discussed, and questions asked by Planning committee & CDO representative associates who were unable to attend the February meeting. Gene Klow discussed the 3 alternate plans previously presented to us for the CDO and that John Kaliski will concentrate primarily on refining Alternate #2, which seemed to get the better response from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting attendees. John Kaliski will bring his CDO team to present the enhanced Alternate #2 CDO choice to our April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.
- Anyone who has a stake in the project may participate as a member of the team. In the workshop we will review ideas and concepts and begin to develop specific recommendations to be refined before presentation to the community

**B. REQUEST for Conditional Use Permit**

- 4419 Lankershim (formerly Altobelli’s Jewelers)

**Proponent:** Andrew & Lissa Weissman

**Proposed Use:** Jewelry Store (retail, trade, buy, & loan) with a working title “Toluca Lake Jewelry and Loan” or “Toluca Jewelry and Loan”

**Request:** Support for Conditional Use Permit required to allow collateral lending on site

Discussions included parking spaces, hours of operation, No Sunday hours except on special occasions, availability of use of spaces from St. Charles Borromeo Church, signage and the word “pawn shop”. Mr. Weissman said that he has spoken with Susan Brown from the Church, but was not able to obtain authorization for additional parking from the church. The church maintains that they need all the parking for the church members and the new structure currently being built. Also discussed was the fact that the church’s new building & palm trees have blocked the existing south facing wall sign and that 3 driveways have been abandoned (2 on the Lankershim side of the St. Charles property) which will allow more street parking.

Size and description of appropriate signage was discussed, and Mr. Weissman agreed not to use the word “pawn” in the signage, but would use something less obvious, such as collateral lending or “loan” on window and outdoor advertising.

A motion was moved and seconded, and passed unanimously. The motion is as follows:

*We move that the GTLNC write a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles granting a Conditional Use Permit for collateral lending (aka - pawn shop) for the 4419 Lankershim Blvd. (this location was previously Altobelli Jewelers) with the following conditions:*

- *Purchases and Sales of collateral will be limited to precious metals, jewelry, and art*
- *Signage and name of business will not have the word “pawn” displayed anywhere at anytime*
- *The normal hours of operation will commence no earlier than 9:00 am and end no later than 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday; with no Sunday hours*
- **GTLNC Boundary Changes** – request that the GTLNC boundary be expanded to include the area south of Whipple, north of the river, east of Vineland, and west of Lankershim.
  - Mary W. Update: SCNC meeting
  - Continue to bring up this matter during the Public Comment sections of the GTLNC meetings
  - Contact Councilmember LaBonge’s office because the areas in question are entirely within CD 4

*This item was not discussed*

**3. New Business - Public Comment (3 minutes each regarding a project)**

- 4552 Cahuenga Blvd. - the first house immediately north of the 134 West off ramp at Cahuenga  
 Jamie and Jane Fleming discussed the abandoned house and the continuing problems they have had as next door neighbors with vagrants, graffiti, trash tossing and homeless intrusion at this property. They said that the structure has now been boarded up and no more open windows or doors are visible from the street or the off ramp. The graffiti has been eliminated, and there are “No Trespassing” signs posted currently. They have been in contact with Rob Benevidez, the City Attorney’s office and Alice Roth at the Councilman’s office to resolve this issue during the last 9 plus months.
- Need GTLNC Planning Committee Member assigned to track monthly Accomplishments 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.

*This item was not discussed*

**4. Close Meeting**                      6:45pm

**Next meeting: 6:30 pm on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at LAPD Conference Room**