

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
March 18, 2008 - 7:03 to 9:30 PM

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

Chair: Terry Davis, President
Members Present: Betsy Dennis, Cathy Naugle, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Glen Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jerome Williams, John Moskal, Lance King Rich DeMichele, Susann Jarvis, Terry Davis
Excused Absences: Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Saliba, Jessica Sterling, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight
Standing Guests: Alice Roth, Richard Bogy, Sheryl Appleton
Grievance Committee Members Present:
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 15

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from February 19, 2008 were reviewed and approved. Motion – That the GTLNC minutes for February 19th be approved as submitted.</p> <p>President’s Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In order to differentiate whether e-mails are informational or require action, the subject line should include either: FYI or Response Requested. Terry requested that members respond as soon as possible to e-mails requesting a response. ▪ Terry requested that all meetings, events, etc. be scheduled through the Executive Committee. A master calendar will be kept to ensure that things aren’t double scheduled. She also reminded the board that board members should try to attend as many things as possible, so that the GTLNC is properly represented. 	<p>Motion: Jeff Rector moved that the minutes from February 19, 2008 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 12/0/0</p>	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Davis reported that the Development Town Hall was very successful with over 500 people in attendance. It was a powerful presentation and very important to all local councils. It’s important to foster an alliance with the 5 local neighborhood councils; it will help grow support and influence for meaningful projects. The next major milestone is a draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the MTA. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Terry reported that the working group is interviewing and hiring an attorney, traffic consultant and possibly a land use consultant.▪ Eric Weyenberg and Jerome Williams summarized the LADWP/Neighborhood Council MOU Oversight Committee meeting. A link to the DWP website with details of what was discussed at this meeting is on the GTLNC website. The mayor is backing the rate hikes, which DWP says are needed to support updating the existing infrastructure, support the Power Reliability Program, and replace existing coal plants with clean sources.▪ Rich DeMichele reported on the results of the City budget survey. Those results are posted on the GTLNC website.		Jerome Williams will meet with the DWP representative regarding the proposed rate hikes and report back to the council.
3.	Open Forum for Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Scott Morris from Toluca Baseball detailed their request for funds from the GTLNC to help purchase equipment and support scholarships.▪ Mary Garcia requested support for the Valley Plaza and Laurel Plaza Projects. She asked that the council pass two motions which she outlined on a letter to Terry Davis that will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in April with a possible recommendation/motion at the April GTLNC Board meeting.		Board members should review the requested motions to consider placing them on the agenda for the April meeting.
4.	City & Neighborhood News and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) – Alice Roth reported that new speed bumps were installed on Moorpark between Ledge and Forman, stop signs were installed in the alley by Trader Joe’s, lights were put on the 9/11 memorial and Amelia Earhart statues. Planned projects include the installation of solar lights on the jogging path all in North Hollywood. Alice announced upcoming events and will forward a calendar of these events to Terry Davis.▪ Richard Bogy reminded all of the Pancake Breakfast, at Fire station # 85, on May 10th from 8am – 12pm to benefit Firefighters. Volunteers are welcome.		

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5.	<p>GTLNC Committee Reports and Motions</p> <p>Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting. ▪ Gene Klow and Sheryl Appleton fielded questions about the requested motion regarding the project at 4663 – 4701 Cahuenga. ▪ Gene Klow announced that there would be a CDO walkthrough on April 5th at 10am. with the Consultant. If you would like to attend please meet at Councilmember LaBonge’s office. ▪ The Planning Committee is still waiting for a response to the conditions they presented regarding the Toluca Lake Florist project before a final letter is drafted. <p>Public Safety & Traffic Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting. <p>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the March 6, 2008 meeting. ▪ Richard Bogy answered questions regarding his nomination of Brian Sottile for the Good Neighbor Award. <p>Environmental Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from February 26, 2008 meeting. 	<p>Motion: Gene Klow moved that the GTLNC authorize sending a letter to the Zoning Hearing Officer regarding 4663 – 4701 Cahuenga. This letter will state that the GTLNC is in opposition to granting any variance for this project unless and until the project is designed to the satisfaction of the GTLNC Planning Committee and full board. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 14/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Jack Thomas moved that the GTLNC spend a total of \$500 for refreshments for the C.E.R.T. Town Hall meeting and training meetings. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed: 12/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Jeff Rector moved that the GTLNC approve an expenditure of \$6,000 to Toluca Baseball to purchase equipment and/or offset registration fees for those who cannot afford them. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 13/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Jeff Rector moved that the GTLNC nominate Brian Sottile, LA City Attorney, for the Good Neighbor Award. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed: 11/0/1</p>	<p>Contact Brian to confirm his attendance at the April meeting for presentation of the award.</p>
6.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rich DeMichele reported that there is still approximately \$68,000 in uncommitted funds that must be spent by the end of the fiscal year. 		<p>Committees must present their budget requests by</p>

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	▪ The 2008 GTLNC Budget must be approved by the end of May		the end of April for inclusion in the budget.
7.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis thanked Reyn Blight and Cathy Saliba, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – - Next meeting is Tuesday April 15th		

** Discrepancy in motion vote counts due to members leaving the meeting.