

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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<p><b>MEETING MINUTES</b>  <b>Regular GTLNC Meeting</b>  <b>March 20, 2007 - 7:08 to 9:50 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Toluca Lake Elementary School</b>  <b>4840 Cahuenga Blvd.</b>  <b>Toluca Woods, California 91601</b></p>
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**Chair:** Terry Davis, President  
**Members Present:** Barbara Carroll, 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, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Steve Tatgenhorst and Terry Davis  
**Members with Excused Absence:** Ben Aiken  
**Members Absent:** Roy Disney  
**Standing Guests:** Alice Roth (CD4), Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair), Richard Bogy (Past President TL Chamber of Commerce), Rob Benavidez (LAPD), Sheryl Appleton (Planning Co-Chair) and Taneda Larios (DONE)  
**Grievance Committee Members Present:** Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins  
**Total Stakeholders:** 64

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</b></p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and extended a welcome to all. The meeting start time was delayed since photos of the GTLNC were taken just prior to the meeting.                      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.                      Roll Call was taken.                      Agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.                      Minutes from February 20, 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Terry stated that the LA DWP MOU is up for renewal. The last one was signed over 3 years ago. Terry requested that all Council members review the MOU and be prepared to vote on its renewal at the next meeting.                      She also related that we are can participate in a NC booth at the LA Home Show on April 21-22 as part of Outreach; a meeting is being set up for March 31 to plan for this.</p> <p><b>Weddington House</b>                      Richard Bogy provided the history on the Weddington House and stated that the plans are to relocate next to the old Chandler train station.</p>	<p><i><b>Motion:</b> Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from February 20th be approved as amended by Peter Hartz.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed:</b> 17/0/0.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> Gene moved that the GTLNC support the designation of the Weddington House as having cultural significance and the historic preservation of the structure itself.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed:</b> 19/0/0.</i></p>	<p><b>Barbara</b> to mark as final and send to Karen for posting on the GTLNC web site (done).</p> <p><b>All Council members</b> to review the new MOU from LA DWP and be prepared to vote on it at the April meeting (email sent by Terry to all).</p>

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order – Con’t.</b></p> <p><i>Planning – Powers of Neighborhood Councils</i> Peter explained that other divisions within the City have this capability but that NCs currently do not. This motion is sponsored by VANC.</p> <p><i>Planning – Pilot Program Oversight</i> Reyn explained the need for this motion. He stated that the City of LA Planning Department is not yet positioned to be ready for establishing an MOU with the NCs but that this is an important early stage toward that end.</p>	<p><i><b>Motion:</b> Gene moved that GTLNC request that Councilmember LaBonge initiates appropriate amendments to the LAMC pertinent sections that would grant Neighborhood Council the right to appeal development decisions, such as requests for tentative tract maps, variances, and conditional use permits.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> Gene moved that the GTLNC support the Planning Pilot Program Oversight Committee set up by the Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles and that our Planning Committee Chairs continue to participate in this and report back to the Council.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</b></i></p>	
2.	<p><b>Presentation of Good Neighbor Award to Callie &amp; Cady Stark</b></p> <p>Terry Davis and Peter Hartz presented the Good Neighbor award to both Callie and Cady Stark for their sponsorship and organization of the annual holiday fund-raiser for Children’s Hospital. In 2006, they raised over \$10,000.</p> <p>All of the “Kling Kids” were given certificates of appreciation for their on-going efforts to raise funds to support Children’s Hospital every holiday season. Photos of all were taken.</p>		
3.	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Roth handed out copies of the Neighborhood Service Guide.</li> <li>▪ She announced that the naming of George Barris Place is taking place on Friday at Riverton and Riverside at 1:00 PM.</li> <li>▪ There will be a ribbon cutting at North Weddington Park on April 19 and the Mayor’s Day of Service will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Alice and Terry are taking a Valley Leadership program this year and are traveling to a different department monthly, mostly recently visiting Juvenile Hall where the needs are great for basics.</li> <li>▪ Alice stated that the widening of selected portions of Cahuenga is planned for 2008 (e.g., left turn lanes, cut-out for school drop- off, etc.)</li> </ul>		<p><b>Alice Roth</b> to provide <b>John Moskal</b> with information on the widening of Cahuenga.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements – Con’t.</b></p> <p><b>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Richard Bogy stated that the article in the Daily News on development in Toluca Lake was incomplete and that the TL Chamber of Commerce will respond to the editors.</li> <li>▪ At the Barris event this Friday Mattel will show its first edition Barris car.</li> <li>▪ The Fire Station pancake breakfast on May 12<sup>th</sup> is sponsored by the TL CofC and GLTNC is participating in the planning; the next planning meeting is on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.</li> <li>▪ The Universal/MTA working group has met four times and continues to write letters asking for down-sizing of the development. Each response has come back with still larger plans, so they have vetoed the project in its current state; Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky supports their position. The Enterprise Zone in LA runs down the north side of Lankershim and potentially affects the three new properties there; the developers can depreciate over three years and take \$35,000 deduction for each employee. Tom LaBonge supports the working group’s position on this development.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAPD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rob Benavidez gave an update on crime in the area, stating that there has been an increase recently in robberies with guns in use. An arrest was made and four suspects were apprehended; a gun was taken into possession at this arrest but it is not known if they were the agents for all the robberies.</li> <li>▪ He stated that those who wish can register on-line to track sex offenders who might be living in the area.</li> <li>▪ Michael Weisler presented a certificate from Richard Alarcon for our donation to the License Plate Reader (LPR); Rob read the certificate and photos were taken.</li> </ul> <p><b>DONE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taneda Larios handed out a punch list of up-coming classes and meetings for April.</li> <li>▪ She mentioned that DONE has a new General Manager Carol Baker Tharp and a new assistant manager Hwan Kim.</li> <li>▪ She encouraged all to register for the April 21st Congress of NCs on-line at the DONE web site. DONE is investigating ways to encourage more youth participation.</li> </ul>		<p><b>All Council members</b> are encouraged to register for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils on-line. See <a href="http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com">www.lacityneighborhoods.com</a>.</p>
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4.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Peter Hartz stated that the GTLNC budget for fiscal year 2007-08 is due to DONE on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Peter went over the proposed timeline, asking for input over the next month, working toward a draft in April and a final proposal by May in order to meet the June deadline. Under the DONE rules, we can rollover any budget under \$100,000; our rollover amount is projected to be \$40,000. Peter encouraged stakeholders to provide input the budget by completing the form provided. Peter reviewed the profit and loss budget vs. actual statement by committee.</p>		<p><b>Each Committee Chair</b> to submit a budget request to Peter prior to the April meeting.</p>
5.	<p><b>Open Forum for Stakeholders</b></p> <p>No speaker cards submitted – no requests from the stakeholders.</p> <p>Linda Hawkins presented a packet of letters from the students and lead teacher at Toluca Lake Elementary School who participated in the after-school enrichment program thanking the GTLNC for their donation that made the program possible this year.</p>		
6.	<p><b>Committee Reports –</b></p> <p>1. <b>Planning &amp; Land Use Committee</b> – See minutes from March 8th meeting. Reyn stated that four groups Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce, TL Homeowners, CD4 and GTLNC) have written a letter to the owners of the Toluca Florist development area but have not received a response. Reyn reported on current activities and projects under review: St. Charles has applied for a multi-purpose room and the Toluca Lake Car Wash is in escrow with plans for a RAS development of 100 units over retail. In response to a question, Richard Bogy stated that the committee may wish to find out who the architect of the car wash was, since the city is friendly toward the preservation of historical sites.</p>	<p><i><b>Motion -- Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC rescind its support of the Toluca Lake Florist project located at 10601-10623 W. Riverside Drive as previously presented and approved, due to the designation of the Bakman House at 10623W. Riverside Drive as having historic significance by the LA Cultural Heritage Commission finding on February 15, 2007.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed: 19/0/0.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion: Reyn moved that the GTLNC support the granting of a full alcoholic beverage license to Sebastian's restaurant.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed: 16/2/1.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Michael Weisler moved to amend the motion to read that the GTLNC <u>not object to</u> the granting of a full alcoholic beverage license to Sebastian's Restaurant.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion failed: 7/8/4.</b></i></p>	<p><b>Reyn/Sheryl Appleton</b> to draft letter to City Planning and send to Terry.</p> <p><b>Terry</b> to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the development.</p> <p><b>Reyn/Sheryl Appleton</b> to draft letter to City Planning and send to Terry.</p> <p><b>Terry</b> to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the alcohol license.</p>

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6.	<p><b>Committee Reports – cont.</b></p> <p>1. <b>Planning &amp; Land Use Committee – con’t.</b></p> <p>2. <b>Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee</b> – See minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jay Goldberg was not present and Maria Tirado reported that they are finalizing the petition for a safer intersection on Riverside at Talofa by Trader Joe’s. John Adair mentioned that he would be at Grant High School tomorrow from 6:00 to 8:00 PM to promote public safety through neighborhood empowerment.</p> <p>1. <b>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee</b> – See minutes from the March 8th meeting. Peter Hartz asked for a show of hands in support of printing 1000 folders for a cost of \$1996 for the students at both Toluca Lake and Rio Vista Elementary Schools (400 folders each with some spare) to store their homework. All were in support of this. Peter stated that the AV equipment orders have been placed and the cost will be closer to \$4500 vs. the projected \$7500 requested.</p>	<p><i><b>Motion:</b> Reyn moved that the GTLNC support the down-zoning of all 5 parcels zoned R-3 south of Riverside Drive between Sancola and Clybourn.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed:</b> 17/0/2.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> John Moskal moved that the GTLNC approve \$3400 for promotional items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, pens and magnets with the GTLNC logo.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed:</b> 18/0/1.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> John Moskal moved that the GTLNC approve up to \$1500 for a concrete bench located at Old Lankershim Village, with a plaque containing the GTLNC logo and acknowledgement of our contribution</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed:</b> 18/0/1.</i></p>	<p><b>Reyn/Sheryl Appleton</b> to draft letter to City Planning and send to Terry (done). <b>Terry</b> to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the down-zoning (done).</p> <p><b>Peter Hartz</b> to submit orders.</p> <p><b>Peter Hartz</b> to submit order for plaque and share of bench.</p> <p><b>Outreach Committee</b> to explore listing our monthly meetings in the Daily News, per Sheryl Appleton’s suggestion.</p>

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5.	<p><b>Committee Reports – cont.</b></p> <p>2. <b>Administrative Committee</b> – The <i>Ad Hoc</i> committee did not meet. Cathy Naugle reported that she is formalizing the contract with the vendor of the easy-up tent.</p> <p>3. <b>Environmental Affairs Committee</b> – See minutes from February 27th meeting. Terry Davis turned over the Chair to Gene Elerding while she reported for the committee. Terry stated that the plans are being finalized for the median at Moorpark Way. Peter Hartz requested a motion be made to split the costs of the trash removal with the Toluca Lake Garden Club; motion was not on the agenda and was deferred to the April meeting.</p>	<p><i><b>Motion:</b> Terry moved that the GTLNC approve \$1000 to cover materials to replant the median at Forman and Camarillo.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion passed: 18/0/0.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Motion</b> to approve \$500 for materials and food for the Mayor’s Day of Service was withdrawn; this is already an approved line item in the GLTNC budget.</i></p> <p><i><b>Motion</b> to support smoke-free parks was deferred to the April meeting.</i></p>	<p><b>Peter Hartz</b> to work with Terry on the orders for the materials.</p>
7.	<p><b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b></p> <p>Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 PM. She thanked Dexter Connor for arranging for the food for tonight’s meeting and Jessica Sterling for taking the Council photos.</p> <p>The next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>, location TBA. Toluca Lake Elementary School is not available for the meeting.</p>		<p><b>John Moskal and Cathy Naugle</b> to ensure that the microphone is available for every meeting.</p>