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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)

MINUTES for: Monday, April 6, 2009 7:00 PM

10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order Start Time:

Chair: John Adair

Members Present: John Adair, Janet Eaton, Frank Banyai, Wendy Mogul, Betsy Mogul,

Excused Absences: Jay Goldberg, Craig Strong, Jack Thomas, Alice Roth, Rob Benavidez

Absent: Sol Ajalat, Steve Hampar.

CAHUENGA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT.

Guests: 0

Call to Order at 7:10pm by John Adair.

Motion: To Approve March 2009 Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman's Opening Remarks; We should be aware that because of the current poor economy with many people facing hard times we may see additional homeless and an increase on crime. Janice reported several incidents in the last two weeks- attempts to burglarize cars, while police response has not been fruitful. Janice will contact Alice Roth to send the PATH people to United Methodist Church to discuss the problem.

1.1 Action Item(s) and Response and/or Resolution in Progress

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.
4/6/09 No update.

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 installed and only the sign for Northbound still needs to be installed. Committee discussed requesting LAPD to enforce.
4/6/09 We need to check to see if Northbound has been installed.

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:
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.

4/6/09 Betsy moved that we check with Jerome Williams regarding letter. If letter has been sent please amend it to include the removal of sign saying “Hollywood Exit”- eliminate both signs.

1.1.5 Permanent speed displays

- Brian referred to something like at on Moorpark and Elmer, and offered to email a photo to GTLNC to distribute to Jay's Committee. 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.

03/02/2009 Requested sign received.

4/6/09 No Update.

1.1.6 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

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

2.1 Local Crime, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer.

4/6/09 Rob Benavidez was not present and the committee did not receive update. He will be out until April 20th.

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 No Update
04/06/2009 Janice reported that neighbors in her area have been trying to discourage them.

2.3 Neighborhood Watch, Steve Hampar
4/6/09 Woodbridge from Arcola to Ledge. Ledge between Moorpark and Riverside. Waiting for an update from Rob.

2.4 CERT Training, John Adair
4/6/09 John asked who is getting CERT emails and if it is automatic. No, must go to website and sign up. John will schedule a subordinate meeting and invite CERT grads to attend.

3. Work In-Progress Status (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

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.
4/6/09 Pending

3.2 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**
03/0/2/2009 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.
4/6/09 Approved per letter from DOT. Awaiting funding.

3.3 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

04/06/2009

No update.

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.

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

4/6/09

No update. Sounds like a police issue, vandalism.

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

4.1 Median at Forman/Clybourn, Nevin Harrison

04/06/2009

Nevine Harrison will inform people in area to come to the May meeting. We don't know what they want.

4.2 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.

4/6/09

Both 4.1 and 4.2 removed per chairman's request.

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 on Planning Committee page.

6. Wrap-Up and Close Meeting

Meeting Dates for 2009: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **NEXT: May 4th.**
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
04/06/2009	

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Motion carried.