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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting April 17, 2007 - 7:10 to 9:20 PM</p>	<p>Rio Vista Elementary School 4243 Satsuma Avenue Toluca Lake, California 91602</p>
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Chair: Terry Davis, President
Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Gene Klown, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Matt Waldeck, Michael Weisler, Reyn Blight, Steve Tatgenhorst and Terry Davis.
Members with Excused Absence: Ben Aiken, Cathy Naugle, Maria Tirado, Michael Weisler, Peter Hartz, and Roy Disney
Members Absent: Gary Gordon
Standing Guests: Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair), Rob Benavidez (LAPD), and Sheryl Appleton (Planning Co-Chair)
Grievance Committee Members Present: Sol Ajalat
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 32

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. No changes were made. Minutes from March 20, 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks</p> <p>Terry asked for any nominations for the LA Pearls award for senior citizens who have made significant contributions and indicated that the nominations close on April 20th.</p> <p>Terry explained that the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the NCs and the LA DWP is up for renewal and we are asked to support the renewal.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Jeff Rector moved that the minutes from March 20th be approved as submitted</i> <i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Jeff Rector moved that Raymond Castellan, founder of the Frontline Foundation, be submitted for the LA Pearls award.</i> <i>Motion passed: 12/0/3.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that the GTLNC approve the renewal of the intra-city MOU between certified Neighborhood Councils and the LA DWP for a period of 5 years.</i> <i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark as final and send to Karen for posting on the GTLNC web site (done).</p> <p>Jeff to complete application nomination and submit by April 20th deadline (done).</p> <p>Barbara to send in copies to Jack Humphreville (done). Terry to assign a liaison.</p>

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1.	<p>President's Remarks – con't. Terry explained that she and Richard Bogy attended the Studio City Bylaws Committee and that the committee was supportive of revising our boundaries, ceding a portion of the Studio City NC to GTLNC and having shared jurisdiction of Weddington Park and Rio Vista School.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene moved that the GTLNC amend the Bylaws to expand the Council's boundaries by including the area bounded on the north by Whipple St., on the west by the 101 Freeway, on the south by the Los Angeles River, and on the east by Lankershim Blvd., with shared jurisdiction of Weddington Park (North and South) and Rio Vista Elementary School with the Studio City Neighborhood Council.</i> <i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i> <i>NB – See page 5 for the full motion.</i></p>	<p>Gene Elerding to complete bylaws change application form and Terry to send to DONE for approval.</p> <p>Gene to contact Outreach for further action.</p>
2.	<p>Neighborhood Council HIV Awareness and Prevention Survey Gwen and Veronica Estrada from Vital Research passed out a survey for all to complete on HIV/AIDS awareness. The survey results will be made available to our NC.</p>		
3.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Theresa Franklin invited all to come to the ribbon-cutting and sign installation at the Rio Vista Hidden Garden on April 19th at 1:30 PM and to help plant on Saturday the 28th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon for the Mayor's Day of Service. Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers.</p>		
4.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Roth was not present this evening. <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Tatgenhorst announced that the Chamber is sponsoring the 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast on May 12th at Fire Station #86 and all donations will go to the Fire Station. <p>LAPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob Benavidez announced that Bob Schlessinger has been promoted to Sergeant and will be moving to the Devonshire Division. The LPR is working great. Crime continues to be down. <p>DONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taneda Larios was not present this evening. 		

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5.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – See minutes from April 12th meeting. Reyn stated that the city is in discussions about making it required that developers who wish to build apartments and then convert them to condos go through the tentative tract map process. Currently many developers throughout the city are building apartments and then later converting them to condos, having bypassed the more rigorous process for condos. Gene Klow will be interviewing two prospective candidates for the CDO project to determine their level of interest, skills, services offered and pricing. The house at 4440 Talofa (near Trader Joe’s) has been demolished. A down-zoning hearing was held but no outcome is known at this time.</p> <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from the April 9th meeting. Jay Goldberg requested that the motion on the agenda be tabled, since there had been no opportunity to recast the survey. Janice Deeb spoke and stated that a number of property and business owners are opposed to creating one-way alleys behind Riverside.</p> <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from the April 5th meeting. Jeff Rector reported that he and Mary Weaver will go door-to-door to canvas the residents in the area under consideration for annexation to the GTLNC. Jeff stated that the AV equipment has arrived and will be in use at the next meeting. Outreach is planning a public bus tour of Toluca Lake.</p> <p>4. Administrative Committee – The <i>Ad Hoc</i> committee did not meet.</p> <p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from March 27th meeting. Jessica Sterling reported for the committee. Terry Davis made two friendly amendments to the original motion and they were accepted by Jessica.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Jay withdrew the motion on the agenda re: creation of one-way alleys behind businesses on Riverside Drive due to the opposing petition and need for further dialogue.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Jessica Sterling moved that the GTLNC approve an agreement with the Toluca Lake Garden Club to share the monthly expenses of street clean-up and trash pickup on Riverside Drive. The cost to GTLNC is \$100 per month, commencing January 1, 2007 up through December 31st, 2007, pending review and cancellation at any time.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to put both the St. Charles multi-purpose building development and the 4519 Clybourn (behind Paty’s) development on the May agenda (done).</p> <p>Gene Klow to interview two candidates for the CDO project (done 4/24/07).</p>

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6.	<p>Treasurer's Report See tentative budget for GTLNC for fiscal year 2007-08, which tallies \$126,605, in excess of our budget. Gene Elerding reported for Peter Hartz. Gene recommended that an ad-hoc committee go over the budget with a red pen and eliminate items that are in excess and asked input from all the Committee Chairs, as well as the public. Gene pointed out a few sample items that he thought could be reduced or eliminated and discussion ensued.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that additional Board approval not be required for any committee expenditure for \$1000 or less, provided that the expenditure is within the committee's budget, as approved by the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that additional Board approval not be required for any committee expenditure between \$1001 and \$2,500 that is within the committee's budget, as approved by the Board, provided the expenditure is approved in writing by the Board's President and/or Treasurer.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that Board approval be required for any committee expenditure over \$2,500, whether or not the expenditure is within the committee's approved budget.</i></p> <p><i>All 3 Motions passed: 14/0/0.</i></p>	<p>All GTLNC Committee Chairs to review and revise downward budget submissions.</p> <p>Terry Davis to appoint an ad hoc group to do a detailed review and finalize the budget for the next meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM. She thanked John Moskal and Gene Klow for arranging for the food for tonight's meeting. The next meeting is May 15th at Toluca Lake Elementary School.</p>		

Motion to Amend the GTLNC Bylaws (Agenda Item No. 1)

Provided that: (a) the proposed changes to GTLNC's boundaries, as stated herein, are approved by DONE, and (b) the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council adopts changes to its boundaries and shared jurisdiction that are consistent with the changes set forth in this motion, then:

(1) Section 103 of the GTLNC Bylaws is amended to read, as follows:

103. Greater Toluca Lake Area. The area represented by the Council has the following boundaries:

North: East on Camarillo Street from the 170/101 Freeway to Vineland Ave.; then south on Vineland Ave. to Riverside Dr.; then east on Riverside Dr. to Denny Ave.; then north on Denny Ave. to Camarillo St.; then east on Camarillo St. to Cahuenga Blvd.; then north on Cahuenga Blvd. to Margate St.; then east on Margate St. to Clybourn Ave. (the City limit)

South: The Los Angeles River between the 101 Freeway and Clybourn Ave. (the City limit)

East: The City limit between Margate Street and the Los Angeles River

West: The 170/101 Freeway between Camarillo St. and the Los Angeles River

Shared Jurisdiction: Weddington Park (North and South) and Rio Vista Elementary School are under the shared jurisdiction of the Studio City Neighborhood Council and the GTLNC.

and

(2) Section 506 of the GTLNC Bylaws is amended by adding the following provision:

In the event that the Council receives notice of any matter, concern or issue that has or may have a material impact on or involving North Weddington Park, South Weddington Park, and/or Rio Vista Elementary School, the Secretary shall provide written notice of the matter to a representative of the Studio City Neighborhood Council within five days.

The President is authorized to take such actions and to submit such applications and petitions as she deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this motion.