

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS) MINUTES for: Monday, May 7, 2007 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200

1. Meeting Opening/Call to Order:

Start time: 7:05 PM

Attendance: Jay Goldberg (Chair), Steven Tatgenhorst, John Adair, Betsy Mogul, Sol Adjalat and Matt Waldeck.

Excused: Craig Strong and Michael Weisler.

Guests: Bonnie Holcomb, Luis Ponce, Rachel Ponce, Jeanice Deeb, Rob Benavidez and Frank Banyai.

Motion to approve April Minutes approved and seconded.

2.1 On-Going Business –Public Input limited to 3-minutes

- **Local Crime**—Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez reported that numbers of criminal incidents are around average for this time of year, but up slightly from March and April, which showed slightly lower than average crime rates.
 - Valley Spring –no update
 - Medical Marijuana Clinic—no further news regarding medical marijuana clinics in the area, Officer Benavidez refers to the issue as “untouchable”.
 - Strohm-Otsego—the patrol is still active, but there has been no further follow up.
 - San Fernando Gang Activity—There have been no reports of trickle down from San Fernando Valley regarding gang activity.

***Motion:** That the GTLNC Board approve the allocation of \$500 to the San Fernando Valley Coalition on gangs as a part of the Public Safety Committee Budget.*
- **Neighborhood Watch**
 - Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez recommended formation of a Neighborhood Watch Group to Stakeholder Luis Ponce in response to homeless related break-ins.
- **Public Works Improvements Survey** Non-Event. Committee decided that Jay speak with Terry and the Board regarding the formation of a separate Public Works Committee.

2.2 Work in Progress –Public Input limited to 3-minutes

- **Alley ways on the North and South side of Riverside** Of those who responded, 82% favored one-way alley proposal. **The Committee discussed and approved the moving of June’s meeting to the Toluca Lake Elementary School in anticipation of larger community attendance regarding the issue of traffic safety concerning the proposed plan of one-way alleys that are parallel to Riverside Drive so that the North alley directs traffic East and the South alley directs traffic West between Clybourn and Sancola.**

No updates regarding the following items:

- **MTA Grant Money for Cahuenga Blvd. Street Improvements** are about two years away. Does GTLNC have a role in the planning and implementation of the proposed street improvements?
- **Trader Joe’s Corner** possibility of a petition to override the 300-foot minimum distance between that corner and Forman.
 - No accident pattern to determine that new light is needed. Report next month on alternate strategies.
- **Signage requests**
 - **Toluca Terrace** request for “Do Not Enter” signage on the Northern section of the N/S alley) is still in process.

- **Ledge and Camarillo**
 - Would recommend eliminating crosswalk.
 - Beautification project/Clean-Up Alice Roth is waiting for response from Street Services regarding Traffic and Street studies.
 - Concern regarding dirt covered shoulder of road.
- **Strohm (South of Riverside) requests**– Tabled ‘till further information received.
 - Public Safety Committee would like to hear from the City (Traffic Department) what solution they think is best.
- **Camarillo between Lankershim/Tujunga**
 - City is analyzing data. No further discussion.
- **Chandler-Biloxi Bike Path Issues**
 - Request a landscape project at the Chandler//Biloxi/Bike path access way.
 - Also a walkway to remain open to pedestrians but cautioned there should be safety features in place to stop cars from passing through.
- **Town Hall Meeting/CERT**
 - It was decided to cancel the Town Hall meeting this year because of time constraints.
 - Also discussed: GTLNC to possibly foot part if not all of bill for First Aid Training courses.
 - Next step...Committee is to prepare a plan for a Town Hall Meeting for Fall of '07.
- **Valley Spring Lane Issues**-(between Lakeside and Cahuenga)
 - Street Resurfacing-is in the works
 - Lighting issues
- **Clybourn and Camarillo Stop Sign**
 - High traffic volume and poor visibility because of curve.
 - Request a traffic light (historical information: this intersection is on the border between Burbank and LA and the City of Burbank would not agree to a traffic signal unless LA ceded a piece of the border to Burbank.
- **Ledge between Riverside Dr. and Kling Street**
 - Paving scheduled for April 2007.

3. New Business Public Input limited to 3-minutes

- **Forman Avenue**-No update.
 - Address down-zoning from secondary highway status.
- **Lakeside**-Alice Roth
- **Electronic Speed Reader** sign was discussed as a speeding deterrent on Riverside Drive just west of Vineland.
- **10116 Riverside Drive safety signage** discussion that the Committee take action and request possible signage warning pedestrians of 10 ft. deep hole created for underground parking structure adjacent to 10116 Riverside Drive.
- **Trashcans for schools** Bonnie Holcomb asked about allocation of funds (not sure which school(s)).

4. Projects Completed

5. Meeting Close 9:30 PM

JUNE MEETING LOCATION CHANGED

The June Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held at the Toluca Lake Elementary School in anticipation of larger community attendance regarding the issue of traffic safety concerning the proposed plan of one-way alleys that are parallel to Riverside Drive so that the North alley directs traffic East and the South alley directs traffic West between Clybourn and Sancola.

Meeting Dates for 2007: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **June 4 (change of location)**; July 2 or 9; August 6; September 10; October 1; November 5; December 3.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200