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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting May 15, 2007 - 7:05 to 9:15 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, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Gene Klow, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Roy Disney, Steve Tatgenhorst and Terry Davis.

Members with Excused Absence: Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Jerome Williams and Matt Waldeck

Members Absent: Ben Aiken, Betsy Mogul and Michael Weisler

Standing Guests: Alice Roth (CD4), Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair), Richard Bogy (TL C of C), Sheryl Appleton (Planning Co-Chair) and Taneda Larios (DONE)

Grievance Committee Members Present: Bonnie Holcomb and Tim Hawkins

Total Stakeholders and Guests: 30

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 April 17, 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks</p> <p>Terry thanked all who came to the meeting and encouraged more expression of thanks for all the volunteering. Terry asked Gene Elerding to review two items for consideration by the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ reduce the number of GTLNC members from 25 to 20 and ▪ reduce the term of office from 3 years to 2 years. <p>Gene handed out a one-page summary of the pros and cons of each proposition and reviewed them. He asked for a show of hands to see the general will of the Council and the hand votes indicated that he members present were favorably inclined toward both proposals. There is no motion on this tonight but there will be motions on this at the June meeting. Terry passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers this weekend to canvas the area under consideration for annexing from Studio City.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from April 17th be approved as submitted</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/1.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark as final and send to Karen for posting on the GTLNC web site (done).</p> <p>Barbara to request that Karen prepare packets of the materials from tonight's meeting and send to all for input on these proposals (done).</p>

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2.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Diann Coral stated that DONE does not have a policy for ceding areas from one NC to another and that the lack of such a policy has held up the division of the Mid-Town NoHo NC for over a year. Since this may be applicable to GLTNC in our adoption of the proposed area south of Rio Vista School, she requested that GTLNC members attend a session with BONC on this topic on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 PM at 11411 Tiara. Taneda Larios responded that this may not be an issue for GTLNC, since there is no question of stakeholders not being represented by an NC with our proposed change.</p> <p>Mary Garcia reported that there were engineers from the Bureau of Engineering surveying the lots on Cahuenga and they informed her that the widening of Cahuenga is on the books for 2010. Christine Farnon provided a project report from the Bureau of Engineering about this effort. Both stated their opposition to this effort and expressed concern that we all thought the decision not to widen Cahuenga was settled and behind us.</p> <p>Karo Torossian introduced himself. He is the Field Representative from Paul Kerkorian's 43rd State Assembly District and is available to assist us and will attend our monthly meeting as available.</p>		<p>Barbara to make copies of the report (done - requested of Karen). Jay Goldberg and the Public Safety Committee to address this issue.</p> <p>Barbara to add to standing guest reports on the agenda and to alert Karen to add Karo to our distribution list (done).</p>
3.	<p>Video of Hidden Garden at Rio Vista School – Mayor’s Day of Service Jeff Rector showed the video he took at the Mayor’s Day of Service on April 28th using the new equipment ordered by GTLNC (video camera, laptop and video projector).</p>		
4.	<p>Treasurer’s Report See budget handout from Peter Hartz. Peter reviewed the proposed budget for GTLNC for fiscal year 2007-08, which tallies \$91,090, which includes \$41K in rollover funds and \$50K in new funds. Peter indicated that minor course corrections are always possible throughout the year, contingent upon approval from DONE.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that the Council accept the proposed budget as final and that Peter submit it to DONE.</i> Motion passed: 13/0/0.</p>	<p>Peter to submit final budget to DONE before the June 15th deadline (done).</p>
5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Roth announced that there was a grand opening event at How’s Market today at Lankershim and Chandler. ▪ The Pancake Breakfast at local fire station #86 had an excellent turnout. ▪ Many volunteers have come forward to support rebuilding Griffith Park after the recent fire; approximately \$50M will be needed for this venture. <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roy Disney reports that the 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast on May 12th at Fire Station #86 attracted over 900 and that twice as much was collected in donations this year as compared to last year. 		

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5.	<p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – con’t.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chamber will be holding its annual President’s Gala at Lakeside on August 18th. ▪ The Bakman House has been officially designated as a landmark and the Chamber is seeking a buyer. ▪ The Universal development at the MTA site is in the talking stages and they are pushing to get Universal to rethink the scope. ▪ Mixers start in September. <p>LAPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob Benavidez was unable to attend. <p>DONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taneda Larios reported that she noticed four of the GLTNC members at the recent Congress of NCs. She reported that NCs are evolving to have a larger role in the city. See her or email her for details. <p>State Assembly 43rd District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karo Torossian from Paul Kerkorian’s 43th District in the State Assembly introduced himself and announced that he will be attending our meetings on a regular basis to share information and hear from us. 		
6.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – No minutes available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning will be meeting evenings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the NoHo Police Station for the remainder of this year. ▪ The St. Charles development is not ready to present; they are reducing the size of the building. While they will lose some parking spaces, they meet the legal requirement. ▪ Paty’s Development – no news to report. Requested to be placed on the June agenda. ▪ Projects on Clybourn and Magnolia – requested to be on the June agenda. ▪ Terry and Gene Klow gave an update on the CDO progress. The scope will include Riverside Drive and Lankershim, in light of the Universal MTA site plans. Gene had interviewed and selected the Arroyo Group to develop the CDO for an initial quote of \$25,000. Subsequent news may alter this selection and it will be discussed at the next meeting. 		<p>Barbara to place both developments on the June agenda (done).</p>

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6.	<p>Committee Reports – con’t.</p> <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from the May 7th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jay Goldberg withdrew the motion on the agenda, since the monies were already within the approved budget for the committee. ▪ Jay announced that Sharon Buck is the new Captain at NoHo LAPD. ▪ John Moskal requested a cross-walk on Magnolia and Strohm where people cross to the taco stand. Referred to committee. <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See agenda for May 3rd meeting; no quorum present, therefore no motions were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jeff Rector reported that he is working on the petition for circulating to the area under consideration for annexation. ▪ Jeff also stated that the Pearl Award nomination was submitted and that apparently all nominees will receive a certificate; Ray sends his thanks for the nomination. ▪ John Moskal recommended adding a High School student to our Council (elected, appointed or selected according to any bylaws changes we might make on this); he will take this back to the committee for discussion and recommendation. <p>4. Administrative Committee – The <i>Ad Hoc</i> committee did not meet. No report.</p> <p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from April 24th meeting. Terry Davis reported for the committee and stated that the committee is going to focus on environmental awareness. Alice Roth from CD4 is helping with the Class B permits required for the Moorpark median.</p>		<p>Jay and Public Safety to develop a master map with the locations and names of the Neighborhood Watch groups and captains.</p>
7.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</p> <p>Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM. She thanked John Moskal arranging for the food for tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>John Moskal reminded all to support our local Toluca Lake Farmers’ Market on Sundays.</p> <p>The next meeting is June 19th at Toluca Lake Elementary School.</p>		