

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## MINUTES

**GTLNC Board Meeting**  
**May 20, 2008 - 7:03 to 9:25 PM**

**Toluca Lake Elementary School**  
**4840 Cahuenga Blvd.**  
**Toluca Woods, CA 91601**

**Chair:** Jerome Williams, Vice President  
**Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Naugle, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Glen Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Peter Hartz, Rich DeMichele, Roy P. Disney, Susann Jarvis  
**Excused Absences:** Maria Tirado, Reyn Blight, Terry Davis  
**Members Absent:** Cathy Saliba  
**Standing Guests:** Jay Goldberg, Richard Bogy  
**Grievance Committee Members Present:** 0  
**Total Stakeholders and Guests:** 25

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</b>                      Jerome Williams, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and extended a welcome to all.                      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.                      Roll call was taken.                      Agenda was reviewed and approved.                      Minutes from April 15, 2008 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>President's Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jerome and Jeff Rector presented The Good Neighbor Award to Brian Sottile.</li> <li>▪ Jerome congratulated the Board members on the Certificate of Appreciation received from the Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC).</li> <li>▪ On June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-1:30pm there will be a dedication of the marquee at Toluca Lake Elementary, which was sponsored by GTLNC.</li> <li>▪ Jerome asked all the board members to sign petitions for the boundary adjustment.</li> <li>▪ Jerome read Terry Davis' nomination of Theresa Franklin and Lisa Mann as outstanding citizens, to be presented at the opening ceremonies of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Recreation Family Festival, and commended them both for all their hard work. Everyone is encouraged to attend the opening ceremonies on Saturday May</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion: Peter Hartz</b> moved that the minutes from April 15, 2008 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed:</b> 15/0/0</p>	

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	<p>31, 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jerome reviewed the proposed State budget cuts for education and read the letter that Terry Davis is sending, voicing concern for the cuts, and encouraged everyone to also send letters. Information regarding where to send letters will be posted on the website.</li> <li>▪ Jerome attended the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council (VANC) meeting. They discussed the noise issue at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank. A study is in process so VANC will maintain a neutral position until they have more information. VANC has decided to support Governor Schwarzenegger's budget stabilization act.</li> <li>▪ There will be a fundraiser for Toluca Lake School at Bob's Big Boy on May 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Jerome reminded all board members to complete the stakeholder survey by June 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion: Roy Disney</b> proposed that the GTLNC oppose the suggested State budget cuts for education. The motion was seconded. <b>Motion passed: 15/1/1</b></p>	<p>Board members should write letters.</p> <p>Board members should complete surveys.</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to illness, Daniel Hackney from the Department of Public Works was unable to attend the meeting. His presentation has been postponed to next month.</li> </ul>		
3.	<p><b>Open Forum for Stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Todd Royal, member of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, and the Government Affairs Committee discussed the proposed DWP rate hikes, and the exclusion of Studio City and Toluca Lake from the tiered rate temperature adjustment. This proposal is based on a study done in 1994 predicated on the assumption of the existence of a microclimate in these two areas. They believe the study to be completely outdated, the population and traffic in our areas has dramatically increased, the study is over 14 years old and the closest tracking station is over 10 miles away. Boardmembers and stakeholders were encouraged to contact their Councilmember and the board of LADWP to voice their concerns.</li> <li>▪ Hugo Sanchez, from the City of LA Parks and Recreation Department, encouraged everyone to attend the 26th Annual Salute to Recreation Family Festival which will be held May 30-June 1st @ Northridge Park. He invited the GTLNC to put up an outreach booth on Saturday from 12-7pm.</li> <li>▪ Allan Nadir introduced himself as a candidate for the Los Angeles Superior Court. His platform is strong on reducing gang activity and he encouraged everyone to visit his website for more information, Allan-nadir4judge.com</li> <li>▪ Barbara Kaye spoke about a building project on the 5000 block of Auckland, which has been ongoing for several years. She will attend the next planning committee meeting to request assistance.</li> <li>▪ Courtney Kanagi and Rudy Salinas from PATH discussed their program to provide shelter placement for homeless persons. Although Toluca Lake is not in their covered</li> </ul>		<p>Planning committee should add this to their agenda.</p>

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	<p>area they are going to use us as a test case in the Valley. They will come to our area two times a month and attempt to engage the local homeless and see if they can get them into shelter. You can report the location of any homeless person you would like to try to help by calling PATH. Contact information will be posted on the GTLNC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Theresa Franklin announced that Rio Vista Elementary is having a PTA Hidden Garden Workday in North Weddington Park on Saturday, May 31 from 8:00am-12:00pm.</li></ul>		
4.	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Alice Roth congratulated GTLNC on their award. She announced that Councilmember LaBonge is holding a Council District 4 Community Congress on May 21<sup>st</sup>.</li><li>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Roy Disney thanked all the volunteers for participating in the Pancake Breakfast which was a huge success, raising \$12,000, compared with \$1750 three years ago. Roy pointed out that this event is a great example of how community and services can work together. The chamber is working on the car show fundraiser for the Hollywood Police Department on to be held on Riverside Drive on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Roy reported that the draft EIR would be done by end of June. Community traffic stands to increase by 32,000-60,000 cars and there is no proposed plan from the city on how to handle this. Richard Bogy reported that they are working on a project to be called “We Care” designed to put local business and schools together. They will have a formal presentation ready by next month.</li></ul>		
5.	<p><b>Bylaw Changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gene Elerding reviewed the bylaw changes.</li></ul>	<p><b>Motion: Clare Collins</b> moved that the GTLNC Bylaw revisions proposed at this meeting be adopted, subject to DONE's approval, and that the members on the Council at the time these Bylaw changes become effective shall remain on the Council for the remainder of their terms until 2010, notwithstanding that the number of members on the Council may exceed 20. The President is authorized to take such actions and to submit such applications to the City as may be required to obtain its consent to these Bylaw changes.</p>	

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<b>6.</b>	<b>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</b>		
	<b>Planning Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ See minutes from May 13, 2008 meeting. Gene Klow reported that they are still exchanging information with the developer on the Toluca Lake Florist project to prepare conditions. The CDO group will hold their second meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5-7pm to discuss how to proceed.</li></ul>		
	<b>Environmental Affairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ See minutes from April 22, 2008 meeting. Jessica Sterling provided a recap of the Earth Day event and thanked everyone who helped to make it such a success. The committee has prepared a booklet for distribution “Go Green in Toluca Lake”. Copies will be available at the GTLNC office.</li></ul>		
	<b>Public Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ See minutes from May 5, 2008 meeting. Jay Goldberg reported that the CERT training was very beneficial and urged all board members to attend in the future.</li></ul>		
	<b>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ See minutes from May 1, 2008 meeting. It was reported that the community breakfast was a success from an outreach perspective and there will be follow up.</li></ul>		
	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Peter reported that the proposed 2008 budget is over what we have been allotted. Budget priorities will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and all committee chairs should plan to attend.</li></ul>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b> <p>Thanks to Susann Jarvis, who provided the food for tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2008</li><li>- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.</li></ul>		

**\*\* Discrepancy in motion vote counts is due to members leaving the meeting.**