

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
(includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
MINUTES for: Monday, June 4, 2007
Toluca Lake Elementary School Auditorium
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard, West Toluca Lake, CA 91601**

1. Meeting Opening/Call to Order:

Start time: 7:10 PM

Attendance: Steven Tatgenhorst, Craig Strong, Wendy Mogul, John Adair, Michael Weisler, Jay Goldberg, Sol Ajalat, Matt Waldeck and Betsy Mogul.

Excused:

Guests: Attached to Master file in office.

Motion to approve Minutes for May Public Safety Meeting.

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

Local Crime- Update, Senior Lead Officer Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez

- New Captain-bringing back bike officers, likes change. Rob has been training to be certified.
- Fire works under surveillance, checking houses that have been complained about before.
 - **Valley Spring** -Put signs up for Neighborhood Watch and things are starting to look better.
 - **Strohm-Otsego** Nighttime issues-Continuing to patrol the area; relying on Neighborhood Watch to get involved.
 - **San Fernando Gang Activity**-Doesn't come south of Magnolia much. Tagging creeping down a little bit. Still working on containing control. To report tagging or gang activity please call "311".

Neighborhood Watch is really taking off. Looking for follow-up meetings:

- West Toluca Lake is doing really good and is a long standing organization driver by Harry Flynn.
- Starting N/W group on Strohm.
- Stack of N/W forms on table and available through the GTLNC office.

2.12 PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING:

ONE-WAY ALLEYS ALONG RIVERSIDE DRIVE BETWEEN CLYBOURN AND SANCOLA

- **Speaker's Cards**
- **Proposed Project Presentation**
- **Public Input is limited as determined by the Committee Chair based on the number of Speaker's**

Background and Input from LA DOT/Staff:

The **advantages** to creating one-way alleys: it "widens" the alley; with the proposed direction (one-way) it could be possible to add additional parking spaces; and, entering the alley, you only need to look one way.

The **disadvantages:** inconvenience and delivery trucks.

Accident Reports: 10 accidents in 2005 and 8 in 2006 concerning the blocks in question. No reports have been made available regarding traffic counts.

Stakeholder Input:

How did you hear about this meeting. Email: 80% flyers 20%.

Comments:

- Riverside seems to be the problem. Alleys are not that heavy on traffic.
- Post Office traffic seems to be high.
- 8 of 18 accidents were on Talofa
- Make alleys one-way and take the parking spots out and put in a speed bump.
- Has been taking the alley ways due to increasing traffic on Riverside Drive.
- One-way alleys would only add more chaos, many businesses use the alley, drop-offs and service people. As a business owner, does not support.
- Against two-way alleys, traffic is heavy on Riverside Drive not in the alleys. Painting red curbs needs to be increased.

- Tenants complain about one-way traffic proposal. Leave it the way it is.
- If they do make the alley one-way they will be directed to Talofa. Would it be possible to make it a right-turn only?
- If the alley is made one-way, we request a traffic light at Talofa and Riverside Drive.

Public Safety Committee Member Input:

- Read letter sent to the Chamber and the members.
- We are speaking on behalf of the residents and business owners.
- A little too soon to make a one-way alley. The problem is the traffic and continuing as development increases.
- I support the one-way alley, better control, this is our community.
- I'm gonna make a left turn and it will increase traffic.
- Wait two years.

Motion: To support one-way alleys. Seconded. Vote: 3 yes 4 no 1 abstain.

2.2 Work In-Progress Status –Public Input limited to 3-minutes

• **Cahuenga Blvd. Street Improvements**

Brian Gallagher, LADWP-MTA Grant funded project to widen Cahuenga. A lot of community opposition. The project was re-submitted for only in front of the school. Suggest left-turn signals in area. CD-4 has the drawings...need to have another meeting 3rd Tuesday in July.

- **Trader Joe's Corner**-a traffic light is not justified. Could still continue to study.
- **Stop Sign** at Forman and the Alley South of Riverside Drive-still looking at accident reports.
- **Signage requests (Dr.Karam?)**
 - **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.

All handled. Taking parking off east side. Concerns of the speed. The dirt is private property.

- **Strohm (South of Riverside) requests**– On hold..
 - 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.
- **Valley Spring Lane Issues**-(between Lakeside and Cahuenga)
 - Street Resurfacing-is in the works
 - Lighting issues

Not Brian Gallagher's department.
- **Clybourn and Camarillo Stop Sign**- Re-evaluate.
 - 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.

3. New Business Public Input limited to 3-minutes

• **Forman Avenue**

- Address down-zoning from secondary highway status-needs to be handled by the Department of Planning.

4. Projects Completed

- Biloxi Bike Path-Hole in the wall.

5. Meeting Close 9:07 PM

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200