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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
June 17, 2008 - 7:02 to 9:30 PM

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

- Chair:** Terry Davis, President
- Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Naugle, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, John Moskal, Lance King, Maria Tirado, Reyn Blight, Rich DeMichele, Terry Davis
- Excused Absences:** Eric Weyenberg Jessica Sterling, Peter Hartz, Cathy Saliba
- Absent:** Roy P. Disney, Susann Jarvis
- Standing Guests:** Alice Roth, Jay Goldberg, Karo Torossian, Richard Bogy, Rob Benavidez, Sheryl Appleton, Taneda Larios
- Grievance Committee Members Present:** Tim Hawkins
- Total Stakeholders and Guests: 22

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and extended a welcome to all.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Roll call was taken.</p> <p>Agenda was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Minutes from May 20, 2008 were reviewed. Changes noted: Maria Tirado and Terry Davis were excused absences. The titles for Environmental and Planning Committees were reversed.</p> <p>President's Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board members were presented with President's Volunteer Service Awards from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. ▪ GTLNC received a Certificate of support and appreciation for 	<p>Motion: John Moskal moved that the minutes from May 20, 2008 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 14/0/0</p>	

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	<p>participation in the Mayor’s day of service with youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GTLNC received a Certificate of Appreciation from Toluca Lake Elementary for the marquee and expansion of school gardening program. ▪ Budget note: Committee Chairs came to the Executive meeting and were asked to go back to their committees to reprioritize goals for the rest of the year. ▪ Terry reminded the Board members that if they are unable to make any meeting to let (Karen or Terry know) someone know so the absence is excused. ▪ Terry reported that the Board and Stakeholder surveys were turned in. 		
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation – Daniel Hackney reported on the challenges the department is facing with regard to finding a solution to Los Angeles taking care of our own waste. More information is available at www.lacity.org, under Bureau of Sanitation. Daniel can be contacted at Daniel.hackney@lacity.org or 213.485.3684. He is going to come back next month with a more in depth presentation. All residents of Los Angeles are encouraged to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, conserve water and get involved in SWIRP. 		
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Transportation - Paul Meshkin reported on the Cahuenga Improvement project. The report should be done by the end of the month. They are planning to put up speed display signs, left turn signals and widen the street (between Camarillo and Addison to provide a drop-off area in front of the school). The City will begin to contact property owners in the near future and hope to begin construction by next summer. They will start with the area by the school over the summer so children won’t be present during construction. Stakeholders had ideas to increase safety for children in front of the school, they were encouraged to submit their ideas to the GTLNC, who will submit them to the city through Alice Roth. The flyer detailing the scope of the project will be posted on the GTLNC website. 		
4.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gorge Guzman and Courtney Kanagi from PATH reported that they have been to Toluca Lake twice in the last month to approach the 		PATH will provide information on engaging the homeless to post on our website.

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	<p>homeless in our area. They made contact with the homeless man who is primarily seen on Riverside Drive. He was not willing to come into the shelter at this point, but was receptive when they asked if they could continue to speak with him on their next visit. PATH will provide GTLNC with suggestions on how to engage the homeless and it will be posted on the website.</p>		
5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Alice Roth reported that there is going to be a workshop to enhance neighborhoods. It will be held in the Los Feliz library and another one will be held in August in Van Nuys. Details will be posted on the website. There is going to be a Sister Cities of Los Angeles hike in Griffith Park on June 18th at 6:00pm. Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Richard Bogy gave a reminder for the Car Show on September 28th from 9am – 3pm to benefit LAPD. The chamber is also planning an event on October 12th in celebration of the first stagecoach connecting California with the rest of the states. A real Butterfield Stage Coach will travel down Ventura Blvd. They are also holding a mixer at 5:30pm on June 18th @ Toluca Lake Dental (across from Chez Nous). Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Rob Benevidez reported that overall crime stats are down. But burglary from inside vehicles is up. Rob reminded everyone to always lock their vehicles and not to leave anything of value inside. He reported that the LAPD will exercise maximum deployment on July 4th and there will be a zero tolerance policy for fireworks. There was a problem with graffiti around Magnolia and Lankershim, it was not gang related. Rob announced that August 5th from 6pm-10pm will be National Night Out. The combined larger event will be held this year at North Hollywood Park it will have music and food. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Taneda Larios reported on the Congress with panels that was held; 250 – 300 people turned out at this event. They are going to hold another one in October or November and will ask GTLNC to provide two reps to help with planning. She had some questions concerning our bylaw changes. GTLNC will review. California State Assembly District 43 – Karo Torossian reported that</p>		<p>GTLNC will contact David Delgado about setting up a table at the National Night out event 818.755.7679.</p> <p>Terry Davis and Gene Elderling will review the bylaws and make the needed changes and submit a clean copy to DONE.</p>

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	<p>the hands free (cell phone) law goes into effect on July 1st and will be enforced from day 1. There is a proposed law that is being supported by the City that will impose higher punishments for speeders cited for doing more than 20mph over the speed limit. The state budget is 17.7 million over. They are requesting input regarding what services constituents think are important not to cut. There are links on the GTLNC website to provide input to the state.</p>		
6.	<p>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</p>		
	<p>Planning Committee Development Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from June 10, 2008 meeting. ▪ 4519 Clybourn AKA Behind Paty’s Project – The developers have reverted to their original plans which the committee did not support. The Planning Committee opposes this and the consultant has said that the zone change is not needed for them to build the planned unit. Several stakeholders want to fight the entire project. All stakeholders are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing set for July 1, 2008 at 10:30 AM at the Marvin Braude Building located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys. ▪ 4663 Cahuenga - The developers did not appeal. ▪ MTA/NBC/Universal Backlot Project - The Working Group reported that the DEIR will be out the 2nd – 3rd week in July. Money will need to be raised for this project. The group is working on setting up a 501(c)3. Once it is set up they can accept donations to help pay for the attorneys and consultants. The recent Universal fire has again raised the issue of fire buffer zones, and infrastructure. ▪ Community Design Overlay – Information will be posted on the website. ▪ 5110-5114 Cahuenga – John Moskal filed an appeal, we will be notified once a hearing is set. 	<p>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC oppose the zone change to RAS-4 and the request for a 67’ height variance regarding 4519 Clybourn - AKA Behind Paty’s Project. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 16/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC support the project that was presented to the GTLNC on August 14, 2007 (regarding 4529 Clybourn -AKA Behind Paty’s Project) if it were to go forward as presented at that time with appropriate mitigation of traffic issues. The requested zone change to RAS-4 is not necessary to develop the project as drawn. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 15/1/0</p>	
	<p>Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from June 2, 2008 meeting. ▪ Jay reported that 15 captains and Tim Saito attended the neighborhood 		

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	<p>watch group meeting. They discussed the possibility of installing cameras.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CERT training starts June 25th, 7:00pm-9:30pm for 7 weeks. If you are missing classes to graduate from the training they can you can make up the classes you missed. ▪ If anyone needs new neighborhood watch signs they should contact Jay. 		
	<p>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from June 5, 2008 meeting. 	<p>Motion: Jeff Rector Motion: moved that the GTLNC change the budget line items currently designated for Toluca Lake Elementary and Rio Vista Elementary schools to instead be designated as funds for Community Projects 1, 2, 3 and 4. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 14/0/1</p>	
	<p>Environmental Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from May 27, 2008 meeting. 		
	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rich reviewed the proposed budget. 	<p>Motion: Rich DeMichele moved that the GTLNC move to accept the reduction of the amount previously committed for the MTA/Universal Working Group and approved by motion on 11/20/07 to \$2,000 from previously approved \$2,500. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 15/0/0</p> <p>Motion: Rich DeMichele moved that the GTLNC approve the proposed 2008-09 budget. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 15/0/0</p>	
7	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Thanks to Dexter Connor, who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p>	Terry Davis	

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	Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 2008 - Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers. 		

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