

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting June 19, 2007 - 7:06 to 9:35 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, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Naugle, Dexter Connor, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Gene Klow, Jeff Rector, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Steve Tatgenhorst and Terry Davis.

Members with Excused Absence: Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, John Moskal and Matt Waldeck

Members Absent: Michael Weisler and Roy Disney

Standing Guests Present: Adrin Nazarian (Paul Krekorian's 43rd District), 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, Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins

Total Stakeholders and Guests: 45

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 May 15th 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks Terry asked Gene Elerding to report on the status of annexing several areas to our GTLNC. Gene reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Petitions have been gathered in anticipation of their submission to DONE as part of GTLNC's Bylaw amendment application. ▪ We'll be working on the Margate area and another smaller street at the northern boundary. ▪ We'll also survey the businesses north of Riverside near McDonald's to add that small area. <p>Terry announced that Ben Aiken has resigned due to personal and business demands; she has invited him to remain active on the committees.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the minutes from May 15th be approved as submitted</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark as final and send to Karen for posting on the GTLNC web site (done).</p>

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1.	<p>President's Remarks – con't. Terry announced that this is Gary Gordon's last meeting since he is leaving to attend Cornell to work on his MBA. Terry thanked him for his service in attending many NC-related meetings and reporting on Government Relations. She presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the City of LA.</p> <p>Jeff Rector introduced Ray Castellani, our LA Pearls Award nominee. Ray founded the Frontline Organization in 1986 and served over 900,000 meals to the homeless this year. Ray spoke about his vision and service and thanked all who helped him make it possible.</p>		
2.	<p>Motions on Revising Council Membership Number and Term of Office Gene Elerding presented two motions that were discussed at the last meeting and generally agreed to by consensus. The first motion generated questions regarding whether the age limit would eliminate a youth representative (our existing bylaws do not account for this but we could modify them to add this in the future) and the impact of fewer Council members on committees (the reality is that many former Council members are actively involved on the committees).</p>	<p>Motion: <i>That Section 301 of the Bylaws of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council be revised to read, as follows:</i> "301. Composition of the Council. <i>The Council will consist of 20 members. Council members must be stakeholders and at least 18 years of age. Council members must remain stakeholders during their entire term of office."</i> <i>This change shall become effective as of January 1, 2008, or upon its approval by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, whichever occurs later. Members on the Council at the time this Bylaw change becomes effective shall remain on the Council for the remainder of their terms, 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 this change.</i> Motion passed: 10/3/0.</p>	<p>Gene to submit Bylaws change request to DONE. This request will need approval from BONC.</p>

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2.	<p>Motions on Revising Council Membership Number and Term of Office – con’t. The second motion generated no discussion.</p>	<p>Motion - <i>That Section 302 of the Bylaws of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council be revised to read, as follows:</i> "302. Term of Office. <i>Council membership is staggered. As such, one half of its membership must be elected each year. Regular terms of office for Council members will be for a period of two years, commencing January 1 and ending December 31. No person may serve in office for more than eight consecutive years." This change shall become effective as of January 1, 2008, or upon its approval by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, whichever occurs later. Members on the Council at the time this Bylaw change becomes effective shall remain on the Council for the remainder of their current terms, notwithstanding this change in the Bylaw. In order to meet the staggered membership required by this Bylaw change, members who receive the least votes during an election will be designated to serve a term of only one year. 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 this change.</i> Motion passed: 11/3/0.</p>	<p>Gene to submit Bylaws change request to DONE.</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Scott Morris announced the <i>Heroes Among Us</i> luncheon this Wednesday, honoring Terry Davis, Frank Zugelter and the Kling Street Kids for their positive community impact. Event is at noon at the Toluca Lake Tennis Club.</p>		

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4.	<p>Toluca Lake Developments – Presentation and Q&A Session Randy Morris from Morris Design Partners provided a PowerPoint overview of the development known as “behind Paty’s” and answered questions as to the size and scope. There are two buildings: a five-story on the back lot and three-story on Riverside. Development is likely to occur in stages over 2.5 years. The two building development is below density maximums and the units will be sold as condos. Questions from stakeholders included queries about making the development “green” (discussions with Gail Goldberg still preliminary) and whether or not the city would overrule our parking recommendations (final action up to City Council).</p> <p>He also provided a brief update on the third building on Magnolia at Clybourn for 40 units (of 110 total), currently slated for apartments but expected to convert to condos. All conditions that residents have asked for have been met. Although there is a new zoning limitation of two stories on Magnolia between Biloxi and Clybourn, this development is exempt since it preceded the new zoning change.</p>		<p>Barbara to place motions on the next agenda related to both developments (done).</p>
5.	<p>Universal City Development Richard Bogy stated that the development proposal at Universal continues to expand and we really need to get a good turnout at the meeting on June 25th. Only residents within 500 feet of the area were originally notified and the notification was expanded to a 1200 foot radius last week. Flyers were passed out to all. See flyer for details on development scale.</p>		
6.	<p>Community Design Overlay (CDO) Gene Klow, Reyn Blight and Sheryl Appleton reported on their meeting with Gail Goldberg, the new LA City Planning Department head. The CDO ordinance was adopted in 1997 but the details were to be worked out at a later time. Gail wants the City Planning Department to work with us on the CDO and believes this to be within their scope and responsibility. One of her staff will be walking the area with us and offer suggestions. Our efforts and spending are on hold until the city can come up with some recommendations.</p>		
7.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Roth was not able to be present. Terry reported on upcoming events in her absence. ▪ Terry announced that there will be an open hearing on the Universal development on June 25th. Flyers are available and she encouraged all to attend and to tell neighbors about this hearing. 		

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7.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements – con’t.</p> <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Richard Bogy reported that there will be a mixer at How’s Market at Lankershim and Chandler on June 27th at 5:30 to 7:30 PM. ▪ He also announced that the annual Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce luau will be held at Lakeside on August 18th. <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 the 912 Commission will be meeting this evening and focusing on seven specific recommendations. <p>State Assembly 43rd District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adrin Nazarian, Chief of Staff to Paul Kerkorian, 43rd District in the State Assembly, introduced himself. He stated that AB1696 will address the monies to fund rebuilding Griffith Park. 		
8.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – See minutes from the June 12th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reyn Blight reported that the five lots south of Riverside that we voted on down-zoning in March have expanded to 12 lots affected, including parking lots. Since there is a hearing on June 28th and this was not on the agenda as a motion, the Council was informally polled to see if they agreed with including all affected lots in a letter of support. Council support: unanimous (14/0/0). <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from the June 4th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jay Goldberg reported that there was a general consensus against the proposal for one-way alleys north and south of Riverside. This topic generated passion and engagement of many stakeholders and served to bring people together and mobilize them. Jay stated that we need to learn how to use those reactions constructively in the future. 		<p>Reyn to draft a letter of support for including all 12 lots on the alley south of Riverside in down-zoning (done).</p> <p>Barbara to put St. Charles development on the July agenda. (done)</p>

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8.	<p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from the June 7th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gene Elerding nominated three stakeholders for elections in order to meet DONE deadline requirements. Maria Tirado, Connie King and Jessica Sterling were nominated and will become the Elections Committee for the fall GTLNC elections. ▪ Jeff reported that Outreach is planning to rent double-decker buses in August and do a tour of Toluca Lake with Richard Bogy as tour guide. There are also plans for a picnic in Griffith Park. <p>4. Administrative Committee – The <i>Ad Hoc</i> committee did not meet. Cathy reported that we now have our pop-up tent for any events.</p> <p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from May 22nd meeting. Terry Davis reported for the committee and stated she is working with Alice Roth of CD4 to move through the permitting process for the Moorpark median. She introduced Phil Dagore, the resident who designed the median. She reported that the committee is exploring education on recycling and that the City of LA recycles 10% less than other large cities.</p>	<p><i>Motion: That Maria Tirado, Connie King and Jessica Sterling be appointed as the Council's Election Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/1.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: That the GTLNC approve up to \$1000 for signage for the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council office.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Gene and Outreach to meet with Maria, Connie and Jessica re: elections process.</p> <p>Peter to submit sign order.</p>
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report Peter Hartz reported that our 2007-08 fiscal year budget was submitted to DONE and that they acknowledged our budget submission.</p>		<p>Peter will clarify with DONE whether that indicates that our budget has been approved or not.</p>
10.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM. She thanked Gary Gordon for arranging for the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Terry acknowledged receipt of a yearbook from Toluca Lake Elementary School.</p> <p>The next meeting is July 17th at Toluca Lake Elementary School. Reminder: no meeting in August.</p>		