

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## MINUTES

**GTLNC Board Meeting**  
**July 15, 2008 - 7:09 to 9:20 PM**

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

**Chair:** Terry Davis, President  
**Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Craig Strong, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Rich DeMichele  
**Excused Absences:** Dexter Connor, Jeff Rector, Lance King, Reyn Blight, Roy P. Disney  
**Absent:** Susann Jarvis  
**Standing Guests:** Alice Roth, Jay Goldberg, Richard Bogy, Sheryl Appleton  
**Grievance Committee Members Present:** Tim Hawkins  
 Total Stakeholders and Guests: 31

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</b>                      Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed and approved. Minutes from June 17, 2008 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>President's Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting had to be held outside because of the repairs being done to the school so Terry encouraged people to be a succinct as possible since there are no lights on the grounds.</li> <li>▪ There will not be a Board meeting in August. The Executive, Planning, Public Safety, and Environmental Affairs Committees plan to meet in August, but will confirm with members. All other committees will resume meeting in September.</li> <li>▪ There may be a social event for the Board in August; all members will be notified when it is scheduled.</li> <li>▪ Terry is planning to email all members regarding our commitment to the Board.</li> <li>▪ LA Govt 101 will be held at City Hall, Room 200 on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Terry encouraged everyone to attend this especially board members. It is our responsibility to know how the City operates. We are the liaison between stakeholders and the City. If we are not educated we can't help them.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion – Peter Hartz</b> moved that the GTLNC minutes from June 17th be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed:</b> 14/0/0</p>	<p>Terry Davis</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Terry discussed the Youth Sponsor program. GTLNC will not be able to participate this year, but she encouraged anyone who might be able to do so to participate in this very effective program.</li><li>▪ The GTLNC office hours will be reduced beginning in August. The new hours will be posted on the website. Information regarding this is posted on our website.</li></ul>		
2.	<p><b>Open Forum for Stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Jorge Guzman from the PATH HERO program – They came out last month to make contact with the local homeless. They were unable to find either of the homeless persons that had previously been discussed. They will contact Rob Benevidez of LAPD next time they come out and they will ride with him so he can point out the areas they frequent. If you see homeless in the area please call PATH and let them know the time and location to make it easier for them to locate them while they are here. They can be reached at 323.960.9049. They currently only work M-F, 4pm-midnight, but they are going to expand their hours in the near future. PATH is a non profit that has been privately funded for the next two years.</li><li>▪ Michael Amerian is a candidate for City Attorney. He was born and raised in the Valley and is currently a city prosecutor in Van Nuys. Because we were attempting to get through the agenda before the light was lost, Mr. Amerian agreed to come back to the next meeting to speak further.</li></ul>		
3.	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4)</b> - Alice Roth reported that she did a walk thru of the neighborhood with the Department of Transportation and found a number of things that need to be adjusted. Several signs on Cahuenga will be moved for better visibility. The City is also looking for suggestions for beautification projects, for example frequently graffiti'd areas. Please send suggestions and/or things that need fixing to Terry Davis and she will forward to the correct individual. A stakeholder asked Alice if there was anything that could be done about the frequent speeders on Camarillo. Alice will request that an officer be sent to look at the problem.</p> <p><b>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</b> – Richard Bogy reported that they will be giving out ice cream at National Night Out. He said that the MTA working group is waiting on the DEIR, which is expected at the beginning of August. The working group will review and summarize it and present it to the community at a Town Hall meeting. The City MUST address all questions before the EIR can be issued so if you have any questions please forward to Terry Davis as soon as possible, they will be delivered to the City prior to the meeting. There are many small</p>		

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	<p>items that the City has overlooked for example there is a law on the books that a permit can't be issued on a project unless there is proof of adequate water for 10 years, and that is currently being ignored by them. These kinds of things need to be addressed. The working group is at the point where funds need to be raised so that the legal team can continue their work. We are setting up a 5013c to collect donations. It is estimated that 500K will be needed to complete and we have only 160K raised/pledged to this point. All fundraising ideas and donations are welcome and encouraged.</p> <p><b>Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)</b> – NoHo Division – Jennifer Duvally reported for Rob Benevidez who is on vacation. She reminded everyone to call 311 for graffiti removal. Officer Goodyear is in charge of traffic complaints for the NOHO division. She also talked about the recent robberies in the area, one of them was stopped in progress by attentive neighbors and she pointed out the importance of neighborhood watch. She also reminded everyone to remember that doors and windows need to be kept locked as that is a very common way that homes are entered, people are less likely to lock their doors and windows during the summer months. There have also been reports of people knocking at doors and soliciting money or masquerading as DWP or Gas Company employees, Office Duvally reminded everyone that unless you are expecting someone do not open your door and even then ask for ID through the door or a window. She also encouraged everyone to attend National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm at North Hollywood Park, additional information is available on our website.</p>		
4.	<b>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</b>		
	<p><b>Planning Committee (15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gene Klow reminded everyone of the importance of the CDO. It will be used so that there are design guidelines for future projects and will use these guidelines when someone comes to the council for support on a project.</li><li>A questionnaire asking for community input was passed out at the meeting and will also be available on our website. All members of the community are encouraged to fill one out and express what their priorities are in our community. Please turn in completed forms to Terry Davis and she will forward to Urban Studio.</li></ul> <p><b>Development Project Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4519 Clybourn AKA Behind Paty's Project – Gene Klow explained that the Council still approves the plans as drawn, but oppose the zoning change. Councilmember LaBonge's office adamantly opposed the zoning change so the Planning Committee wants to rescind our motion as long as it includes zone change.</li><li>10623 W. Riverside Drive-Toluca Lake Florist – Gene Klow explained that we originally supported this project because they were saving the house. After understanding that RS 4</li></ul>	<p><b>Motion: Gene Klow</b> moved that due to information gathered at the hearing on July 1, 2008 we move to rescind the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion of support for the 4519 Clybourn AKA Behind Patty's Project passed at the GTLNC Board Meeting on June 17, 2008 meeting pending</p>	

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	<p>is not desirable we have asked the attorney for the developer to ask if a height variance would suffice in place of the zone change. RS4 zoning allows for much more density, taller and more parking. If they agree to the substitute a variance for the zoning change, we will continue to support the project. We have already approved the specifics of the plans, and the project must be built as drawn. Our motions will be added to the plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community Design Overlay – Power Point presentation – this was postponed to next meeting since we had no power outside.</li><li>5110-5114 Cahuenga – John Moskal requested anyone available to please come to the appeal of this on July 24, 2008 in Van Nuys. He will email the details.</li></ul>	<p>outcome of City Planning Commission review on September 25' 2008. <b>Motion Passed: 12/2/1</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Gene Klow moved that the GTLNC rescind the previous motion regarding Toluca Lake Florist (Case #CPC-2005-8658-ZC-ZV-SPR) that included a zoning change from C2-IVL to RAS4-IV. We will continue support of the project as drawn. The motion was seconded. <b>Motion Passed: 13/2/0</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Gene Klow</b> moved that the GTLNC approve the revised “Conditions of Approval” submitted to applicant’s attorney Mark Armbruster on July 10<sup>th</sup> regarding Toluca Lake Florist (Case #CPC-2005-8658-ZC-ZV-SPR). The motion was seconded. <b>Motion Passed: 13/2/0</b></p>	
	<p><b>Public Safety (10 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The motion to rescind the approval of the Battalion 14 funding request was pushed to the September meeting pending further discussion.</li></ul>		
	<p><b>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There was no meeting in July.</li></ul>		
	<p><b>Environmental Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jessica Sterling reported that the plans for the under Ledge project will be posted on the website.</li><li>Jessica also announced that the Farmer’s Market plans to hold a mobile pet adoption in the next couple of weeks.</li></ul>		
	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peter will resend the 90 day public funds program announcement.</li><li>Yearend wrap up pushed to September meeting.</li></ul>		
5.	<b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b>		

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	Thanks to Janice Eaton, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 16, 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.**