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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting July 17, 2007 - 7:12 to 9:45 PM</p>	<p>Toluca Lake Elementary School 4840 Cahuenga Blvd. Toluca Woods, California 91601</p>
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Chair: Terry Davis, President

Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Clair Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gene Elerding, Gene Klow, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, and Terry Davis.

Members with Excused Absence: Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Michael Weisler, and Roy Disney

Members Absent: Betsy Mogul, Jeff Rector, Matt Waldeck, and Steve Tatgenhorst

Standing Guests Present: Alice Roth (CD4), Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair), Karo Torossian (Paul Krekorian, 43rd District), and Richard Bogy (TL C of C)

Grievance Committee Members Present: Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins

Total Stakeholders and Guests: 41

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. No changes were made although Terry stated that we would take some items out of order to accommodate guests and stakeholders who wish to speak on the Cahuenga issue. Minutes from June 19th 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks Terry reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Now that Gary Gordon has left us, we need one or more persons to serve as our Government Affairs liaison and she asked for volunteers. ▪ Our Executive Committee will be turning over next year and she invited others to consider running for election to a GTLNC officer position, ▪ She asked that the Council members remain seated while motions are under discussion and voting. ▪ Terry announced that there are plans to conduct a bus tour of Toluca Lake with Richard Bogy as the tour guide – possibly August 26th. 	<p><i>Motion: Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from June 19th be approved as submitted</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 10/0/0.</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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2.	<p>Navigating City Hall for Neighborhood Councils and Community Impact Statements</p> <p>Ron Galperin from the Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council presented a PowerPoint overview of how NCs can create, use and track Community Impact Statements (CIS) to have an effect on the LA City Council, its committees and City commissions. See handout.</p>		
3.	<p>St. Charles Borromeo Development – Multi-Purpose Building</p> <p>Reyn Blight stated that churches fall into conditional use and require city approval on permits. Discussion occurred at the June meeting and there was general support from the Council at that meeting.</p> <p>The plans were passed around and questions were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The contractors are considering green building practices. ▪ Pedestrians are being directed to the corner for crossing Moorpark at the light. ▪ There will be a net gain of seven (7) parking spaces. 	<p><i>Motion: Reyn moved that the GTLNC support the construction of a multi-purpose building for St. Charles Borromeo at the corner of Lankershim Blvd. and Moorpark St., with the request that the church make every effort to mitigate the traffic congestion and pedestrian/ traffic conflicts on Sunday mornings.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Reyn to draft letter on this motion and send to Terry for signature and mailing out (done).</p>
4.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <p>Cahuenga Widening Issue:</p> <p>David Dresnick gave an overview of the Cahuenga widening story and presented the recommendations from the South of Riverside Dr. Committee and the North of Riverside Dr. Cahuenga Committee (see handout and letter).</p> <p>Glenda Baskin reviewed the recommendations summarized in the Attachment C, Scope of Work (see handout).</p> <p>George Andros described how the corner of Camarillo and Cahuenga would be affected by the proposed improvements.</p> <p>Mary Garcia spoke in favor of the modifications to the scope of work on the Cahuenga widening project.</p> <p>Dan Silver is a volunteer from the California Clean Money Campaign. He stated that we will receive a formal request from DONE and suggested that we assign a committee to work with him. Environmental Affairs Committee to follow-up.</p>	<p>See related motion under Public Safety Committee report.</p>	<p>Barbara to place on August Environmental Affairs Committee agenda (done).</p>

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5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Roth announced that there will be a toxic waste drop off in Burbank on August 11th. <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Richard Bogy reported that there will be a dedication of the Old Lankershim monument shortly. ▪ He also announced that the annual Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce President’s Gala luau will be held at Lakeside on August 18th. ▪ The Universal MTA Working Group website is up now. Web site is www.universalworkinggroup.news.org. He thanked all for getting the word out and showing up for the scoping session. Another scoping session is planning for August 1st on the development off Barham. <p>LAPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jay Goldberg passed out a recent crime map. <p>State Assembly 43rd District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karo Torossian stated that there is a meeting in Sacramento to place a line item in the budget for the restoration of Griffith Park. ▪ There will a clean-up event for the LA River on August 15th. ▪ Karo offered to work with us on signage for the freeways, pursuant to the discussion on Cahuenga widening. 		
6.	<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 there were no motions at the last meeting and no developers are ready with presentations at this time. <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from the July 2nd meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jay Goldberg reported that we thought that the widening of Cahuenga had been addressed and resolved but it surfaced recently again with renewed plans differing from our past agreements. Jay and Alice Roth agreed that this is an urgent situation calling for the Council to take a position before the design plan goes to the City Council in August. Much discussion ensued. Terry recommended that we make an emergency motion at this meeting. 	<p><i>Motion: Reyn Blight moved, as an emergency motion, that the GTLNC support the proposals presented tonight by the South of Riverside Dr. Committee and the North of Riverside Dr. Cahuenga Committee (on Cahuenga Blvd. Widening – Magnolia Blvd. to Lankershim Blvd. Project), and direct the GTLNC Public Safety Committee to work directly with the CD4 Council Office on specific recommendations without the need to return to this Council again.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 12/0/0/</i></p>	<p>Terry Davis to express concern to Tom La Bonge as to how this situation came about (done).</p>

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6.	<p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from the July 5th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gene Elerding reported that MidTown NoHo is willing to cede the entire area south of Camarillo between Vineland and Denny to GTLNC. Richard Bogy explained that we need to review this with BID (Business Improvement District), since it originally asked to have only one NC to deal with about Lankershim issues. Gene asked for a sense of the Council’s direction on exploring these new boundaries; the Council agreed to explore by a hand vote of 11/0/0. <p>4. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from June 26th meeting. Stakeholders advised to read minutes; no report out due to late hour.</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gene moved that the GTLNC approve the Election date of Sunday, December 9, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to be held at the Ramsey-Shilling offices, 10205 Riverside Drive/Forman.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 11/0/0.</i></p>	
7.	<p>Treasurer’s Report Peter Hartz reported that we spent 62% of our 2006-07 budget. See his detailed budget report. See P&L Budget vs. Actual by Committee July 2006 through June 2007.</p>		
8.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM. She thanked Jerome Williams for arranging for the food for tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>There is no August Council meeting and please check the calendar for committee meetings.</p> <p>The next meeting is September 18th at Toluca Lake Elementary School. Claire and Matt are arranging for the food.</p> <p>Reyn Blight announced that the next Neighborhood Council Congress will be on October 27th, possibly at the LA Convention Center.</p>		