

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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PUBLIC SAFETY & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES for: Monday, August 4, 2008 7:00 PM
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order:

Start time: 7:00 pm

Members Present: Jay Goldberg, Jack Thomas, Craig Strong, Sol Ajalat, John Adair, Steve Hampar, Janice Eaton, Wendy Mogul

Absent (and those excused): Betsy Mogul, Frank Banyai

Guests: Wendy's dog showed up midway through the meeting but did not ask to speak.

Motion to Approve July Minutes. Sol moved for their approval. Jack seconded. They were approved unanimously.

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

C.E.R.T. Training John A. reported that the classes will end August 6th and have been well attended.

Local Crime: Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Update

Officer Benavidez gave an extensive crime report that included the following facts:

- Overall crime was up by one in the month of July from the previous month.
- Theft from vehicles continues to increase in our area.
- The area now has a special car that will be dispatched to deal with homeless people.
- He was impressed with the city's fast response after the earthquake.

Neighborhood Watch Lead: Steve H.

Steve reported that the number of neighborhood watches was increasing. Jay cautioned Steve to make sure all NW activities were coordinated through him.

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

Cahuenga Blvd. Secondary Highway designation and downgrading- Nothing new was discussed.

The following items are on track with the City

Alley at Forman Avenue

Nothing new was discussed.

Riverside and Talofa (Trader Joe's corner) Add a traffic signal?

John Adair presented the committee with an extensive written argument explaining why there was no need for an extra light. Jack made the following motion "that the committee withdraw our previous support for a traffic light at the Talofa/Riverside intersection and express our support for the city enhancing the visibility of the current crosswalk system." John seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

Clybourn and Camarillo: Add a traffic signal

Nothing new was discussed.

Valley Spring Lane-(between Lakeside and Cahuenga)

Nothing new was discussed.

Universal Development Plans.

Nothing new was discussed.

3. New Business Public Input limited to 3-minutes

- John moved that we "appropriate up to one hundred dollars to provide community area maps to all CERT students." Janice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Sol pointed out that the plants on the traffic island at Foreman and Camarillo are blocking visibility when you look to the west.
Motion: That we request the Environmental Affairs committee to oversee the trimming of the plants at the intersection of Foreman and Camarillo." Janice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Jay suggested that we ask Scott Morrison of the TL HOA to coordinate a project of asking area citizens to express where they felt road repairs and other public works need to be done in their area.
- Jay mentioned that at the last GTLNC meeting the full board has expressed reservations about our rescission of our vote to provide a fax/copier to the fire department. Due to ambiguity in what happened at the GTLNC meeting, we decided to wait and see if the full board clearly disagrees with our decision at their next meeting.

- The Public Safety & Traffic Committee is invited to attend the West Toluca Lake Neighborhood Watch quarterly meeting on September 15th.
- Tim Saito, Neighborhood Prosecutor, will be at the next Public Safety & Traffic Committee Meeting to discuss control of door-to-door solicitors.

4. Event/Meeting Calendar

5. Meeting Close and Wrap-Up

Steve moved that we adjourn. Craig Strong and seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Meeting Dates for 2008: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) September 8; October 6; November 3; and December 1.

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