

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## PUBLIC SAFETY/TRAFFIC-PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 12, 2006 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200

### 1) Call Meeting to Order 7:05 PM

Meeting was called to order by Wendy Mogul, acting Chairperson.

Attendance: John Adair, Wendy Mogul, Sol Ajalat, and Craig Strong

Excused: Michael Weisler

Guests: Alice Roth, Field Deputy Council District-4; Brian Gallagher, LADOT; Rob Benevidez, Senior Lead Office LAPD; Jennifer and John Larivee, Art Simmerman, Heather David, Amnon David, Carl Ceder, William Hwang, Beverlee Nelson, Betsy Mogul and Kristoffer Polaha.

Review Agenda

Approve previous months Minutes: *Move to pass with amendment regarding attendance.*

By John Adair second Sol Ajalat. Passed unanimously.

### 2-A) On-Going Business

#### C.E.R.T.

John Adair reported on progress and successes of the recently completed C.E.R.T. training class.

#### Local Crime

Rob Benavidez, Senior Lead Office LAPD reported that:

- Crime was down 8% prior to August. However, a substantial increase was seen in August with 17 burglaries. No burglaries have been reported since September 6th.
- There is an increased crime problem regarding restaurants in the northern part of the Division and a danger to/for late night diners.
- No change in percentage for robberies and stolen vehicles.
- Primary percentage changes seen as a jump in burglaries. The LAPD has a lot of vice officers patrolling in undercover clothes. There is a need for adequate lighting *4400 Strohm*.
- Discussed marijuana sales (SB 420)
  - Marijuana clinics are opening throughout Los Angeles. There are nine (9) marijuana clinics in North Hollywood and there is a clinic next to Quiznos on Riverside Drive.
  - Under Federal and California guidelines-it is illegal to possess marijuana. However, under California SB 420, physicians may only give a "recommendation" regarding marijuana use but not a prescription.

#### Neighborhood Watch

Rob Benavidez, Senior Lead Office LAPD reported that

There is an excellent Neighborhood Watch program in West Toluca Lake area All of the neighbors communicate with each other and understand the need for neighbors to work together. Lighting and Neighborhood Watch Signs are important. John Adair pointed out that not all crime occurs at night. Most robberies occur in the daytime.

Carl Ceder-Mentioned problems on Strohm regarding parking as well as car dumping-illegal parking.

## **2-B) Work-In-Progress**

### **Trader Joe's Corner**

Brian Gallagher, LADOT said that the request for a crosswalk was denied. He is trying to get a flashing light or full signal for the existing crosswalk.

### **Public Works Issues/Street Repair List/Survey**

Beverly Nelson, discussed problem in street at Strohm. Procedures need to be followed to obtain repairs discussed.

### **Median Designs** No update.

Items at Forman/Clybourn and Moorpark Ave/Moorpark Way are in works at the City.

### **Parking control requests on Cahuenga**

Wendy Mogul to call Rob Benavidez regarding progress with parking in front of Toluca Lake Elementary School. Beverly Nelson said that she can now park in front of school.

### **Stop Signs**

A stop sign on Forman/Clybourn was discussed and was not favored by residents.

### **MTA Grant Money**

Brian Gallagher, LADOT said that there is an unused grant for \$5 million from MTA to widen Cahuenga. A justification would be needed to use money for other purposes. For example, to widen Cahuenga Blvd. in front of the Toluca Lake Elementary School.

### **Left-turn signs**

The placement of left-turn signs at the intersections of: Camarillo & Cahuenga; Riverside & Cahuenga; and Moorpark & Cahuenga were discussed.

### **Overnight parking on Kling Street & Ledge**

Residents presentations.

### **Strohm Avenue**

- There is a problem with by-pass traffic and excessive speed issues on Strohm. There is no left-turn signal or speed bumps. Brian Gallagher will look at the timing of the existing traffic light.
- If the street is a local street a no left turn sign is possible. Any change would require a 67% consensus of those affected.
- Brian Gallagher says that LADOT has extra money for speed bump installation, the criteria are based on: number of vehicles; rate of vehicle speed; slope of the street and other conditions.
- Whether a local or collector street, an application may be made to change the street to one-way.
- Can't seal off a collector street, but may be able to seal if it is a local street.
- Brian Gallagher will go and see 4900 Strohm and Huston to address speeding issues.

## **3) New Business**

### **4) Public Input**

Next Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council meeting is Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **5) Close Meeting/Meeting Dates/ Meeting Adjourned**

**Proposed Dates:**            **October 2; November 6; December 4**            **Time 7:00 PM**  
**Location:**                **10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200**