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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting September 18, 2007 - 7:05 to 9:15 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, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Clair Collins, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gene Elerding, Gene Klow, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Roy Disney and Terry Davis.

Members with Excused Absence: Betsy Mogul, Jeff Rector, and Michael Weisler

Members Absent: Matt Waldeck

Standing Guests Present: Alice Roth (CD4), Jay Goldberg (Public Safety Chair), Richard Bogy (TL C of C), Sheryl Appleton (Co-Chair, Planning Comm.), and Taneda Larios

Grievance Committee Members Present: Sol Ajalat and Tim Hawkins

Total Stakeholders and Guests: 66

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <p>Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 proposed "behind Paty's" development. Minutes from July 17th 2007 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>President's Remarks Terry reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The GTLNC elections packets are available for anyone considering running for a position on the GTLNC. ▪ Terry deferred two items on the agenda until next month: the Las Lomas development and the transition for the Executive Committee. 	<p><i>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the minutes from July 17th be approved as submitted</i> <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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2.	<p>New America Foundation – Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) Gautam Dutta, Esq. presented an overview of the Instant Runoff Voting proposal. He explained that the potential advantages include saving money and increasing voter turnout. In order for this to take effect, the City Council needs to approve and place on the ballot a referendum to amend the City Charter and the City Election Code. He encouraged all to refer to his handout and the web site: www.newamerica.net/irv_la. It was recommended that we also invite an opponent to represent the CON position; Gautam reported that there are no known opponents.</p>		<p>Exec Committee to review and draft motion. Barbara to place motion on agenda for October, with request to draft letters to Councilman LaBonge, Mayor Villaraigosa and the City Council clerk (done).</p>
3.	<p>“Behind Paty’s” Development – Request for Zoning Change from P-1 to RAS-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Randy Morris and Darrel Fisher again presented their development plans for the properties at 4519/4521 Clybourn. They indicated that they have been working for our Planning Committee for 1 ½ years, have made accommodations and are waiting for our support. They addressed and answered questions from the Council and stakeholders. Issues and concerns raised included: scale of the project relative to the TL Village atmosphere, increased traffic, amount of parking (306 spaces), keeping the Post Office, desire for free parking for retail spaces, and setting a precedent for future RAS 4 developments. ▪ Reyn Blight and Sheryl Appleton stated that the developers have made many accommodations, have been working with them, and that the Planning Committee was mixed in their support for this request. 	<p><i>Motion: Reyn moved that the GTLNC oppose the zone change from P-1 to RAS-4 on the 4519/4521 Clybourn (AKA Behind Paty’s) development for the parcel north of the alley between Mariota and Clybourn.</i> <i>Motion failed: 5/8/1.</i> <i>Motion: Reyn moved that the GTLNC support in concept the zone change from P-1 to RAS-4 on the 4519/4521 Clybourn (AKA Behind Paty’s) development, subject to the development of additional conditions and requirements from the Neighborhood Council.</i> <i>Motion failed: 5/7/3.</i></p>	<p>Reyn and Sheryl to take this issue back to the Planning and Land Use Committee.</p>
4.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marie Andros requested that there be more than one Toluca Lake bus tour available in the future. ▪ Beverlee Nelson read a letter she wrote to the LAUSD requesting that lights be installed in the parking lot for safety of those attending GTLNC and school events; lights have been installed and she received a round of applause for her efforts. ▪ Kate Dear and JooBee Hughes requested help on getting street issues addressed in their neighborhood. They were determined to live outside the GTLNC boundaries and were referred to Alice Roth in CD4. ▪ Carol Bové, principal of TLE, and Karen Grigsby requested that GTLNC approve \$2500 matching funds toward a beautification grant they received for installing a marquee for the school and garden refurbishing. The PTA has contributed \$2500 and the remaining funds will be contributed hours of labor for the garden. ▪ John Kenworthy and Leslie Avery both spoke in favor of the development known as “behind Paty’s” to foster a true walking neighborhood and indicated that the USPS is interested in staying. 	<p><i>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that the GTLNC approve a supplemental \$500 toward the TLE matching grant request (in addition to \$2000 already allocated this quarter for the school).</i> <i>Motion passed: 14/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Sheryl and Reyn to follow up with the “behind Paty’s” developers to ensure that USPS considerations are included in the development plans.</p>

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5.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements DONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taneda Larios reminded all of the upcoming Congress of NCs on October 27th. ▪ There is also a Budget Day at City Hall on October 13th; in the past, NCs have sent two representatives. <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry announced that the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce annual Holiday Open House on Friday December 7th is seeking volunteers. 		<p>Maria Tirado to send Taneda the mailer for the GTLNC annual elections (for walking man distribution).</p>
6.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the August 14th meeting. ▪ Reyn Blight presented the additional motions before the committee tonight. <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the August 6th meeting. ▪ Jay Goldberg reported that limited progress had been made on most issues since the last meeting. Jay noted that Tom LaBonge had written a motion to downsize the zoning of residential properties along Cahuenga and he recommended that the North of Cahuenga and South of Cahuenga groups get together and see Alice Roth about this. 	<p><i>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that GTLNC support the 10301 Magnolia (AKA 5205 Clybourn) development with all conditions as were agreed upon by the GTLNC Planning and Land Use Committee (NB – see minutes for conditions).</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0/</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC support the direction and actions of the Universal/MTA project Community Working Group in their efforts to come to a workable solution for the community.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0/</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Roy Disney moved that the GTLNC recommend that Cahuenga Boulevard between Lankershim and Magnolia be downgraded from “secondary highway” status because of its residential nature and that the GTLNC President appoint a committee to fully investigate and undertake any action with respect to downgrading.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Jay Goldberg to notify Terry Davis of the members and Terry to get the list to Alice Roth and set up a meeting.</p>

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6.	<p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – con’t.</p> <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the August 2nd meeting. ▪ Terry inquired how we were doing on recruiting new GTLNC members. There are 10 open Council positions: 5 vacancies and 5 members are up for re-election (Barbara Carroll, Betsy Mogul, Gene Elerding, Roy Disney and Terry Davis). <p>4. Environmental Affairs Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See minutes from the August 28th meeting. ▪ Barbara summarized the committee work and efforts toward getting the Moorpark median project underway. 	<p><i>Motion: Jerome Williams moved that the GTLNC support a Town Hall meeting for the purpose of an LAPD presentation on predatory behavior by some toward minor children on the internet. (TLE has agreed to allow the use of their auditorium; suggested dates of January 29 or February 12 to be cleared with LAPD).</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Maria Tirado moved that GTLNC approve the Election Procedures created by the GTLNC Elections Committee and approved/amended by DONE.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that GTLNC approve \$2000 toward printing costs for the Hollywood/Los Angeles Beautification’s fall fundraiser.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Barbara moved that the GTLNC approve the release of \$10K toward to Moorpark median project from previously approved budgets in 2005(\$5K) and 2006 (\$5K). (Peter clarified that \$5 is already in the budget and that this request is for an additional allocation of \$5K).</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 15/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Second motion re: Clean Money Campaign withdrawn until the next GTLNC meeting.</i></p>	

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7.	<p>Treasurer's Report Peter Hartz reported that we spent \$5K of our \$20K budget for Q1 of 2007-08 and urged us to pick up the pace of spending.</p>		
8.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM. She thanked Craig Strong for arranging for the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Frank xxx announced that we won a down-zoning of the properties along Talofa (just Talofa or all properties off the alley?) at the PLUM meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting is October 16th at Toluca Lake Elementary School. Roy Disney will be arranging for the food.</p>		