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MEETING MINUTES

Regular GTLNC Meeting

September 19, 2006 - 7:07 to 9:50 PM

**Campo de Cahuenga
 3919 Lankershim Blvd.
 North Hollywood, California 91604**

Chair: Terry Davis, President

Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Edith Gursel, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Jeff Rector, John Moskal, Michael Weisler, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Terry Davis and Wendy Mogul

Members with Excused Absence: Roy Disney

Members Absent: None

Standing Guests: Richard Bogy (TL Chamber of Commerce), Rob Benevidez (LAPD), Sheryl Appleton (Planning) & Alice Roth (CD4)

Grievance Committee Members Present: Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat, and Tim Hawkins

Stakeholders: 38

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Julie Yanow has resigned since the last meeting. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from July 2006 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Terry announced that Frank Zugelter, long-time president of the Toluca Lake Homeowners Association, passed away last Wednesday. Services are at St. Charles on Saturday at 11:00. No wake is planned. Donations accepted in Frank's memory to the St. Charles Building Fund.</p> <p>Terry asked that Council members contribute to the flowers she purchased for Tom LaBonge's wife and for Frank. She passed an envelop to the Council members. Peter Hartz clarified that Council members may not give gifts per DONE regulations so that this is a voluntary donation on the part of the Council members.</p>	<p><i>Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from July be approved as submitted. Motion carried: 10/0/0.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark as final and send out to all (done).</p>

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2.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Shirley Dunkle spoke in opposition to the Halloween Spooktacular. Theresa Karam spoke in opposition to the Magnolia development, reiterated her support for the one-story recording studio school, and stated that she would be petitioning for a Q condition change on height. Linda Hawkins requested that GTLNC donate \$3000 toward books for Toluca Lake Elementary School. Wallace Holcolm spoke about street food vendors on public right of way areas. Kelly & Cos Altobelli requested a \$500 matching-fund donation toward the Old Lankershim Village planned landmark. Wendy Tucker spoke in opposition to the Halloween Spooktacular. Marla Brawer and Andy Dylan addressed public safety concerns about the Halloween Spooktacular. Ennio Di Berardo stated that street speed laws are not being enforced and requested as stop sign at Forman and Huston.</p>		<p>Public Safety Committee to review outcomes of Halloween Spooktacular and report at the next meeting. Peter Hartz to work with Linda on request for TLE donation toward books. Public Works to address street food vendors and safety issues.</p> <p>Public Works to address possible stop sign at Forman and Huston.</p>
3.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4) – Alice Roth is newly assigned to our area. She is responsible for Toluca Lake and North Hollywood, with a special focus on senior and school issues.</p> <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce - Richard Bogy reminded all of the Holiday Open House on December 1st stating at 5:30 PM. The Chamber is working on a number of serious issues and developing positions on them. They are working on Lankershim Village project. They are opposed to the proposed development at Washington Mutual due to its massive size and loss of commercial space. They are asking LAPD to lead on the medical marijuana issue; they are awaiting the GTLNC position on this issue and have asked for a moratorium on any new businesses for now.</p> <p>LAPD – Rob Benevidez reported that crime was up in August (104 vs. usual of 60/month). Year-to-date crime is down 3% overall. Rob introduced Kevin O'Connor to speak about CAATS.</p> <p>DONE – No representative present.</p>		

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4.	<p>CAATS – Community Efforts Against Auto Thefts Kevin O’Connor spoke about the use of CAATS in Europe and the East Coast. Two cameras are mounted on the police cars and there is a computer in the trunk that receives downloads about 4 times per day of license plate numbers that are stolen. The computer only compares the license plate numbers the cameras record to its database and provides notification when there is a match. There are about 60 cars stolen daily in the San Fernando Valley. The City of LA has 5 CAATS thus far. Gene asked why the city is not funding this purchase; cost is \$20K and this is not in the city budget. Five NCs in our area have contributed between \$5K and \$20K toward the purchase of a CAATS.</p>	<p><i>Michel Weisler moved and Reyn Blight seconded that GTLNC approve a contribution of \$5000 toward the purchase of a License Plate Reader (LPR).</i> <i>Motion carried: 8/5/0.</i></p>	<p>Peter Hartz requested that he get a contact for the budget processing from LAPD.</p>
5.	<p>GTLNC Bylaws Gene Elerding reported that our Bylaws (as distributed in July) have been approved by DONE and asked that we ratify them.</p>	<p><i>Gene moved and Peter Hartz seconded that the Council ratify the GTLNC Bylaws as approved by DONE, with the proviso that there may be a change on the Weddington boundary.</i> <i>Motion carried: 11/0/2.</i></p>	
6.	<p>Committee Reports – 1. Planning & Land Use Committee – See minutes from September 9. Reyn Blight and Sheryl Appleton reported for the committee. Sheryl indicated that they are following closely a wall going up on Woodbridge; no hearing has been set for a variance. An over-height wall on Toluca Lake Avenue was denied by the city and the occupants are planning to appeal.</p>	<p><i>Planned motion #1 re: the MOU between the LA City Planning Committee and NCs was tabled until the next meeting since it needs further review.</i></p> <p><i>Reyn moved and Michael Weisler seconded that we support the motion to limit the height to 30 feet on Magnolia between Biloxi and Clybourn.</i> <i>Motion carried: 13/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Reyn moved and Gene Elerding seconded that GTLNC approve the applicant’s request for a zone variance to convert a vacant mortuary to 15 condominiums.</i> <i>Motion carried: 10/3/0.</i></p>	

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6.	<p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from September 12. The reinstatement of the LAPD Senior Lead Officer has been very helpful to us. CERT classes went well and there are more classes being offered. There are 3 neighborhood watch programs in process.</p> <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from September 7. Jeff Rector reported that the new web site is up. Peter requested that all committees get dates of meetings, agendas and minutes to Karen Goldwasser in a timely manner for posting on the web site. Gene Elerding reported that elections are still on track for November 5th at Ramsey Shilling. The second draft of our procedures was submitted to DONE. He encouraged everyone to do outreach. Terry recommended door-to-door canvassing. Candidate statements are due October 6th. Steven Tagenhorst introduced himself as a candidate for the November election. An email will go out to current board members to verify who is running for office again and who is eligible.</p> <p>4. Administrative Committee – Cathy Naugle asked that those committees who use the CD4 office for meetings please remove their food and trash and dispose of it in the dumpster in back since trash is removed from the office only once weekly.</p>	<p><i>Reyn Blight moved and Michael Weisler seconded that the GTLNC support the Halloween Spooktacular. Wendy Mogul amended the motion to include that neighborhood concerns be addressed. Reyn restated the motion that GTLNC will support the Halloween Spooktacular with the understanding that they will hear and consider the objections and requests of the residents (e.g., noise, behavior, clean-up, security and traffic).</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried: 11/2/0.</i></p>	<p>John Moskal recommended that a status report follow the event. Barbara to put status report on November agenda (done). Terry Davis to draft and send a letter stating our position to Tom LaBonge (done).</p>

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	<p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from August 19. Terry Davis turned over the Chair to Gene Elerding while she reported for the committee. Terry provided a status update on the Moorpark median progress to date; plans have been approved and one bid has been obtained. She also announced the kickoff on September 30 of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s 1 million trees projects and referred all to the flyers on this.</p>	<p><i>Terry moved and John Moskal seconded that Frank Zugelter be awarded posthumously the GTLNC Good Neighbor Award. Motion carried: 12/0/1.</i></p> <p><i>Terry moved and Barbara seconded that an amount not to exceed \$1000 for the purchase and installation of an outdoor bulletin board at North Weddington Park. Motion carried: 10/2/1.</i></p> <p><i>Terry moved and Reyn Blight seconded that GTLNC help sponsor the Weddington park and Rio Vista Halloween festival with \$500 toward, but not limited to, a Moon Bounce, prizes, food and/or flyers. Motion failed: 3/9/0.</i></p> <p><i>Terry moved and Jeff Rector seconded that the GTLNC help sponsor Lankershim Village with \$500 toward the matching funds grant for a monument designating the entrance to Old Lankershim Village. Motion carried: 11/2/0.</i></p>	<p>All members to volunteer to help get the vote out for the November elections. Call Peter for information.</p> <p>John Moskal recommended that the 1 million trees effort be on the October agenda. Barbara to add to the agenda. (done).</p>

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6.	<p>Treasurer's Report Peter Hartz, Terry and Gary Gordon attended the Mayor's LA Budget Day and encouraged all to complete the on-line survey (see web site: http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/budgetday_survey.htm). There are two large issues that will impact the 2007 budget adversely: the labor contracts expire in 2007 and will need to be renegotiated (49K employees) and approximately \$250M revenue from cell phone charges will be phased out.</p> <p>Outreach is needed for the November elections – Peter passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to set up a table and pass out information at Trader Joe's and the Car Wash.</p> <p>November 18th is the Mayor's day of Service in Watts; all are encouraged to participate.</p>		<p>All Council members to complete on-line survey for the Mayor's Budget Day (</p>
7.	<p>Open Forum & Announcements Gene Elerding reminded all that the candidate filing forms are due on October 6th.</p> <p>Reyn Blight reported that the 912 Commission hired a support person. The new 5-year plan for NoHo is out and available on the CRA web site. Larry Frank has been appointed the deputy mayor in charge of Neighborhood Commissioners.</p>		
8.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:50. The next meeting is October 17th at Toluca Lake Elementary.</p>		