

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## MINUTES

**GTLNC Board Meeting**  
**January 19, 2010 - 7:10 to 8:40 PM**

**Toluca Lake Elementary School**  
**4840 Cahuenga Blvd.**  
**Toluca Woods, CA 91601**

- Acting Chair:** Lance King, Acting President  
**Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Cathy Naugle, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Reyn Blight, Rich de Michele, Ryan Altoon  
**Excused Absences:** Bridget Oberlin, Eric Weyenberg, Jerome Williams, Peter Hartz, Terry Davis  
**Members Absent:** Cathy Saliba  
**Standing Guests:** Jay Goldberg, Sheryl Appleton  
**Grievance Committee Members Present:** 2  
**Total Stakeholders and Guests:** 24

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</b>                      Pledge of Allegiance was recited.                      Roll Call was taken.                      Agenda was reviewed.                      Minutes from December 15, 2009 were reviewed and approved as submitted.</p> <p><b>President's Remarks</b>                      Lance welcomed everyone to the meeting. He encouraged everyone to get involved in the community by joining one of our committees. He also said that our elections are in May and that they should consider running for a board position.                      Lance recognized and thanked some of the people who have been longtime supporters of the GTLNC and the community. Tim Hawkins, Janice Eaton, Richard Bogy, Terry Davis as well as the committee chairs - Rich de Michele, Jessica Sterling, Gene Klow, and Jay Goldberg.                      Lance said that Jerome Williams is back at home doing well.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Jessica Sterling moved that the minutes from December 15, 2009 be approved as submitted.                      The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed: 11/0/1</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Justin Denlinger</b> spoke representing residents who are concerned about the new BMW building. They are opposed to the building in general, and are concerned about traffic concerns, street parking, test-driving, extra noise and potential carbon monoxide issues.</p>		

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3.	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements</b></p> <p>4.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Not present            4.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG- Not present            4.3 Los Angeles Police Department – Noho Division – Not present            4.4 Empower (formerly DONE) – Not present            4.5 California State Assembly District 43 – Not present            4.6 Department of Water and Power – Not present</p>		
4.	<p><b>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</b></p>		
	<p><b>Planning Committee</b>  <b>Gene Klow</b> – There was discussion of the potential unmanned T-Mobile cell tower location at 4771 Forman Avenue. Gene said that the Planning committee recently found out that the reason there was no stakeholder response about the cell towers was because they had not been notified. They have now been notified and have raised numerous concerns.</p> <p>Stakeholders expressed their concerns, including the overall impact of the increased building height, potential health hazards, impact on real estate and precedent setting. They said that other cities have mounted objections to cell towers, but Gene pointed out that opposition is not for technical reasons, only for aesthetic ones and the GTLNC support for the towers was based on aesthetic concerns.</p> <p>Gene said that the Planning Committee has created an ad hoc committee with two board members and two community members, who will look at this and work toward getting some legislation put into place to help regulate this in the future.</p> <p><b>Jack Thomas</b> asked if the FCC has a mechanism in place to see if towers are in compliance. A stakeholder said that he works for on of these companies, in microwave transmission and that the FCC is supposed to calibrate yearly, but he has worked there for over 10 years and they have never inspected during that time.</p> <p>Another stakeholder questioned why they weren't notified until we had already been brought it before us. Sheryl Appleton said that we don't have</p>	<p><b>Motion #1: Gene Klow</b> moved that a letter be prepared by the GTLNC requesting that the applicant provide an analysis, before, and 90 days after installation proving that it meets FCC regulations. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed: 9/1/1</b></p> <p><b>Motion #2: Gene Klow</b> moved that a letter be prepared by the GTLNC which states: Subsequent to our letter dated November 1, 2009, T-Mobile (the applicant) sent public notice to residents and property owners within a 500 ft radius of the proposed antenna site. That notice resulted in a sizable response from the surrounding community opposing the installation of the transmission tower. The concerns of the community are varied and passionate. After hearing the community concerns, the GTLNC, at the recommendation of the Planning Committee, hereby recommended that the GTLNC amend their position and oppose the installation of communication antennas. However in the event that the City of Los Angeles decides to move forward and approve the case, the GTLNC continues to request those mitigation measures outlined in our letter of November 1, 2009. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion failed: 4/6/1</b></p> <p><b>Motion #3: Gene Klow</b> moved that a letter be prepared by the GTLNC requesting that the City undertake a residential real estate valuation impact analysis of communities with telecommunications towers. The motion was seconded</p>	<p><b>Gene Klow</b> will draft the following letters, to be signed by the President:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requesting that the applicant provide an analysis, before, and 90 days after installation proving that it meets FCC regulations.</li> <li>2. Amending the GTLNC position to oppose the installation of the cell tower, but also requesting that if it is approved that we continue to request the original mitigations.</li> <li>3. Requesting that the City undertake a residential real estate valuation impact analysis of communities with telecommunications towers.</li> <li>4. Requesting that the property owner ensure that the equipment and screening walls be taken</li> </ol>

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	<p>access to the city mailing list, and that it is the City's or the applicant's responsibility to notify stakeholders. Gene had asked T-mobile about notification when they first came to us and they said they had done it.</p> <p>There was a question as to why T-mobile was not on our posted agendas, and it was explained that they came as a stakeholder and filled out a speaker's card. Record of that is in our minutes.</p> <p>Dexter Conner questioned why we aren't supporting the community if they are coming to ask for our support, Lance agreed with that assessment.</p> <p><b>Gene Klow</b> discussed the Century West BMW/Mini Cooper Dealership Gene explained that this is a "by right" project, because they are doing this within the city guidelines. The only issue not addressed in the city language is the architecture, so we can object to that.</p> <p>Stakeholder that has lived here for years, he was appalled that the building was built in the first place. It was agreed a long time ago that new projects would be true to the same style of architecture, and this should never have been done.</p>	<p><b>Motion Passed: 5/4/3</b>  <b>Motion #4:</b> Gene <b>Klow</b> moved that a letter be prepared by the GTLNC that requests that the property owner ensure that the equipment and screening walls be taken down should the antenna become obsolete, abandoned, or inoperable. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed: 11/0/1</b>  <b>Motion #5:</b> <b>Jack Thomas</b> moved that in light of all the information presented by stakeholders that we reconsider the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. The motion was seconded.  <b>Motion passed: 11/1/0</b>  <b>Revote of Motion #2 – Gene Klow</b> moved, the motion was seconded.  <b>Motion Passed: 7/3/2</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> <b>Gene Klow</b> moved that the GTLNC send letters to City Councilmember T. LaBonge, the City Planning Department, and the City Building and Safety Department informing them that the project as designed is in conflict with the Community Plan and that the Council is concerned that the proposed project will be constructed without due public process.  <b>Motion passed: 12/1/0</b></p>	<p>down should the antenna become obsolete, abandoned or inoperable.</p> <p><b>Gene Klow</b> will draft letters, to be signed by the President, City Councilmember T. LaBonge, the City Planning Department, and the City Building and Safety Department informing them that the project as designed is in conflict with the Community Plan and that the Council is concerned that the proposed project will be constructed without due public process.</p>
	<p><b>Public Safety</b>  <b>Steve Hampar</b> invited everyone to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting, January 26, 2010 at 7:00pm at Honey Baked Ham. Would like to grow the watch program so that more people are in the loop and aware. Toluca Lake has had an increase in robberies, and the community needs to be active in the prevention of crime in our community.  <b>Jay Goldberg</b> said that their committee is recommending that the GTLNC write a letter requesting that Tom LaBonge reintroduce his motion to downgrade Cahuenga. Because it wasn't on the Board agenda, we were</p>		<p><b>Jay Goldberg</b> will speak to Tom LaBonge about this issue.  <b>Betsy Dennis</b> will place it on the agenda for next month.</p>

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	unable to move on this issue. We will put it on the February agenda, and in the meantime Jay will speak to Tom LaBonge regarding this issue.		
	<b>Outreach - (5 minutes)</b> <b>Rich de Michele</b> announced that Eric Weyenberg has stepped down as overseer of elections. We need a volunteer to assume this position, the elections are May 27 <sup>th</sup> . The certificate in recognition of Roy Disney is in process. Rich said they have asked Zapnet to update our logo. <b>Ryan Altoon</b> – They are in the process of a thorough analysis of our website, along with a comparative analysis of other NC's. They are working through the process. <b>John Moskal</b> passed out a chart for people to help with wrapping up after the meeting, so that the same people didn't end up doing it every month.		
	<b>Environmental Affairs</b> <b>Jessica Sterling</b> announced that the January Clean up will be on January 30 <sup>th</sup> , cleaning up Lankershim and Magnolia. She said the LA has a program to help restaurants composte their waste. 76% of restaurant waste is compostable. She encouraged people to come to their committee meeting January 30 <sup>th</sup> Lankershim and magnolia. 76% restaurant waste is compostable – 50 tons of organic waste every year. LA has a program – they are working on organizing restaurants to composte their waste. She also encouraged everyone to attend their meetings the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.		
	<b>Governmental Affairs</b>		
6.	<b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b> Thanks to Rich de Michele, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 16, 2010.</li><li>- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.</li></ul>		