

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
MINUTES for: Monday, October 6, 2008 7:00 PM
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order

Start Time: 7:00pm

Attendance: Craig Strong, Janice Eaton, Jack Thomas, John Adair, Frank Banyai, Steve Hamper,

Absent:

Excused: Sol Ajalat, Jay Goldberg, Wendy Mogul, Betsy Mogul

Guests: Rob Benavidez, Mary Garcia, Christine Farnon

Motion: to Approve September 2008 Minutes.

2. On-Going Business (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

Local Crime

- Crime is down.
- Need to check out u-turn situation on Cahuenga by schools

Neighborhood Watch

- Bloomfield is starting up
- Ponca met at Patty's
- Camarillo, Mariota & Placidia all met

Door-to-door solicitors

Steve will bring in "no soliciting signs next month.

CERT Training

Positive feedback from last two Saturday's.

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

The following items are on track with the City

Cahuenga Street Improvement Project Christine Farnon

We need updates on the first 5. Items 6 and 7 are new.

1. Solid White Lines to identify parking on the west side of Cahuenga from Magnolia to Camarillo. Victor Yang said it hasn't yet been approved and if so, it won't be done till 2010. We were told last Sept. that it was approved; before she left town the other day Glenda said she would call Victor as this should not have to wait till 2010 because it was separate from the Scope (Cahuenga improvements) projects. It's a safety issue and needed.

Needs follow up. Will speak with Alice

2. "No Right Turn on Red" signs on NW Corner of Cahuenga & Camarillo. We were told Yes last Sept. This Jan. Victor said No. Now he has agreed to re-investigate. It's a safety issue and this sign is needed.

Needs follow up. Will speak with Alice

3. Pedestrian lighting on Cahuenga in dark areas. Requested last year; we think you followed through with the Dept. of Public Works? Both the North & South/Cahuenga committees saw the need.

Needs follow up. Will speak with Alice

4. Photo enforcement signals on Cahuenga at the intersections of Huston and of Camarillo. Last Sept. we were told No, subsequently CD4 has asked for one at the intersection of Camarillo. That's good news. When can this happen?

Needs follow up. Will speak with Alice

5. Downgrade segment of Cahuenga from Secondary Highway to Collector Street. Continuing big issue for residents in this area. Planning Dept. was to have started looking into it last Sept. Mary Garcia will talk on this. . .

-No committee assigned to this as of yet.

-No money to expedite. Sent messages out but have gotten no response.

-Need Universal Studios sign for Lankershim off ramp on 134 fwy.

-Need Council support to Tom L. to get moving on these issues.

MOTION: GTLNC to write a letter to Tom La Bonge expressing our desire that he expedite the downgrading of Cahuenga.

6. Ambulance sirens & speed. Mary will describe.

Alice has followed up by e-mail with the VP of McCormick/WestMed Ambulance, located at Cahuenga and Victory on the S.W. Corner. This firm's excessive use of multi sirens at highest pitch/deafening sounds, and at great speed while using Cahuenga Blvd. as a thoroughfare. McCormick's area of client pick-up is in West Hollywood and the West Side.

7. Traffic and speed considerations. Marie Andros will bring up the continuing concerns over parents making U turns in front of the school; and need for "Slow/School Zone" painted on the pavement for vehicles approaching the school from the south.

-Rob to follow up.

Motion: GTLNC to request that the city paint a "SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING" sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga.

Suggestion: Ask DOT if plastic pipes can be installed in the middle of the street to avoid the u-turn situation.

Cahuenga Blvd. Secondary Highway designation and downgrading

Cahuenga and Camarillo: Adding Photo red light cameras

Forman Avenue at alley: red painting the curb (north-east of the alley)

Riverside and Talofa (Trader Joe's corner)

Camarillo and Foreman-Trimming of the plants at the intersection

Camarillo and Clybourn Adding a traffic signal

Valley Spring Lane-(repaving between Forman and end of street (at Lakeside Golf Club)

Universal/ MTA Development Plans See flyer

3. New Business (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

Road Repairs and other Public Works needs

Camarillo and Ledge: (North West corner)

New St. Charles Church facility

4. Event/Meeting Calendar

5. Meeting Close and Wrap-Up

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

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