

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
October 20, 2009 - 7:06 to 10:00PM

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

Chair: Jerome Williams, President
Members Present: Betsy Dennis, Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Peter Hartz, Rich de Michele, Reyn Blight, Ryan Altoon, Terry Davis
Members Absent: Roy Disney
Standing Guests: 6
Grievance Committee Members Present: 2
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 38

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken. Review agenda was reviewed. Minutes from September 15, 2009 were approved as submitted.</p> <p>President's Remarks Jerome said that we all should be helping wherever we can in the 2010 census. Councilmember Tom LaBonge presented the Good Neighbor award to Scott Morris. He commented that the city is going through a difficult time with budget cuts and pointed out that we all need to stay involved. He said that Scott Morris has worked tirelessly and has influenced people, our neighborhood, and local communities. He is an exemplary and influential member of the community and we thank him for all of his work. Jerome presented Certificates of service to Claire Hervey and Maria Tirado. He thanked them both for their service.</p>	<p><i>Motion:</i> Rich de Michele moved that the GTLNC minutes from September 15th be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 16/0/1</p>	
	<p>Assembly Member Mike Feuer outlined his views on various important issues facing California. More information is available on his website http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a42/</p>		
	<p>Jorge Santos Marie Callenders Restaurant Consultant - They are in process of applying for a beer and wine license and have requested a letter of support. The Planning Committee expressed its support of this.</p>	<p><i>Motion:</i> Gene Klow moved that the GTLNC provide a letter of support for the conditional use permit application by the Toluca Lake Marie Calendar's for a beer and wine license. We request that this CUP be granted for a max of 5 years with a</p>	<p>Gene Klow will draft a letter for Jerome's signature.</p>

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		mandatory review after two years. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 16/1/0	
3.	Open Forum for Stakeholders Lisa Mann – Lonnie Chapman Theater brought flyers for their upcoming shows. Glenn Bailey spoke about the City Draft bicycle plan. They are asking NC’s to encourage active involvement and engage stakeholders. Our rep is Larry Hoffman and the link for more information is: www.labikeplan.org Lara L. Larramendi Special Assistant to Senator Alex Padilla introduced herself as the City liaison to Toluca Lake. She said there will be a Holiday open house on Tuesday, December 1 st . On November 10 th from 6-8pm they are holding a briefing from the Air Quaiy Management Division at Richard Bird Middle School.		
4.	City & Neighborhood News and Announcements 4.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) – Alice Roth spoke about the status of the Moorpark Median, we are getting money back from the permit and Peter is researching how to get the money transferred from one city department to another so it can be used to continue the work on the median including possible restriping on Moorpark. Alice went to the Art Institute of California on Wedding and Lankersheim, and said that it’s really nice and is worth visiting. If anyone wants to take a field trip to City Hall, please contact her. She can do it any Tuesday. A stakeholder questioned the removal of the crosswalk at Ledge and Camarillo. Alice said that there was a traffic study done and there wasn’t enough pedestrian traffic to support having a crosswalk. They are going to try to get some signs to remind people of the fast traffic. 4.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG - Terry Davis said that the car show was a success. Terry requested an additional \$500 toward the Holiday open house. One of the sponsors has reduced their contribution and they need more money. GTLNC has already agreed to help with the Santa. 4.3 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – Rob Benevidez – Crime stats are a little up, but not primarily in Toluca Lake. The biggest concern is solicitors. It is not illegal to solicit, but they have found out that the solicitors are perpetrating some of the local burglaries. If you feel threatened, call 911 and don’t get involved in a confrontation. Sol Ajalat said that they have had no problems since they put up the no solicitation signs. 4.4 EmpowerLA (formerly DONE) - Not present 4.5 California State Assembly District 43 – Not present 4.6 Department of Water and Power - Greg Bartz - He said that DWP is offering free		

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	landscape workshops and a DWP budget workshop. The New DWP General Manager is David Freeman.		
5.	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council		
	Planning Committee – See minutes from October 13, 2009 meeting. Background – T-Mobile has offered to provide \$2,000 as a beautification grant to be used for landscape materials in the street median at the intersection of Camarillo and Forman. Forman Villas has offered to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the improved median. .	Motion: Gene Klow moved that the Planning and Environmental Affairs committees recommend that the GTLNC provide a letter of support for the T-mobile wireless cell towers which are to be added to the roof of the Forman Villas as shown in the provided drawings. Motion Passed: 16/2/0	Gene Klow will draft a letter for Jerome’s signature.
	Public Safety – See minutes from October 5, 2009 meeting. Jay Goldberg reported that the signs on the 134 for Universal traffic to exit at Cahuenga may be hard to get removed. It would require a CalTrans study. In addition, te Universal EIR may call for widening of the off ramps as well as Cahuenga. Jay also said that the signal at Trader Joe’s intersection may be put in sooner than expected as there was a pedestrian injury in September. The increase in the speed limit on Riverside Drive to 40mph still has not been confirmed.		
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality - See minutes from October 1, 2009 meeting. Ryan Altoon (Lead) discussed the GTLNC Newsletter. Submissions for the next newsletter due by January 1 st . The new full color newsletter layout that was approved will cost .25 per side or .50 each for 1,000 copies. Total cost will be \$500. The outreach committee approved this unanimously. Ryan Altoon (Lead) discussed the possibility of updating of web design updates. Ryan will check the website for accuracy and he will contact Sarah to get access to make changes. There was discussion about giving access to various board members to make revisions. The logistics of making that work were discussed. Ryan will explore the costs involved with revamping the GTLNC web site.		Ryan Altoon will contact Sarah Chang regarding updating the website.
	Environmental Affairs – See minutes from September 22, 2009 meeting. Jessica Sterling gave an update on the ledge underpass and reported that the clean up for last month was successful.		

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6.	Treasurer's Report		
7.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Thanks to Jeff Rector, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2009.- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.		