

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
October 21, 2008 - 7:02 to 9:20 PM

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

- Chair:** Terry Davis, President
- Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Reyn Blight, Rich DeMichele
- Excused Absences:** Peter Hartz , Lance King, Cathy Naugle, Jeff Rector
- Absent:**
- Standing Guests:** Richard Bogy, Rob Benavidez, Taneda Larios
- Grievance Committee Members Present:** Sol Ajalat, Tim Hawkins
- Total Stakeholders and Guests:** 14

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and extended a welcome to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed and approved. Minutes from the September 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Change under Outreach – should read “volunteer sign up sheet.”</p> <p>President’s Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry reminded everyone to be on time for the Board meetings. All board members should be in their seats and ready to start at 7pm. ▪ Terry thanked everyone for their help with the planning and outreach for the CDO town hall meeting. ▪ Terry and Karen are working on a creating a checklist for action items so that things don’t fall through the cracks. ▪ Terry reported on the process for 2010 elections. The elections will be held in even numbered years between March – June. It hasn’t yet been decided how the regions will be assigned a date for their elections. The City Clerk will work with the Neighborhood Councils on bylaw changes etc. ▪ Terry reported on the Congress of Neighborhoods. It was very informative and she brought back some valuable information. 	<p>Motion: Maria Tirado moved that the GTLNC minutes from September 16th be approved as amended. Motion passed: 12/0/0</p>	<p>The Outreach Committee will</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Terry brought up the idea of a Board Retreat.Terry reminded everyone that December is year-end and we will elect new officers in January. She is not planning to run again for President and she encouraged anyone that might be interested to step up.Terry asked Board members to participate in VANC and DONE to become part of the macrocosm.		review the handout and form an ad hoc committee to study this document to determine the best way to implement their suggestions.
2.	Report from VANC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Forms 52 and 53 were discussed at length. The general consensus of the Board was that we serve in an advisory capacity and therefore should be exempt from this requirement.Jerome reminded all Board members that they need to take the ethics course available online on the DONE website.	Motion: Roy Disney moved that the GTLNC maintain it's position that we are exempt from financial disclosure. Motion passed: 15/0/0	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeff Gardner presented information in favor of designating Griffith Park as a Cultural/Historical landmark. It is the only monument in Los Angeles that meets all 4 criteria for this designation. It was donated to the city in 1896.	Motion: Jessica Sterling moved that the GTLNC support the designation of Griffith Park as a Cultural/Historical landmark. Motion passed: 12/1/2	Terry Davis will send a letter of support to the Cultural Heritage Commission with a cc to Tom LaBonge and Jeff Gardner.
4.	Open Forum for Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none">Christine Farnon presented her concerns with traffic issues at Cahuenga and Camarillo. DOT wants to remove the crosswalk at that intersection. Jack Thomas will get in touch with Brian Gallager to address this issue.Courtney Kanagi from the HERO program reported that they made contact with one of the homeless people in the neighborhood. Terry Davis told them she had heard that St. Charles was opening a homeless center with clothes, food and possibly showers. Courtney will look into the possibility of coordinating their efforts in our neighborhood with St. Charles.		
5.	City & Neighborhood News and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Alice Roth reported that they would present a ceremonial check from the car show at 12:00pm on the 23rd at the NoHo station, 11640 Burbank Blvd. Tom LaBonge spoke with the Burbank Neighborhood Council regarding MTA/Universal project traffic issues. He also met with the Burbank Mayor regarding cross-border relations and proper usage of the Amber Alert signs on Riverside Drive. He is working with the construction people regarding the best way to divert traffic onto Riverside.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Roy Disney thanked everyone for their help with the car show. He also reported that Tom LaBonge strongly opposes the MTA/Universal Project as proposed.▪ Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Rob Benavidez reported that the crime stats are looking good. The numbers are higher in summer because people tend to leave their doors open. Neighborhood watch groups are expanding in the neighborhood and the police department is very supportive of them.▪ Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Taneda Larios reported that there will be a town hall regarding the proposed financial disclosure on October 30th at 6:30pm at Wilbur Elementary on Reseda Blvd.		
6.	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council		
	Planning Committee (15 minutes) See minutes from September 9, 2008 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gene Klow thanked everyone for his or her help with the CDO town hall. There were 85 people in attendance. The CDO has support from the City. He has been asked to form a monthly sub committee of Board members & stakeholders.▪ 10623 W. Riverside Drive (Toluca Lake Florist) – Moving forward.▪ MTA/Universal Project-DEIR (on website at gtlnc.org on the Planning Committee page) TOWN HALL meeting Wednesday, November 12th starting at 6 PM at East Valley High School.▪ 4519 Clybourn AKA Behind Paty’s Project - This project is on hold.		
	Public Safety (10 minutes) See minutes from October 6, 2008 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jack Thomas reported that the Cahuenga downgrade project is stalled.▪ There was discussion regarding the request that the City paint a “SLOW – SCHOOL CROSSING” sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga. Action.		Jack Thomas will prepare a draft letter expressing our desire that the downgrading of Cahuenga be expedited. Terry Davis will finalize. Alice Roth will speak to DOT about the signs.
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality (5 minutes) See minutes from October 2, 2008 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Terry requested help from Outreach to walk the streets and promote the MTA/Universal town hall.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Craig Strong does 2000 mailings per month and volunteered to include an article regarding the town hall meeting.▪ There was discussion of a fundraiser for the Moorpark median.		
	<p>Environmental Affairs (5 minutes) See minutes from September 23, 2008 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jessica Sterling announced a clean up project for Camarillo/Forman median on Sunday November 2, 2008 from 9:00am – noon.		
	<p>Treasurer's Report No report this month.</p>		
7.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Thanks to _____, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2008</p>		