

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
November 18, 2008 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

- Chair:** Jerome Williams, VP (acting in Terry’s absence)
- Members Present:** Cathy Saliba, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Maria Tirado, Reyn Blight, Rich DeMichele, Roy Disney, Cathy Naugle, Jeff Rector, Lance King, Peter Hartz (acting Secretary in Betsy’s absence)
- Excused Absences:** Terry Davis, Betsy Dennis, Claire Collins
- Absent:** Craig Strong, Bridget Oberlin
- Standing Guests:** Richard Bogy, Taneda Larios, Alice Roth
- 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 Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Agenda was reviewed and Approved. Minutes from October 21, 2008 were reviewed. Roy Disney noted that page 3, item 5.2 should read “Tom LaBonge strongly opposes the MTA Universal project as proposed.”</p> <p>President’s Remarks: Jerome explained a conversation with Terry regarding position descriptions for officer positions; announced his candidacy for President, commencing January 1, 2009; and proposed greater accountability of council actions by following a motion-action-follow-up format in the future.</p> <p>1.1 MTA/Universal Town Hall Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional information on the project available at cusg.org (or .com or .net). Everyone was urged to write their comments and submit to the City. <p>1.2 Elections: Jerome advised that GTLNC will elect officers at the January meeting and that all candidates were encouraged.</p>	<p>Motion: Maria Tirado moved that the GTLNC minutes from October 21st be approved as amended. Motion passed: 14-0-2</p> <p>1.1 Motion: _____ moved that Terry Davis write and submit a GTLNC position letter to the City regarding the MTA/Universal DEIR in general terms, with individual stakeholders to submit their comments separately.</p>	<p>1.1 Terry Davis will write and submit the letter to Jon Foreman at the City, prior to November 24, 2008.</p> <p>Karen Goldwasser will post all correspondence from GTLNC on</p>

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	<p>1.3 On-Line Ethics Course: (see DONE below)</p> <p>1.4 Results of BONC's position on Financial Disclosures: Jerome advised that there is an upcoming meeting of City Council at 10AM on Nov 26th for discussion of financial disclosure issues. This led to extended discussion in which Roy Disney highlighted that in the previous meeting GTLNC voted in favor of the position that GTLNC is exempt from financial disclosure. Sol Ajalat stated that the motion was incorrect, unless GTLNC agreed not to present or second a NCF to the City Council.</p>	<p>Motion passed: 14-0-1</p>	<p>our website.</p>
2.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Courtney Kanagi (courtneyk@epath.org) reported on the Hero Program. So far this year 1200 homeless have been served (mostly in their Hollywood jurisdiction); with 100 moved to shelters. One Toluca homeless individual known as "Hollywood" had interaction with Hero and LAPD and is currently in a program in Sun Valley and has re-established contact with family members.</p> <p>Lisa Guerriero (cubakitten@sbcglobal.net) wanted to talk about the union representation at the MTA Universal Town Hall. She is a member of IATSE Local 600 Cinematographers Guild and wanted the community to know that the hostility from union members at the meeting did not represent the views of all union members.</p>	<p>Stakeholders</p>	
3.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <p>3.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) Alice Roth announced that the LAFD Toluca fire station was to host a luncheon at the station on Nov 19th at 1PM to express thanks to the volunteers who worked on the Community Breakfast. Alice also said that Brian Gallagher from DOT Traffic would be at the next Public Safety Meeting, which is scheduled for December 1, 2008.</p> <p>3.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce Richard Bogy reminded everyone that the first Friday in December was Holiday Open House; Thursday night (11/20) was Chamber Awards Show at Lakeside honoring Steve Hampar, Shirley Duenckel and the Altobelli family for their contributions to the community.</p> <p>3.3 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – NOT PRESENT</p> <p>3.4 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taneda Larios gave update that Ethics Training is mandatory for NC members. She 		<p>3.1. Jay Goldberg, Public Safety & Traffic Chair confirm Brian's attendance and put on Agenda. (Done)</p> <p>3.4 Taneda will re-send her</p>

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	<p>encouraged everyone to take the on-line training class. She sent an email with a link and a list of members of GTLNC who need to update their training. Once completed, the certificate is good for two years. John Moskal requested that Taneda resend her email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ She also encouraged members to go on line to express their opinions of City priorities through the Budget Survey; the results of which will be expressed in the upcoming Budget Day. <p>3.4 California State Assembly District 43: NOT PRESENT</p>		email.
4.	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council		
	<p>Planning Committee (15 minutes) 4.1 Report from MTA/Universal Town Hall held on November 12th. (previously discussed)</p> <p>4.2 10326 Woodbridge – Case #ZA-2008-2882-ZA, ENV-2008-2882-CE Gene Klow explained that homeowner was requesting variance due to current setback requirements. Liberty Winter represented the homeowner in the discussion.</p>	<p>4.2 Motion: Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC approve the request to allow the existing recreational building to continue in it’s present use and location, and for the homeowner/consultant to resolve the parking requirements on the property with the Departments of Building & Safety, and City Planning. Motion was seconded. Motion passed: 12-0-4.</p>	<p>4.2 Planning Committee chair Gene Klow will draft a letter on behalf of the GTLNC to the City Public Counter at Planning regarding the outcome of this motion, with the first draft to be sent to Terry Davis for her review and signature.</p>
	<p>Public Safety (10 minutes) 4.3 ACTION ITEM: Regarding “SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING” signs in front of the schools on Cahuenga. Jack Thomas from PS& T asked Alice Roth to pursue this request. Betsy Mogul discussed this in Jay Goldberg’s absence. She said they were working on it but had no results at this time.</p> <p>4.4 ACTION ITEM: Regarding the installation of four-way stop signs on Moorpark and Ponca.</p> <p>4.5 UPDATE: DOT proposes to eliminate Cahuenga/Camarillo crosswalk on west side of Cahuenga.</p>		<p>4.3 Public Safety committee will continue to pursue this.</p> <p>4.4 PS& T will ask Alice Roth to pursue this request.</p>
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality (5 minutes)		

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	<p>4.6 Holiday Open House Friday, December 5th 5PM-9PM Maria Tirado asked for volunteers to staff the GTLNC booth; a sign up form was circulated. 4.7. Outreach is working on the Newsletter update and thanked Rich DeMichele for providing training on video and still camera. Welcome bags awaited Betsy's return.</p>		
	<p>Environmental Affairs (5 minutes) 4.7 Report on the Camarillo/Forman clean up on November 2nd. Jessica Sterling thanked people for attending the clean up of the Camarillo/Ledge median; she explained that current projects are the Ledge underpass where irrigation will be installed; reminded everyone that Earth Day will be in April again and brought to GTLNC attention that change in City cable franchising will result in the elimination of Public Access channels. 4.8 John Moskal asked if paper toilet seat covers could be mandated in city of LA. Jessica said Environmental Affairs was not interested in pursuing.</p>		
	<p>Treasurer's Report 4.9 Peter Hartz reported that DONE finally paid our Demand Warrant to Bureau of Engineering for \$8,293 for the permits and inspections for Moorpark Median.</p>		<p>Peter Hartz paid Miceli's \$150 on 11/19 for the food.</p>
5.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Thanks to Joe Miceli who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – - Next meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 2008 - Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.</p>		

*** Discrepancy in motion vote counts due to members leaving the meeting.