

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting November 21, 2006 - 7:04 to 9:30 PM	Toluca Lake Elementary School 4840 Cahuenga Blvd. Toluca Woods, California 91601
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Chair: Terry Davis, President
Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Edith Gursel (late), Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, John Moskal, Michael Weisler, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Roy Disney (late) and Terry Davis
Members with Excused Absence: Jeff Rector and Wendy Mogul
Members Absent: None
Standing Guests: Taneda Larios (DONE)
Grievance Committee Members Present: Sol Ajalat, Tim Hawkins & Bonnie Holcomb
Stakeholders: 17

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Terry Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from October 17th 2006 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Terry encouraged all to complete the on-line required ethics and open government course (three parts with a required quiz at the end) (http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/budgetday_survey.htm). Terry reminded the Chairs of the committees to attend the December 6th Executive Committee meeting. Terry asked that all council members complete a short year-end evaluation.</p> <p>Terry introduced Carol Reo-Bove, the new principal at Toluca Lake Elementary, and Steve Reidman, lead teacher. Both described the progression in academic achievement that the students have made over the past several years and requested funding to support an after-school program, taught by TLE teachers, to assist students in improving their reading comprehension, writing and math skills and bringing their scores up to desired CST achievement levels. Discussion ensued. Peter clarified that the “budget bubble” this year allowed us to fund this effort out of Outreach monies but that there was no commitment to continuing this funding next year. Carol stated that she was working on funding for future years but needed an answer for 2007 funding due to a filing deadline.</p>	<p><i>Gene Elerding moved that the minutes from October 17th be approved as submitted.</i> <i>Motion passed: 11/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Hartz moved that GTLNC sponsor an after-school program at TLE school for \$6000 to assist in raising student achievement.</i> <i>Motion passed: 9/3/1.</i></p>	<p>Barbara to mark minutes as final and send to Karen for distribution (done).</p> <p>Barbara to send evaluation to Karen for distribution (done).</p> <p>Carol Reo-Bove will meet with John Moskal on the trash situation along Cahuenga.</p>

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2.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Theresa Karam spoke in opposition to the development on Magnolia. She is requesting lighting in the alley, an exit on Clybourn, an entrance on Biloxi and monthly meetings with the developer at the Magnolia apartment development. She expressed a desire to revoke the “good Neighbor” award given to Toyota for their failure to clean up their lot on Magnolia and stated that a petition is circulating among neighborhood residents.</p> <p>Cesar Mendoza addressed parking, traffic and trash problems on Sarah due to Toyota employees parking and dumping trash on the street. Even though the street has restricted parking, it is not being reinforced.</p> <p>Sarah Troy spoke of her concern for the safety of neighborhood children near the Magnolia development, which is expected to convert to condos. She requested a one-way alley to avoid accidents (entrance and exit are both located close to one another in the alley) and better lighting in the alley.</p>		<p>Terry to take Good Neighbor award issue to Environmental Affairs Committee.</p> <p>Cesar was given Rob Benavidez’s phone number and referred to the GTLNC Public Safety Committee.</p>
3.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4) – No representative present; all attending an event at Griffith Park.</p> <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Roy Disney reported that the annual stakeholders’ meeting was held. Two new directors were selected: Reyn Blight and Nancy Nickerson. The major event of the year is the annual Holiday Open House to be held Friday, December 1st. GTLNC will host a table at the event.</p> <p>LAPD – No representative present. Rob not able to attend this evening.</p> <p>DONE – Taneda Larios handed out a “punch list” for DONE training classes. She announced a Conflict of Interest training session on 12/5 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Kaiser Regional Lab in North Hollywood on Sherman Way. She requested an updated list of all members and a tour of the GTLNC area.</p>		<p>Cathy Naugle to have Karen Goldwasser compile a list of all GTLNC members and send it to Taneda in January after the new members are inducted.</p> <p>Terry to arrange a tour for Taneda with Richard Bogy.</p>
4.	<p>GTLNC Election Results and Turnout Gene Elerding reported that we had 120 voters turn out this year, the highest turnout ever. Kudos were given to Gene for his work and success on the elections. Fifteen new Council members were elected; four were present and were introduced: Jerome Williams, Maria Tirado, Gene Klow and Steve Tatgenhorst. Gene thanked John Moskal and Wendy and Betsy Mogul for their help in providing food and for recruiting voters from the nearby Farmers Market on election day.</p>		

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5.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <p>1. Planning & Land Use Committee – See minutes from November 11. Reyn Blight reported for the committee. Reyn stated that the proposed development located where the current TL Florist is located contains one of the last unaltered houses owned by a founding family of the San Fernando Valley. The owners were aware of this but sent their request to LA City Planning anyhow. This property is being considered for historical significance and if it is found to be so, the property cannot be developed for one year while someone can offer to buy or move the house. After one year, if there is no offer, the owners may tear the house down. Discussion ensued on the issue of the philosophy of the Planning Committee (Motion C) and some expressed concern that we would be tying our own hands. It was recommended that we seek professional advice on this and that we have the budget to support that. Reyn explained that this would send a strong message to the LA City Council. A hearing was held on the Woodbridge development yesterday and concerns were expressed about the disregard of the developer for following city zoning ordinances.</p>	<p><i>Motion A - Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC reconsider their support for the Toluca Lake florist project pending a determination of the historical significance of the building/site.</i> <i>Motion passed: 13/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion B - Reyn Blight moved that the GTLNC rescind their support for the Toluca Lake florist project pending a determination of the historical significance of the building/site.</i> <i>Motion passed: 13/0/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion C – Reyn moved that the GTLNC adopt a philosophy/ position that all existing city codes and conditions be enforced and that no requests for variances, zoning changes, tentative tracts or other deviation from existing requirements be granted, absent special circumstances.</i> <i>Motion passed: 10/3/0.</i></p> <p><i>Motion D - Reyn moved that the GTLNC oppose granting of the variances requested on the properties located at 10313 through 10323 Woodbridge and that the applicant be directed to conform with city zoning ordinances.</i> <i>Motion passed: 13/0/0</i></p>	<p>Terry to send letter to City Planning stating our position on the zoning variance request (done).</p>

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5.	<p>Committee Reports – cont.</p> <p>2. Public Safety/Traffic/Public Works Committee – See minutes from November 6. Jay Goldberg reported on the committee’s activities and referred all to the handout on marijuana clinics proposing a moratorium on any new such clinics. Stakeholder Barbara Kramer spoke in favor of the proposal, since she owns property next to the one on Riverside and her tenants complain of the problems. Jay indicated that there were no reported incidents related to the Halloween Spooktacular and that the event would be held elsewhere in the future.</p> <p>3. Outreach/Elections/Hospitality Committee – See minutes from November 2. Peter reported that ads were in the Toluca prior to the elections and that a tri-fold has been prepared for a handout at the Holiday Open House. He stated that Outreach approved \$500 toward a double-decker charter bus for the Holiday Open House with signage for GTLNC from their budget.</p> <p>4. Administrative Committee – Cathy Naugle. No report.</p> <p>5. Environmental Affairs Committee – See minutes from October 24. Terry Davis turned over the Chair to Gene Elerding while she reported for the committee. Terry reported that she attended the North Weddington Park Halloween event and was impressed. She is getting a third bid for the Moorpark Median project and will be meeting with the Hope estate representative to solicit donations toward the median. Six trash cans for Toluca Lake will be delivered 11/30 and plaques are coming with credit to GTLNC.</p>	<p><i>Motion – Jay read the complete motion and Michael Weisler moved that the GTLNC recommend to the LA City Council the following:</i></p> <p><i>1) That an immediate moratorium be imposed by the City Council prohibiting the further permitting or licensing of marijuana clinics pending further action by the City Council.</i></p> <p><i>2) That the City Council, in accordance with the motion of Councilpersons Dennis Zine and Ed Reyes, effect an immediate study of (1) the business operations of existing marijuana dispensaries, (ii) the current and likely abuses in the operation of marijuana dispensaries, (iii) the environmental and other impact on local neighborhoods and communities of such dispensaries, (iv) the ordinances, rules and other regulations necessary to eliminate abuses by such dispensaries, and (v) the requirements of enforcement agencies and personnel to ensure the lawful operation of such dispensaries in accordance with the intent and purpose of the California Compassionate Use Act.</i></p> <p><i>3) That the City Council, as expeditiously as possible, enact such ordinances, rules and regulations as are necessary to the enforcement of the lawful operation of marijuana dispensaries, as well as the elimination of the adverse impact and consequences thereof on local communities and neighborhoods.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed: 13/0/0.</i></p>	

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6.	<p>Treasurer's Report Peter Hartz reported that the 1st Quarter for the current fiscal year is complete and we spent \$13K. Current spending levels are under our budget projections. Tenada commented that funds can be encumbered with a good rationale. She recommended checking the Healthy Cities web site for ideas (www.healthycities.org). See also Profit and Loss statement for July 1 through November 21, 2006.</p>		Peter to submit Q1 budget reconciliation to DONE (done).
7.	<p>Open Forum & Announcements None.</p>		
8.	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Terry Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM. Terry thanked John Moskal and Cathy Naugle for arranging for the food for tonight's meeting. The next meeting is December 19th at Toluca Lake Elementary. Orientation for all new and continuing Council members will be on Saturday, January 20th from approximately 9 to 3PM, location TBD. The annual election of officers and Grievance Committee will occur on January 23rd.</p>		