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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
MINUTES for: Monday, December 1, 2008 7:00 PM
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order

Start Time: 7:04

Attendance: Jay Goldberg, Craig Strong, Jack Thomas, Sol Ajalat, John Adair, Betsy Mogul, Frank Banyai, Steve Hampar, Janice Eaton and Wendy Mogul.

Absent:

Excused:

Guests:

Motion: to Approve November 2008 Minutes. Passed.

1.1 Action Item(s) and Response and/or Resolution in Progress (to track the status of an item through to completion and/or why the City says something cannot be done and remove item from Agenda)

Trash Bin Raiders In alley by Wendy's house

ACTION: Wendy draft a letter to La Bonge and send to Terry to review and email to City contacts and to cc: email to Jay, Wendy and Karen.

Cahuenga Street Improvement

Item #5 Downgrade segment of Cahuenga (see detail below under section 2.2):

ACTION ITEM:

11/3/2008 Terry sent to Tom La Bonge on November 3, 2008.

RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION: Downgrade segment of Cahuenga

12/01/2008 Terry was advised to write a second letter to Ed Reyes, LA Planning Chairman, which she did. And Gene Klow of the GTLNC Planning Committee and Jay Goldberg were asked to write letters as well.

Item # 7 Traffic and speed considerations. (see detail below under section 2.2):

Traffic and speed considerations (see detail below):

Request that the city **paint** a "SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING" sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga and prevent U-turns,.

RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:

12/01/2008

- Brian Gallagher said he is issuing work orders for pavement markings. Should be done within 30 days.
- Brian advised that DOT is having to remove all no-U-turn signs not in business districts. They are not allowed by law in residential areas, and DOT is gradually complying. It will be around 45 days to remove the No U-turn signs.
- Brian said no to plastic pipes but he said he may have some raised (???). He said he first needs to check to make sure such obstructions do not interfere with vehicles accessing the left turn lane on Cahuenga./Camarillo, or the daycare school, etc..

Placidia Street Lighting and General Street Lighting Stan Horowitz, DWP for Utility Lighting (Power Poles/Wooden Poles)

11/02/2009 Item placed on Public Safety & Traffic Agenda

12/01/2008 Stan Horowitz, DWP for Utility Lighting (Power Poles/Wooden Poles) will talk directly to homeowner.

Horowitz described the various types of lights:

- A. Utilitarian (on power poles): this is a DWP issue and they will need petitions. There is an 800 number: 1-800-dialup.
- B. Electrolier lighting with assessment financing. Goes on the "cobra" type pole. Initiated by petition. Followed by Straw vote. then Bureau of Street Lighting designs, reports to Council, and ballots are mailed. Property owners are required to pay if the vote passes. Runs around \$3,500 per light, amortized over 10 years plus interest can average \$450 a year. plus annual assessment costs averaging \$70 per household indefinitely.
- C. Ornamental - like B, but cost is around \$7,500.
 - Jay said the GTLC website asked residents for comments re. street lighting. He said that GTLNC will keep a reminder in the website and in subsequent emails to stakeholder list.

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

Local Crime, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

All stats way down. Only 3 items.

Door-to-door solicitors

Steve has signs. Cost to make \$22 each. Door to door solicitations more prevalent.

Neighborhood Watch, Steve Hampar Set-up with Rob.

CERT Training, John Adair

January 11, 2009 Next class starts.

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

The following items are on track with the City

Cahuenga Street Improvement Project

12/01/2008 Update

In bidding process. August 2009 to start Contract Award.

- 1. Solid White Lines (Striping Plan)** to identify street parking on the west side of Cahuenga from Magnolia to Camarillo in places where the street briefly widens (example 4800 block) and is taken by drivers to be an extra lane.

12/01/2008 Update

- Brian said this was in the "Scope" calendar of those small changes that include the drop off area in front of the school scheduled for design by 2009, executed 2010. Brian was reminded that this item was separate from the Scope matters and was asked why it had to wait. He said they can't do it now because it is "tied to Incremental changes" on Cahuenga.
- PS&T Committee asked what those incremental changes were. Gallagher said he didn't have them now but would **send a copy** of the plans to the GTLNC address, and the office could distribute it to committee members. **(not received by GTLNC Office as of 1/05/2009)**

- 2. "No Right turn on Red"** on the corner of Camarillo and Cahuenga.

12/01/2008 Update

- Gallagher agreed that visibility was too poor to make the turn on a red, and DOT'S solution was a new item that was mentioned at the last GTLNC Board meeting - that of **REMOVING THE CROSSWALK**.
- Item was DOT'S PLAN of Crosswalk Removal on Camarillo, west side of Cahuenga. Very controversial discussions. Brian suggests the crosswalk be removed in interests of traffic because he claimed that pedestrians will hold up Cahuenga's southbound vehicles making right turns. He wanted to require pedestrians on the west side of Cahuenga approaching Camarillo to cross over to the east side of Cahuenga, cross Camarillo, then cross back to Cahuenga.
- Opposing opinions were: That there are too few pedestrians to tie up traffic turning right (Brian assumed that most parents walking their children to school were coming from the south, and was told that almost all of them come from the north so don't get down to Camarillo). Also, most south-bound vehicles on Cahuenga don't turn right on Camarillo because of the long lights at Lankershim/Vineland/Camarillo, so they wait to turn right when they get to Riverside or Moorpark.
- An eventual compromise on both the Crosswalk and No Right on red was to have **ALL RIGHT TURNS (ON RED OR GREEN)** restricted during peak hours - estimated 7AM to 9AM, AND 4pm TO 7pm.

Motion: Prohibit Right Turn on Cahuenga and Camarillo during peak hours as recommended by DOT. 7 yes 1 no. Passed.

- 3. Pedestrian lighting** on Cahuenga in dark areas. Both the North & South/Cahuenga committees saw the need.

12/01/2008 No Update

- 4. (Denied) "Photo Enforcement Signal"** on Cahuenga at the intersection of Camarillo. CD4 to have contacted Dept. of Public works.

12/01/2008 Update

Red Light Photo. Not enough accidents. Not enough money to do now per Brian.

- 5. (See above Section 1.1) Downgrade segment of Cahuenga** from Secondary Highway to Collector Street. Continuing big issue for residents in this area.

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

- 6. Ambulance sirens & speed.** (Done)

Alice has followed up by e-mail with the VP of McCormick/WestMed Ambulance.

7. (See above Section 1.1) **Traffic and speed considerations.** In October Marie A. brought 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.
8. **Cahuenga: left turn arrows:** Gallagher said they will be on Riverside, maybe Moorpark. Not on Camarillo.
9. **Permanent speed displays**
 - Brian plans to install special ??? on Cahuenga at Huston, Biloxi and Whipple.
 - He referred to something like at on Moorpark and Elmer, and offered to email a photo to GTLNC to distribute to Jay's Committee. (GTLNC Office did not get the photo as of 12/29/2008)

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

12/01/2008 Update

- **???? traffic count.**
- Will get red curb on both North and South of alley

Riverside and Talofa (Trader Joe's corner)

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

Trader Joe's Alley at Forman

- The City may red paint more of the curbs for safety when vehicles leave the alley.
- Vehicles don't obey the stop sign where the alley opens to Forman, and rumble strips aren't allowed by law in alleys.

Camarillo and Forman-Environmental Affairs Committee held a Clean-Up on November 2nd.

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

Camarillo and Clybourn Adding a traffic signal

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update

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

11/3/08 No Update Will Street be repaved? If so when? 12/01/08 No Update

MTA/Universal Development Plans

See GTLNC website for updates www.gtlnc.org (Home page and/or Planning Committee page)

2.3 Road Repairs and other Public Works needs

Camarillo and Ledge: (North West corner)

- Difficult to cross in vehicle
- Heidi D.-tree stump removal-sidewalk buckled

11/3/08 To Committee 12/01/08 No Update

Proposed Speed Limits (40 MPH) on Riverside between Clybourn and Van Nuys Boulevard

12/01/2008

- Gallagher reported that the speed zone has been 35 but the limits expired, so they need another study by Valley traffic. One study showed average speed of 45, another of 40.
- He said that generally, the speed zone is determined by how fast the traffic is going, so if the study shows the average speed on Riverside is 45, city will re-set the zone to 45!!! If it's 40 that allows for radar enforcement.
- Re. speed in general, BG said that timing the traffic lights at one speed, or not timing them, does not seem to affect the speed the vehicles travel.

New St. Charles Church facility

11/3/08 No Update

12/01/2008 St. Charles will set up a valet program where kids will be dropped-off on South side of street instead of North side.

Ponca STOP sign on Moorpark and Ponca-S/W corner

11/06/2008 Request four-way stop signs needed-shrub blockage problem. Committee supported request.

ACTION ITEM: Betsy M. asked Alice Roth to pursue the request regarding the installation of four-way stop signs on Moorpark and Ponca.

11/2008 **RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:** City denied.

12/01/2208 Brian will refer to Urban Forestry to take out the parkway shrubs that are blocking visibility. Guest petitioner still not convinced.

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

Talofa South of Riverside Parking Violations No Parking Zone 9AM-9PM. 11 cars every day in violation. When Officer comes to write ticket...cars disappear.

4. Event/Meeting Calendar

CD-4 Holiday Open House

(from Alice Roth) On behalf of Council member Tom LaBonge and the entire Council District 4 staff we invite you to our Annual Holiday Reception which will be held concurrent with the Toluca Lake Merchants Holiday Open House as we ring in the holidays with good cheer, good friends and good food. I am happy to tell you that once again Tom will be serving the world's best chili dogs from World Famous Pink's Hot Dogs. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, December 5, 2008 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM.

5. Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Adjourned

Meeting Dates for 2009: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **January 5, 2009**

Time: 7:00 PM Location: 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Toluca Lake, California 91602