

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## MINUTES

**GTLNC Board Meeting**  
**December 16, 2008 - 7:05 to 8:12 PM**

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

- Chair:** Jerome Williams, VP (acting in Terry’s absence)  
**Members Present:** Betsy Dennis, Cathy Naugle, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jerome Williams, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Maria Tirado, Peter Hartz  
**Excused Absences:** Jeff Rector, Rich DeMichele, Roy Disney, Terry Davis  
**Absent:** Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Saliba, Claire Collins, Reyn Blight  
**Standing Guests:** Jay Goldberg  
**Grievance Committee Members Present:** Sol Ajalat  
 Total Stakeholders and Guests: 6

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1.	<p><b>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</b>                      Pledge of Allegiance was recited.                      Roll call was taken.                      Agenda was reviewed.                      Minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.</p> <p><b>President’s Remarks</b>                      1.1 MTA/Universal Update – See planning committee report.                      1.2 Jerome encouraged anyone interested to run for the executive, as well as committee chair position in January. He read a letter from Terry regarding serving on the Board. Even though a Board member’s term is not up, if you are no longer interested in being a part of the Board you may resign. The President, with a board vote, can appoint to fill vacant Board positions. Elections for the Executive positions and appointments for the Grievance Committee and Committee Chairs will be at the January meeting.                      1.3 Sol Ajalat is still interested in serving on the Grievance Committee. The other members weren’t present.                      1.4 There will be a presentation regarding the Riverwalk project at the January meeting.                      1.5 Jay pointed out that our council meetings weren’t included in the Daily News with the other NC’s.                      1.6 Jerome attended the VANC mixer; he was the only member of the GTLNC to attend. He encouraged everyone to attend these types of events. They are a great opportunity</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Peter Hartz moved that the GTLNC minutes from November 18, 2008 be approved as submitted.  <b>Motion passed: 12-0-0</b></p>	<p>1.5 Peter Hartz will contact the Daily News to request that our meetings be included.</p>

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	to network and make our NC more visible.		
2.	<b>Open Forum for Stakeholders</b> No stakeholders presented.		
3.	<b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements</b> 3.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Not present. 3.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – Not present. 3.3 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Not present. 3.4 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Not present. 3.5 California State Assembly District 43 – Not present.		
4.	<b>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</b>		
	<b>Planning Committee (15 minutes)</b> 4.1 CDO Update – They are putting together a community advisory committee, which is required by the City. A presentation will be presented to Renee Witzer, after approval they will meet once a month and have their recommendations by the end of June. The City will then work on their process to make it law.		4.1 Prepare presentation for presentation to Renee Witzer.
	<b>Public Safety (10 minutes)</b> 4.2 Jay reported on the downgrade of Cahuenga. They are trying to finish it prior to the Universal Project. Gene Klow reported that they are going to red stripe Forman and the alley by Trader Joes. 4.3 It was reported that the speed limit on Riverside Drive is going to change from 35 to 40. Their claim is that until the speed limit reaches 40 they are unable to use radar. 4.4 There was a TV piece on Neighborhood Watch regarding the solicitor problem. Please do not open your door to anyone that you do not know and if is possible to post No Solicitor signs in your building that is helpful also. 4.5 Another round of CERT training will begin January 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Toluca Lake United Methodist church. Everyone who hasn't attended was encouraged to do so. To sign up call Betsy Mogul or John Adair.		4.2 Gene drafted a letter to Ed Reyes, Terry Davis will review and sign.
	<b>Outreach/Elections/Hospitality (10 minutes)</b> 4.6 The Holiday open house was a success. Outreach raffled off a DVD player. 4.7 Peter reported that Outreach is still working on the welcome bags. The target date to begin distributing them is February 1, 2009. If you know someone who has recently moved to the area that might be a candidate, please contact outreach. 4.8 The rummage sale raised approximately \$700, which will be given to Hollywood		

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	beautification to put towards the Moorpark median.		
	<b>Environmental Affairs (5 minutes)</b> 4.9 Jessica reported that the Ledge beautification project is moving forward.		
	<b>Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)</b> 4.10 Peter Hartz reported that the budget is on track. The biggest expense is the Moorpark Median. We will soon be able to accept donations, once everything is set up by DONE.		
5.	<b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b> Thanks to John Moskal, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2009.</li><li>- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.</li></ul>		

Process for Reconsideration: Any person or group adversely affected by the decisions or policies of the GTLNC may file a written grievance with the Council. The Council shall then refer the matter to the Grievance Committee. Persons who wish to claim a grievance may do so by communicating with any member of the Grievance Committee, and the Grievance Committee shall invite the person claiming a grievance to present arguments and evidence, which may include testimony, to the committee. The Grievance Committee shall act to hear a grievance within thirty days of the initial communication and shall prepare a report and recommendation to the GTLNC to present at its next meeting, or at least no later than the following meeting. The Grievance Committee may on its own volition, communicate its findings directly to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) in addition to reporting to the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall include Grievance Committee reports in its agenda and shall hear the reports in a timely manner as describe above. Any aggrieved stakeholder has the right of appeal to DONE any decision by the GTLNC. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Council's failure to comply with these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, or local, State or Federal law.