

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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Minutes

GTLNC Board Meeting
March 16, 2010 - 7:02 to 8:47 PM

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

Acting Chair: Lance King, Vice President
Members Present: Betsy Dennis, Cathy Naugle, Dexter, Conner, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Rich de Michele, Ryan Altoon, Terry Davis
Excused Absences: Cathy Saliba, Jerome Williams
Members Absent: Bridget Oberlin, Eric Weyenberg
Standing Guests: Sheryl Appleton
Grievance Committee Members Present: 3
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 10

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from February 16, 2010 were reviewed and approved as submitted. <i>Motion:</i> That the GTLNC minutes from February 16, 2010 be approved as submitted. President's Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lance King reminded us that elections are fast approaching. He encouraged the current members of the board and stakeholders to run and become active in the community. 	<p>Motion: Dexter Connor moved that the GTLNC minutes from February 26, 2010 be approved as submitted. Motion passed: 12/0/2</p>	
2.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael O'Connell said that the variance for the cell tower at Forman and Camarillo was denied. He thanked the board for their support, and that the board was so responsive to the needs of the community. 		
3.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4 – Not present. • Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG— Terry Davis said that there is a mixer at 5:30 on Thursday at D'Cache. Tim Hawkins said that the Pancake Breakfast is on May 8th and volunteers are needed. They are talking about a 		

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	<p>car show again this year, but the Chamber is very short of funds and we forced to pass a motion to take a percentage of the profits from the Pancake Breakfast so they can beef up their budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division – Not present.• California State Assembly District 43 – Not present.• Department of Water and Power – Not present.		
4.	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheryl Appleton said that the Planning Committee has formed a sub committee to address the cell tower issues. They are going to look at citywide issues and bring pressure on the City take into consideration the opinions of the community when making decisions.• Reyn Blight pointed out the Wachovia Bank branch is changing to a Well Fargo, which means there are two WF branches on Riverside Drive. He thought that it would be a good idea to take the initiative and contact them to let WF know where we stand on the Gay Building in case they are looking to tear it down. This will be discussed at the committee level through Planning.		
5.	<p>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</p>		
	<p>Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gene Klow said that the mini-cooper dealer representatives did not come to the meeting, they weren't prepared to discuss the changes they are looking at yet. Gene will let us know when he heard from them.• The representative for the cell towers at Kling & Cahuenga didn't want to come to the Planning meeting before the public hearing. The Planning Committee asks them to invite the public (under the same notice guidelines the city requires) to the Planning meeting to discuss. They are still waiting for their response.• Gene reported that they have made tremendous progress with the CDO and are receiving a good response. Discussion and questions regarding Toluca Lake CDO.• Jessica Sterling asked about Tom LaBonge's position on the greening of LA. Gene said that they are specifically asking that people living on the alleys in Toluca Lake, leave a 5 ft bumper between their house and the alley.• Peter Hartz asked what the next step in the CDO process is. Gene said that they are going to meet with city City planning department to transfer		

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	<p>responsibility from us to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Planning committee is considering another CDO in the Lankershim corridor. The GTLNC doesn't have the budget for this, but he is going to do some preliminary research to see if the cost would be less because some of the work was already done on the first one. He will also see if it is something that the Board and the community are interested in doing. Lance King told the Board that because of the fluctuating budget situation, we are not going to replace the office person for the time being. We all need to pitch in and help. 		
	<p>Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jay Goldberg reported that the Riverside Drive speed limit report has gone to the City Council, they will hear the report and vote on it. He is pretty sure that the result will be no change from Clybourne to Vineland, but there will be an increase to 40 west of Vineland. The median at Forman & Clybourne is on hold. Jay reminded us that with the budget cuts are affecting all the City departments. We need to take care of our neighborhoods and communities, we have 60+ neighborhood watches, and everyone is encouraged to be active in their own neighborhood. Lance King suggested that the neighborhood watch captains would be good candidates to approach to run for a position on the board. The left turn light at Cahuenga and the light at Trader Joe's may not happen as scheduled due to budget cuts. 		<p>Janice Eaton will ask if any of the watch captains are interested in participating on our board.</p>
	<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach discussed their ideas for the Good Neighbor award. They will bring it to a vote and present at the next meeting. They are looking for volunteers to pass out the newsletters on Riverside Drive. Ryan is working on the website, as well as an updated logo design. 		
	<p>Environmental Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next clean up will be April 24th. Jessica Sterling discussed this year's earth day event. John Moskal told everyone that Disneyland is offering a free pass for 1 days of community service. Terry Davis volunteered to look into the requirement to get GTLNC included in the promotion. 		

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6.	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Hartz said that we are under budget and need to spend the money by the end of the year. Committees need to provide a wish list so we can determine the best way to exhaust the funds.		
8.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up <p>Thanks to Cathy Naugle, Jessica Sterling and Jeff Rector who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2010.- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.		