

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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<p>MEETING MINUTES Regular GTLNC Meeting March 21, 2006 7:00 to 9:20 PM</p>	<p>Toluca Lake Elementary School 4840 Cahuenga Blvd. Toluca Woods, California 91601</p>
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Chair: Terry Davis, President

Members Present: Barbara Carroll, Betsy Mogul, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Diane Skwarek, Gary Gordon, Gene Elerding, Jeff Rector, John Moskal, Julie Yanow, Leilani Barsony, Michael Weisler, Pater Hartz, Reynold Blight, Roy Disney, and Wendy Mogul

Members with Excused Absence: John Moskol, Nancy Oppenheim (tendered resignation), Sandra Cuneo, and Wendy Ramallo

Members Absent: Craig Strong, David Goldsmith, David McGowan, and Jay Rubin

Standing Guests: Richard Bogy (Past President TL CofC), Rob Benevidez (LAPD), Sheryl Appleton (Planning), and Stacy Marble (CD4)

Grievance Committee Members Present: Bonnie Holcomb, Sol Ajalat, and Tim Hawkins

Stakeholders: 33

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Terry Davis, President. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Agenda was reviewed. Minutes from February 21, 2006 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Terry recommended the appointment of Edith Gursel, first alternate at the last elections, to the Council to replace Armen Vartanians. Edith has attended the Council orientation and all meetings this year.</p>	<p>Reyn Blight moved that the minutes from February 21st be approved as submitted. Motion carried: 13/1/1.</p> <p>Barbara Carroll moved that Edith be appointed as a member of the Council to fill Armen's term. Motion carried: 15/0/2.</p>	
2.	<p>Revised Code of Conduct Terry Davis read aloud the revised Code of Conduct to the Council. All Council members received a copy and signed a copy for the record.</p> <p>Proposed Revisions to GTLNC Bylaws Gene Elerding presented proposed changes to the GTLNC Bylaws. This is the first notification, one additional notification will follow next month, and then voting on the changes will occur at the May meeting.</p>	<p>Barbara Carroll moved that the revised Code of Conduct be approved as read and presented. Motion carried: 14/0/0.</p>	<p>All GTLNC members to review proposed Bylaw changes.</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders Six stakeholders addressed issues related to code variances, fences, sewer capacity, a Toluca Terrace alley, an errant sprinkler at Toluca Lake Elementary, and an announcement about the LA Healthcare Community meeting. (See "green cards" for details)</p>		

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4.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements Council District 4 (CD4) – Stacy Marble reported that Tom LaBonge supports the least intrusive approach for the new sewer line. The next community congress on planning and zoning will be on April 6th at the LA Zoo.</p> <p>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce - Roy Disney reported that the Cof C mixers have been reinstated. The web site is being revised and will be more interactive. A pancake breakfast at fire station #86 will occur on May 13th. Cathy Saliba was honored as Woman of the Year for the 43rd Assembly District.</p> <p>LAPD – Rob Benevidez reported that crime has been about average with the exception of an increase in auto break-ins (37 in Feb. and 50 in March).</p>		<p>Stacy Marble to follow-up on the possibility of posting speed signs in the alleys south of Riverside.</p>
5.	<p>Report Back from Ad Hoc Committee for Sewer and Water Projects Gene Elerding summarized the findings from the Ad Hoc Committee. See written report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support a sewer alignment that follows “best engineering” practices. - Support the “hybrid” plan (north route with modifications) - Recommend that there be equal benefit and burden to any solution selected - Seek a compromise that is least detrimental - Do not support arbitrary political boundaries <p>Discussion followed among GTLNC members and stakeholders.</p>	<p>Wendy Ramallo moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee. Motion passed: 17/0/0.</p>	
6.	<p>Committee Reports –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grievance Committee – See separate report. Sol Ajalat reported on two grievances filed recently: one from Theresa Karam for failure to be appointed to a GTLNC Committee and a second from Theresa Karam regarding her treatment at a GTLNC Traffic Committee meeting. The Grievance Committee did not find just cause for a grievance in either case and recommended that the Council deny both. Theresa Karam was given 5 minutes to respond to the findings. 2. Outreach/Hospitality Committee – See separate report. Jeff Rector will write a weekly article in the Toluca for GTLNC. Jay Rubin is unable to complete the web design. The committee reviewed other vendors and recommended that Digital Imagination be the web vendor for a cost of \$6K, work to be completed in 4-6 weeks. Digital Imagination did the Studio City web site, which was favored as a model by many. Annual hosting fee is \$90-\$250/year. Jeff has agreed to be the point person for the web site. 3. Parks and Recreation Committee – See separate report. Terry Davis turned over the Chair to Gene Elerding as she reported for the committee. Terry reported that the committee finalized a good neighbor procedure and criteria. She reminded all about the LA River meeting on March 25 and stated that composting bins and classes are available at Griffith Park. 4. Planning Committee – See separate report. Reyn Blight discussed the recent information and progress on determining the path forward for a design overlay for GTLNC development Fence issue not discussed since stakeholder not present. Progress is being made on a more inviting design for 10601-10628 Riverside; developer to attend next GTLNC meeting. 5. Public Safety Committee – See separate report. Jay Goldberg asked that if anyone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program they contact him through the GTLNC Office. CERT training will be starting June 25th, location to be determined. Requests from Beverlee Nelson and Theresa Karam were referred to this committee. 	<p>Gene Elerding moved that the Council accept the recommendations of the Grievance Committee. Motion carried: 15/1/0.</p> <p>Jeff moved that the Council accept the recommendation of Digital Imagination as the web development group for a cost of \$6K. Motion carried: 16/0/1.</p> <p>Terry moved that the Good Neighbor procedure and criteria be accepted as proposed by the Parks & Rec. Committee. Motion passed: 14/0/2.</p> <p>Reyn moved that the Council send a letter to Tom LaBonge asking for his support for a study on the overlay design. Motion carried: 15/0/1.</p> <p>Reyn moved that the Council support the development at 5242 Auckland. Motion carried: 17/0/0.</p>	<p>Peter Hartz to submit a demand warrant for \$3K in initial payment to DONE for web development (completed 3/28/06).</p> <p>Barbara/draft letter. Letter faxed Tom LaBonge 4/3/06.</p> <p>Barbara/draft letter. Letter sent to Anna Vidal, 4/3/2006 Planning 4/3/06.</p>

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	6. Administrative Committee - See separate report. Cathy Naugle advised all to refer to the list of government relations meetings from Wendy Ramallo and make any suggestions for additions		
7.	Budget Review Peter Hartz recommended that the Council lay out the calendar of events for the year, determine what activities we want to sponsor and base a budget upon those. He expects that we will have \$80-\$90K for fiscal 2006-07, starting July 1, 2006, with the rollover and the new \$50K allocation. There will be a draft budget presented to the Council for approval at the May meeting.		
8.	Treasurer's Report Peter Hartz reported that he is still getting a handle on our budget and getting it loaded into QuickBooks. We have at least \$27,750 remaining for this fiscal year.		All Council members submit ideas for the budget to Peter.
9.	Open Forum Linda Hawkins thanked Outreach for sending out the meeting notification cards this month – 3500 were mailed out.		
10.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up Meeting was closed at 9:20 by Terry Davis. Reminder – next meeting is April 18, 2006. Topics for next month: DOT and alley off Magnolia in Toluca Terrace.		