

# GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## MINUTES

**GTLNC Board Meeting**  
**May 18, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

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

**Acting Chair:** Lance King, Vice President  
**Members Present:** Betsy Dennis Bridget Oberlin, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Dexter Conner, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Reyn Blight, Rich deMichele.  
**Excused Absences:** Cathy Saliba, Jerome Williams, Gene Klow, Peter Hartz, Ryan Altoon, Terry Davis  
**Absent:** Cathy Naugle, Eric Weyenberg

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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 from April 20, 2010 were reviewed and approved as submitted.</p> <p><b>Lance King</b> discussed the elections. There are no write in's allowed on the day of the elections, however we are able to appoint board members at any time. The City is hosting the elections so there is no need for us to staff the event. The elections are on May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9-4 at Ramsey Shilling on Riverside Drive. We have 10 people on the ballot, please show up to vote.</p> <p><b>Lance King</b> discussed the changes in the by laws. One of the motions was shelved until the June meeting.</p>	<p><b>Motion: Ryan Altoon</b> moved that the GTLNC minutes from April 20, 2010 be approved as submitted.  <b>Motion passed: 11/0/2</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Terry Davis</b> moved that the GTLNC by-laws be amended to read that 8 (eight) council members shall constitute a quorum of the Council for the transaction of business.  <b>Motion passed: 10/2/1</b></p>	
2.	<p><b>Terry Davis</b> presented the Good Neighbor Award. She thanked Danica and Hugo for their outstanding service to the community and going above and beyond.</p>	<p><b>Motion: Terry Davis</b> moved that the GTLNC nominate Danica Carrol &amp; Hugo Sanchez from North Weddington Park for the Good Neighbor Award.  <b>Motion passed: 13/0/0</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Open Forum for Stakeholders</b></p>		

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	<p><b>Ramnik Mungra</b> spoke about the Cahuenga Blvd Improvement Project. During the construction phase there will always be a minimum of 1 lane open for north south traffic. Lance King told him that the proposed plan needs to include lengthening the left turn lane on Camarillo to Cahuenga to accommodate 10 cars. There will be no bike lanes.</p>		
4.	<p><b>City &amp; Neighborhood News and Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4).</b> <b>Alice Roth</b> reported that there is a new skate park in North Hollywood Park. It has solar lights so you can walk at night. The Hollywood Way on ramp improvement project will be complete in middle to late June.</p> <p><b>Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG.</b> <b>Tim Hawkins</b> reported that the pancake breakfast was a success and that they served 1000 plates.</p> <p><b>Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division.</b> <b>Rob Benavidez</b> reported that crime was up the last two months specifically in the area of Moorpark to Riverside Drive. He reminded us that with the summer months approaching, please do you not leave windows and doors open or unlocked when you leave the house, even for a short time. There has been a problem with squatters in vacant houses, if you see anything suspicious, please report it. He reported that Tim Saito met w/the labor department regarding the solicitor situation. They are trying to control it by enforcing labor violations. If you see any solicitors being dropped off in your area, please take a picture of the vehicle and plates, if you can do so safely, and forward it to the police. He said that the budget cuts aren't effecting hiring, they are filling through attrition.</p> <p><b>California State Assembly District 43. Not present.</b></p> <p><b>Department of Water and Power. Not present.</b></p>		
5.	<b>New Business</b>		
6.	<b>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</b>		
	<p><b>Planning Committee.</b> <b>Gene Klow</b> reported that the CDO is a great success. The City is willing to consider all of the ideas that were put forward and are willing to change zoning laws as a result. They asked us to carry it one step further and do a similar report on the streetscape. They are not going any</p>		

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	<p>further with the Lankershim CDO for the time being, as the City has told them it would interfere with the other CDO which they are working on implementing. <b>Gene</b> said that there is nothing to be done about the new Wells Fargo sign. Since it is the same size as the prior sign, they didn't have to get permits to change the look of it.</p> <p>The BMW application has been withdrawn. The City Council office has asked them to realign their design, but we don't know their plans other than they have withdrawn the application and are rethinking the design.</p>		
	<p><b>Public Safety.</b> The traffic light at Riverside &amp; Talofa are up, but the can't execute the part of the contract that will make them operational until July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>		
	<p><b>Outreach.</b> <b>Ryan Altoon</b> reported that the new newsletter is done. He encouraged everyone to take some and pass them out to their neighbors and local businesses. They are in the office.</p> <p><b>Ryan</b> also reported that the website is progressing nicely. It should be rolled out in the next two months.</p> <p>Outreach had GTLNC magnets made to pass out at elections and events. We are also going to pass out the shopping bags at the elections.</p>		
	<p><b>Environmental Affairs.</b> <b>Jessica Sterling</b> reported that Earth Day was successful. The bike ride was organized by a new committee member Daphne, and it was a huge success. EA hopes to do it more frequently.</p>		
7.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p><b>Peter Hartz</b> said tha the new budget is anticipated to be \$22,500. We will need to vote on that at the June meeting. All demands and grants have been turned in, however the DONE is backlogged in their processing and anticipate completion by the end of June.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</b></p> <p>Thanks to Bridget Oberlin, who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2010.</li><li>- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.</li></ul>		