

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
June 16, 2009 - 7:10 to 9:07 PM

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

Chair: Jerome Williams, President
Members Present: Bridget Oberlin, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Rich de Michele, Terry Davis
Excused Absences: Betsy Dennis, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Gene Klow, Jeff, Rector, Maria Tirado
Members Absent: Cathy Naugle and Roy Disney
Standing Guests: Jay Goldberg, Sheryl Appleton, Taneda Larios
Grievance Committee Members Present: 1
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 15

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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 May 19, 2009 were reviewed. Under President’s Remarks a change was made to read: about 500-600 people attended. Minutes were approved as amended.</p> <p>President’s Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerome personally thanked all Board members for their hard work. • The DONE website has a list of all board members who have not taken the online ethics course, Jerome asked that anyone who hasn’t completed it do so by next meeting. • All committee chairs are asked to attend the next Executive Committee meeting on July 7, 2009. Discussion will include communication gaps and how to best utilize Sarah’s services as office administrator. All were encouraged to attend their respective committee meetings as well. • Terry inquired about the 4 open board member positions. Jerome said that there are a few candidates that are participating at the committee level and he will talk to them about becoming board members. • Jerome urged all Board members to please read and respond, if appropriate, to all emails from Board members as well as Sarah Chang. • GTLNC is planning a board “Meet and Greet,” time and date TBD. Please 	<p>Motion: Terry Davis moved that the GTLNC minutes from May19th be approved as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 9/0/1</p>	

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	<p>plan to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board photo has been postponed until the July meeting, to be held at a location TBD. 		
2.	<p>CDO Update - John Kaliski.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CDO covers Riverside Drive between Clybourn and Sancola. The City’s planning department will follow the ideas presented by the CDO and evolve the current nature of the Toluca Lake Village in an organic way. South of the alley, they are proposing no changes, on the ground floor are neighborhood oriented retails stores, and above the stores can be either commercial or residential spaces. There is a 33-foot height and 40-foot depth limit on the buildings. In terms of design, the buildings have to keep the architectural character of the older buildings at least once every 25 feet. The committee feels comfortable with the direction that the CDO is going and are trying to wrap this up into a more user-friendly document. Peter Hartz asked what the process is to get the City Planning Department to implement the CDO? John said that Planning would take our guidelines and translate them into the legal language that creates a zoning ordinance. Terry Davis asked how this affects the parking parcels. John said that the CDO would not propose changes in use. John Moskal asked if there would be exceptions to these guidelines. John K. said that LAUSD is the only exception. Sheryl Appleton said that parking would not be forfeited. Tim Hawkins asked if there are any specific design guidelines. John said there is no one dominant architectural style currently on Riverside Drive but the language discourages certain types of building, i.e., all glass buildings. 		
3.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders – No stakeholders present.</p>		
4.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4) - Alice Roth had a family emergency so was unable to attend, but wanted to report on several items. The rep from Caltrans should let us know the status of the Universal sign on the 134 freeway by the end of this week. June 17th at 11:00am is the dedication for the Blue Star Monument with Councilmember LaBonge and the Toluca Lake Garden Club, at the “Village Square” corner of Forman & Riverside. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 8th at 6pm is a bike ride with Councilmember LaBonge through Toluca Lake and North Hollywood. Meet at the CD4 parking lot at 10116 Riverside Drive. • July 9th at 11:45am is the OLV monument unveiling at Lankershim and Cahuenga. • July 25th is the Toluca lake Chamber Gala at Lakeside. • Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG – Not present. • Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division - Not present. • Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Taneda Larios • Taneda reported that her office is moving downtown. • DONE is collecting emergency preparedness information from all neighborhood councils so they can come up with a uniform emergency protocol. She requested that we complete our inventory. • She requested that we send her a final copy of the bylaws. • You can listen to city meetings at 213.621.CITY. • Volunteer appreciation day is coming up. If the GTLNC is interested in getting a booth, please contact Barri.worth@lacity.org. • California State Assembly District 43– Not present • Department of Water and Power – Not present 		<p>Sarah will work on an accurate inventory of GTLNC assets.</p> <p>Sarah will get a copy of the final bylaws from Gene Elerding.</p> <p>Outreach will decide whether we should have a booth at the Volunteer appreciation day event.</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Peter Hartz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter reported that the yearly budget is \$45,000. DONE will audit the rollover amount, but Peter created a budget on the \$45,000 budget as a baseline budget and will expand upon the current amount when DONE gives us the rollover amount. 	<p>Motion: Jack Thomas moved that the GTLNC approve the baseline budget. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed: 13/0/0</p>	
6.	<p>GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</p>		
	<p>Planning Committee - Reyn Blight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superior Auto Clinic Shop is asking to expand their square footage and build a second story. They will come to the next committee meeting with more details. 		
	<p>Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is looking into the paparazzi issue (with reference to Miley Cyrus’ residence) on Woodbridge and speeding on Riverside Drive. They will focus on getting permit parking for residents. There will be a new traffic signal at Talofa and Riverside but no all way pedestrian crossing. San 		

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	Fernando Coalition of Gangs has a form on their website to remove individual names from a gang injunction.		
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletter articles should be submitted to Sarah Chang no later than June 21.• The Good Neighbor award presentation was postponed to next month.• Toluca Lake stakeholder Laura Ling is in a North Korean prison. She's the journalist who was interviewing women escaping from North Korea to China and was imprisoned and sentenced to 12 years of hard labor. Jerome says the GTLNC will be involved in spreading the word. Rich de Michele recommended that Terry Davis write a letter and also that we generate public awareness with a banner. No vote is needed for a recommendation.		
	Environmental Affairs – Jessica Sterling <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica reported that the Garden Club and Tom LaBonge's office helped coordinate planting on the Moorpark Median.• At the last cleanup at Toluca Lake Elementary 150 volunteers showed up. Next cleanup is Sunday June 28th.		
7.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up <p>Thanks to Roy Disney who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next meeting is Tuesday July 21, 2009.- Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers.		