

GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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MINUTES

GTLNC Board Meeting
September 15, 2009 - 7:12 to 9:25 PM

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

Chair: Jerome Williams, President
Members Present: Betsy Dennis, Cathy Naugle, Cathy Saliba, Craig Strong, Dexter Connor, Eric Weyenberg, Gene Klow, Jack Thomas, Janice Eaton, Jeff Rector, Jessica Sterling, John Moskal, Lance King, Peter Hartz, Reyn Blight, Terry Davis
Excused Absences: Bridget Oberlin, Maria Tirado, Rich de Michele
Members Absent: Roy Disney
Standing Guests: 4
Grievance Committee Members Present: 1
Total Stakeholders and Guests: 9

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1.	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance was recited • Roll Call was taken • Agenda was reviewed. • Minutes from July 21, 2009 were reviewed and approved as submitted. <p>President's Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerome attended the EMPOWER LA (DONE) election meeting. The City Clerk is taking over the elections and ours is scheduled for May 27th. Jerome reminded us that there are no longer any terms limits and all Board spots are up for election in May. • Jerome appointed Ryan Altoon to the GTLNC Board. The entire board welcomed Ryan. • Jerome reminded the board that October 10th is the Neighborhood Congress, same day as the Mayor's budget day. Please let him know if you can attend. • Jerome met with Lara Mendi to discuss the 2010 census. Based on the numbers in our community we could get additional monies. Jerome encouraged all board members to participate. Dexter is the lead on this. Lara may contact board members to board members to get a feel for who we are. • GTLNC is officially on Facebook. Jerome monitors what is on the page, 	<p>Motion: Lance King moved that the GTLNC minutes from July 21st be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion passed: 11/0/6</p> <p>Motion: Peter Hartz moved that Ryan Altoon be appointed to the GTLNC Board. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed: 16/0/0</p>	

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	<p>and will request permission before using photos. Board members were encouraged to ad the GTLNC as their friend, this is just another tool to reach out to stakeholders and drive them our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerome thanked Peter and his wife for hosting the board meet and greet at their home. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.• Jerome announced that Maria Tirado has resigned for personal reasons. He thanked her for all her hard work.		
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Morris award was not presented and will be rescheduled.		
3.	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Julien, a representative from T-mobile spoke regarding the installation of a cell tower at the apartments at the corner of Forman and Camarillo. It will be on the rooftop with matching faux bricks and a facade, the added height to the building is 10 feet. GTLNC had requested that the owner of the building maintain the median on Camarillo in exchange for our support of the project. They have offered a \$2000 stipend for the median, but have not agreed to maintain it on an ongoing basis. Lance King asked if we could get the owner’s information so that we can speak to him ourselves about maintaining the median, and Amy agreed to do that. There was a discussion of whether or not putting up these towers are “by right” and Dexter and Richard Bogy confirmed that it is not unless they are on a public pole.• Christine Farnon – Reported that the lighting assessment on Cahuenga ballot failed.• Karin Grigsby – a teacher at Toluca Lake Elementary thanked the council for all the help with their reading intervention and the library. The schools API scores are up, and she believes that the intervention program helped with that. She is writing a community beautification grant to put a mural on the front of the auditorium. It will be multi national and it will beautify the neighborhood and welcome them to the school. To celebrate its completion students are going to write a play and there will be a plaque thanking those who helped. Karin requested \$300 from us toward the grant. It is a matching fund grant. Two artists have volunteered to do the		

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	work for free. The materials and graffiti coating will cost about \$1200, the PTA will give \$200.00 the total grant request is \$5,800, the request is due October 20 th . And they will hear back in January. Peter reminded them that they have \$2000 in the current budget set aside for the school so they can use some of those funds for this.		
4.	<p>City & Neighborhood News and Announcements</p> <p>4.1 Los Angeles City Council District 4 (CD4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alice Roth reported that crime is down in the City. Clybourne is scheduled to be resurfaced. They are working on the car show and holiday open house. The City is in dire straights, with a half billion-dollar deficit. They are proposing lay offs, EmpowerLA is experiencing a reduction of another 11 positions.• There was discussion about cleaning up the on/off ramps to the freeways. Because CalTrans is unable to keep up with it due to budget cuts, Peter suggested that we do it ourselves and asked if we could get a contact number at Cal Trans. Alice informed us that for liability purposes CalTrans will not give permission for civilians to work on the ramps. <p>4.2 Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce/CUSG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Bogy reminded us that the car show is on October 4. Volunteers and vendors are still needed for this event, to volunteer please contact Terry Davis. Jerome asked about putting our logo on the t-shirts, Richard said that because of the amount we donated, it probably won't happen.• There is a chamber sponsored mixer on Thursday, 17th at 6pm at Generales and Generales.• Holiday open house is Friday December 4th. GTLNC going to help with have a Santa at the event. The Chamber has the Santa, but we will need to arrange for sets, decoration, etc.• 4.3 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – NoHo Division Rob Benavidez said that there are going to be budget cuts at LAPD. Actual officers are not affected yet, but civilian employees are already being affected.• Crime is at the lowest rate since Chief Bratton has been in office, and crime maps are posted on our website. The focus of LAPD resources is primarily dedicated in the north Hollywood park area, because crime is higher there.• Sex offender website – will show registered sex offenders in your area. We will research adding a link to this on our		

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	<p>website.</p> <p>4.4 EmpowerLA (formerly DONE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taneda Larios reported that rollover funds have not disappeared, but the department is under audit so they are on hold. They are asking NC's to do a \$45k budget just in case.• Auditors have selected some neighborhood councils to do onsite spot audits, GTLNC was selected and Peter Hartz already met with him. He went over our assets and was able to pull them all and identify them so we passed.• Taneda reminded us that we need two budget day reps by September 30th. She will be splitting her time between NC support liaison and the funding unit. EmpowerLA is being severely impacted by the budget cuts. She will not attend the meeting next month, but she is always available, email is the best way to communicate with her.• Our election date has not been confirmed. But May 27th is on the city website. <p>4.5 California State Assembly District 43 - Not present</p> <p>4.6 Department of Water and Power – Not Present</p>		<p>Sarah Chang will put a link to this on our website.</p>
5.	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions and Votes by the Council		
	Planning Committee		
	Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Eaton reported that they requested removal of the signs directing people to the Cahuenga exit for Universal. The city indicated that they must do a traffic study before this can be approved.		
	Outreach/Elections/Hospitality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Rector reported that Ryan Altoon, the new board member is now working on the newsletter. October 1st is the deadline for articles. It will be in full color, and Ryan is getting a deal on the printing. We have a credit remaining with the old printer, so if anyone needs things printed we should use that credit.• Jeff asked that a photo of Ryan be added to the website and also to add him to the roster, and to remove Maria and Claire.• Presentation of the good neighbor award was postponed to the next		<p>Sarah Chang will upload Ryan's photo to the website.</p> <p>Betsy Dennis will update the roster</p>

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	Environmental Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Sterling reported that they had no August meeting. The work that was done at the Ledge underpass is great. The next clean up is scheduled on Riverside Drive for Sept 27th from 8-12 pm. It's the weekend before the car show so it would be nice to get the neighborhood in shape so we make a good community impression. It was suggested that we leave a flyer telling the vendor to please care for their newly planted flowers. If it isn't done John Moskal volunteered to visit the vendors and remind them. 		
	Governmental Affairs		
6.	Treasurer's Report		
7.	Meeting Close and Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Jessica Sterling, who provided the food for tonight's meeting. • The location of the next meeting was discussed. The auditorium may not be available until January, so we have to have a back up location. Jeff Rector will contact Rio Vista and see if we can use the payments we have already made to Toluca Lake School to apply to using their school. Otherwise we will continue to meet in a classroom until the auditorium is ready. Please watch the website and email to receive the location of the next meeting. Reminders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2009. - Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers. 		