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**GTLNC Board Meeting
 October 19, 2010 - 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

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

Chair: Lance King, President

GTLNC Board	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Altoon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lance King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Moskal
Members Present:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dylan Conroy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gene Klow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Craig Strong
(12 Member Board)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Heidi Dublin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cornelio Gutierrez-Lozano	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roger Tanna
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janice Eaton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rich de Michele	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Westall

Excused Absences: 3 Dylan Conroy, Heidi Dublin
Unexcused Absences: 1 Roger Tanna

Standing Guests:	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alice Roth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Bogy
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay Goldberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Hartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Hampar
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Sterling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Officer Benevidez	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greg Bartz

Grievance Committee Members Present:	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sol Ajalat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay Goldberg
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Total Stakeholders and Guests: 12

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1	<p>Meeting Opening and Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken.</p> <p>President's Remarks (Lance King) Agenda was reviewed. September 21, 2010 Minutes were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion: That the GTLNC minutes from <u>September 21, 2010</u> be approved as submitted. <p>Lance: Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda Hawkins who is in the hospital. We wish her will and a speedy recovery.</p> <p><u>President's Message 10/19/2010</u></p> <p>Welcome to our October 19th meeting of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council and we start with a reminder that we meet for our last meeting of the year next month on November 16th, right here at the Toluca Lake Elementary School. You can stay informed on important dates, committee meeting times and messages by going to our web address www.gtlnc.org.</p> <p>Change is the key word of tonight's message and sitting on the sidelines is no longer an option. With city services shrinking daily, the gap must be filled by citizen involvement. Changes are, and will happen to our community. So the question is: should we determine our future, or let others do it for us?</p> <p>Think back over the last 20 years. How has our city fared, how has Toluca Lake fared under the leadership that we hired? I moved to California in 1968. At that time, CA had one of the best school systems in the country. I went to public schools. Today CA schools are ranked 49th and going nowhere fast.</p> <p>The roads were smooth, the hi-ways were landscaped and you could ride your bike in town. What changed?</p> <p>I think for many of us, letting our hired and elected officials make those decisions for us was easiest and we stopped being involved. The unintended consequences of letting others decide for us, is now we have third world roads, traffic that uses our neighborhood streets as commuter lanes, schools that don't compete and the highest city and state taxes in the country. In 2 weeks, when you vote, take these thoughts with you. <i>Common sense tells us that the same people who got us in this mess are not the same people that can help us get back to the California we love. Restore common sense to California and vote carefully.</i> Some of those seeking office have held our trust for over 20 years, and</p>	<p>Motion: Ryan Altoon moved that the GTLNC minutes from September 21, 2010 be approved as submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Motion passed: 8/0/1</i>	

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	<p>again, under their leadership how has California fared? Our country's greatness was founded upon a citizen government, people that had real jobs and provided for their families. With that in mind I urge you and your friends to get involved and be more involved in making this city and state great again.</p> <p>An excellent example of citizen involvement and one person's passion to make a difference was celebrated yesterday as the city presented an official dedication of the Moorpark Median. A lot of people and their energy should be recognized. Certainly, the GTLNC played a major role in completing this tangible result of what we do, but one person's passion and leadership is responsible for seeing this through to the finish and that person is Terry Davis. Do you have an idea or passion that you think will make a difference in Toluca Lake? If so, don't wait for others to make it happen. Use Terry's example of excellence and get involved with one of our committee's.</p> <p>Our goal going forward is to prove everyday that the GTLNC is important to the changes, the growth and feel of Toluca Lake. The best way to do that is be able to point to our tangible results like the Median, or the Ledge Underpass or the Neighborhood Watch Program or the Community Design Overlay CDO. The completion of our goals will be fueled by passion, but the mechanics of getting them done requires manpower. Everyone here tonight knows someone who thinks Toluca Lake can be better and should be better. If we want to make Toluca Lake one of LA's Best Neighborhoods to Live In, then invite that person to get involved and join the GTLNC as a committee member or as a voting board member. May God bless you and your family.</p>		
2	<p>Good Neighbor Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Neighbor Award – Tim & Linda Hawkins <u>(Postponed to November Board Meeting)</u> • CD4 Updates & Events 		
3	<p>Open Forum for Stakeholders</p> <p>YMCA Youth in Government: Lindsay Shwartz, Lexy Folxs, Leon Blight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>East Valley YMCA</u> – Request for sponsorship for the “Model State Legislature” in Sacramento • Lindsay – Program introduction to writing legislation, voting, lobbying, court proceedings, etc. • Lexi – She was the 1st YMCA statewide officer (Chief Paige) from the East Valley YMCA. Over 150 kids participated. They appreciated the contribution from the GTLNC last year – sponsorship of two delegates. • Leon – Delegation has grown fro 29 last year to over 50 (may be as many as 70) this year. YMCA offered to volunteer to work with the GTLNC to assist in distribution of fliers. • Peter Hartz, TL HOA – asked for a partnership to coordinate joint-events for cleaning up parts of Toluca Lake 		<p>Outreach Committee to reach out to the YMCA YG team and request participation in GTLNC events, and volunteer work in the community.</p>

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5	New Business		
6	<p>GTLNC Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich de Michele reminded the Board that very little had been spent to date from the budget allocations. A budget breakdown was provided and discussed at the meeting. • Mary Weaver – Asked if we can agendize budget allocations for each committee. Rich stated that each committee has the ability to re-allocate within their budgets, with the Board finalizing the decision. 		
7	GTLNC COMMITTEE REPORTS – <i>Possible Motions and Votes by the Council</i>		
	<p>Planning Committee: Gene Klow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Beer/Wine Licenses</u> and a draft letter to Cm. LaBonge requesting that any future license requests have NC approval prior to Cm. approval 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Noise Action – Large community movement against reports of excessive noise in the neighborhood. Universal is attempting to mitigate the issue • CDO Riverside Drive: The City of LA is incorporating all the work prepared by the GTLNC. They will provide streetscape design assistance and host two (2) community workshops in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 8 at Honey Baked Ham – 6pm-8pm • November 13 at Marvin Braude Center, Van Nuys – 10am-12pm • Fliers have been sent to all Riverside shops and mailed within a 500' radius by the City • Q: Tim Hawkins – With all the City cutbacks, how will this affect us? Gene – Planning is limited, however this project is moving forward with the assistance and support of City Planning and Cm. LaBonge 		
	<p>Public Safety: Janice Eaton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime in September has increased (vehicle and burglary/theft) • Prostitution along Strohm from the Subway (report in to LAPD) • Vacant homes and rental scams – be aware • Trader Joe's traffic light – scheduled to be complete by January • CERT course was completed and graduated 20 residents 		Stay active with Cm. Tom LaBonge's office to report issues.
	<p>Outreach: Ryan Altoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Website</u> to be launched in November! The content (text and images) for the site are currently being developed. The site will be ready to register residents, stakeholders, and the greater community at the Holiday Open House. 		
	<p>Environmental Affairs: Jessica Sterling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fall Harvest Bike Ride:</u> Meet at the parking lot of CD4 office at 10am, ride five miles, end at Rio Vista Elementary "hidden garden". Treats for all and kids are welcome to attend 		
	<p>Governmental Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 		
8	<p>Meeting Close and Wrap-Up</p> <p>Thanks to Lance King who provided the food for tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Reminders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is Tuesday November 16, 2010. - Suggestions for agenda topics and/or guest speakers. 		