
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

@ 7:30PM

10154 Riverside Drive
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. **Call to Order:** Start Time 7:34 PM
2. **Attendance** – Please mark X=present EX=excused AB=unexcused absence

√ Hannah Globus, *Co-Chair*
√ Katherine Hatton, *Co-Chair*

√ Kelly Cole
√ Aidan Welch
EX Geoff Tock
√ Jim Fitzpatrick

Additional attendees: Amanda Reed (TL Garden Club), Rebecca Whittington, Robert Schibelli, Juliann Miles

3. Current Projects

a. EAC Mission Statement

MOTION A: Approve updating the Environmental Affairs Committee mission statement to read:

- i. To promote, advocate for, and educate about sustainability in our community in order to combat climate change;
- ii. To actively work to improve the Toluca Lake environment; and
 1. ~~To partner with other community groups in reaching out to and encouraging the participation of stakeholders.~~ To encourage the inclusion of other community groups and stakeholders in achieving our goals.

FIRST: Hannah Globus SECOND: Jim Fitzpatrick VOTE: 5 / 0 / 0

b. Scooter issues and solutions

- i. Jim Fitzpatrick: suggested street oriented parking along the curb. Said if we start as a pilot program, we may not have to go through any code changes. Not riding on the sidewalks but parking them there is nonsensical.
- ii. Katherine Hatton mentioned a pilot program in DTLA on the sidewalk with painted areas. She also said scooters fall over frequently, and might fall into traffic if parked curbside with nothing to prevent them from falling into lanes.
- iii. LAPD is ticketing for scooter riding on the sidewalk more often.
- iv. Juliann Miles: Maybe this should be part of an ad hoc committee.
- v. Group agreed to split the topic into two parts: dockless parking, and where to ride, which will be included in our ongoing discussions of transit/multimodal issues.
- vi. Hannah Globus will follow up with the council office on next steps, and keep planning and land use informed.

c. Garden Club partnership

- i. There are upcoming cleans ups and plantings. We've decided to join forces for one of these and incorporate it into Clean Streets.
 - ii. Juliann: We can use the clean ups to build up to the Clean Streets event.
 - iii. Rebecca Whittington volunteered to help with the application and finding a date.
 - iv. Questions for Garden Club:
 1. Kelly Cole: Can we align the boundaries and membership requirements of the Garden Club with the GTLNC?
 2. Aidan Welch: Asked about being allowed to become a member, even though she doesn't own a home.
 - v. Amanda Reed checking on interest from the Garden Club in joining forces on composting, a community garden, and tree planting initiatives.
- d. Clean Streets (*See Garden Club discussion)
- e. NC Sustainability Alliance
- i. Robert Scibelli has volunteered to be our GTLNC rep. He is investigating how to officially join the alliance, to be followed up on in the next meeting.
- f. Air Quality – 58 days with unhealthy air
- i. Scibelli will find out what the NCSA is doing so we may coordinate our efforts.
 - ii. We will work on an awareness campaign via social media posts, with the emphasis on encouraging people to leave their cars at home. Hannah will compose.
- g. Community Sustainability Plan (10 min per topic)
- i. Transit
 1. GOAL: Ensuring every residential neighborhood has multimodal access to every commercial center, education center, and city and regional transit stop in the Toluca Lake and reasonable surrounding areas.
 - a. Kelly Cole: Make sure we write it to include transit to our local schools, like Walter Reed Middle School, which is outside the NC boundaries, but where most of the kids in the area go.
 2. GOAL: Maintain all sidewalks, bike lanes, roads, in useable condition.
 3. GOAL: Make sure all people are well educated regarding road sharing safety.
 4. A project was suggested educating people on road safety, and how to share the road with other forms of transit.
 - ii. Street Planning
 1. GOAL: Make every street in Toluca Lake tree-lined with locally friendly, shade providing trees.
 2. GOAL: (Aidan) Make sure our plans are forward thinking, and are inclusive of needs for today, as well as 15-30 years from now.
 3. Five minutes of street planning discussion for the community sustainability plan will be added to the October meeting.

4. Potential Projects

- a. Comment or CIS regarding the TOC rules defining major transit intersection (intersecting lines rather than distance between actual stops)
- b. Transit education day
- c. Riverside Ave sidewalks
- d. Bike Accessibility:
 - i. Resurrecting Camarillo bike lane
 - ii. Street LPIs, bike loop detectors

- iii. Designated bike route on Clybourn Ave
- iv. Direct connection to Chandler Bike Path

5. Public Comment

- a. **BOB SCIBELLI:** This is the best meeting I've been to. Really productive.
- b. **JIM FITZPATRICK:** Would like to take a look at the existing community bike plans, and know more about the Camarillo Bike Lane project.
 - i. Hannah is asking the council office about the Camarillo bike lane project.

6. **Close Meeting:** Close Time 9:08_ PM

7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 1 @ 7:30pm – 10154 Riverside Drive, Toluca Lake, CA 91602

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