

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

@ 7:30PM

10154 Riverside Drive

Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. **Call to Order:** Start Time 7:32 PM

2. **Attendance** – Please mark X=present EX=excused AB=unexcused absence

X Hannah Globus, *Co-Chair*

X Katherine Hatton, *Co-Chair*

X Kelly Cole (arrived approx. 8:45PM)

X Aidan Welch

X Geoff Tock

X James Fitzpatrick

Public:

Andres Figueroa

Barbara Carroll

3. **Guest Speaker:** A History of Toluca Lake Beautification Projects - Barbara Carroll

- a. Grant from City for trees on Riverside, a few of the side streets (Forman to Clyborn), and on magnolia; Volunteers from community and CD office helped plant, now the City is responsible for pruning and maintenance.
- b. Moorpark Way median – CD office recommended it as a project; took \$75-80k for special permits including water line, drilling for curbing; Now it's largely maintained by a community member, but the City pays for the water.
- c. Almost every was budgeted for the Neighborhood Council to pay for year 1 maintenance and the City to pick up those costs after 1 year.
- d. GTLNC got the trash containers put in on Riverside Dr.
- e. GTLNC has a long history of street clean-ups and plantings, including several partnerships with the Toluca Lake Garden Club
- f. Some projects struggled to get off the ground, such as underpass beautification (proposed mosaics and other artwork)
- g. When applying for community grants, it helps to work closely with DONE and the CD office.
- h. FYI: trees need water the first 3 years or they will die. Thus, any tree-planting initiative might best start with adding to places where trees already exist, especially shade-providing trees.
 - i. Suggested “Adopt a Tree” program where community members can take home a tree from one of the community events, such as Pancake Breakfast

4. **Current Projects**

- a. Toluca Lake Garden Club Partnership: Clean-up on October 20
 - i. Not doing Clean Streets Challenge as the program is defunct

- ii. In the past LA Sanitation has provided bags and scheduled pick-up for the trash – Hannah will reach out to Alice Roth in Ryu’s office
 - iii. Current plan is 2 teams of volunteers – one to clean up; one to do plantings
- b. NC Sustainability Alliance: How to become a signatory?

Motion A: The GTLNC, in an effort to support and promote *environmental* sustainability in the community, will join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA).

FIRST: Hannah Globus SECOND: Aidan Welch VOTE: 5 / 0 / 0

NCSA is a group of NC reps that work together to draft Community Impact Statements (CIS) in response to city council measures related to environmental sustainability issues.

It will be an opportunity to show support and to coordinate.

Robert Scibelli, a GTLNC board member, will be our rep with NCSA

- c. Community Sustainability Plan (10 min per topic)
- i. Follow-up re Sept topics: Transit and Street Planning
 - 1. Transit
 - a. Ensure every street in the community has multimodal transit options available
 - 2. Street Planning
 - a. Goal – make every street in TL tree-lined
 - ii. Development
 - 1. Realistic Development for Increasing Population:
 - a. General support for mixed use development as part of a plan for higher density development; but within specific corridors and adhering to the aesthetic of the area – works in larger corridors like Lankershim, Riverside, Cahuenga, Vineland
 - b. Support duplex/triplex/quadplex conversions and where appropriate townhomes buildings within the residential (non-commercial) areas
 - c. Concerns that existing houses have gotten massive and take up full lots without necessarily housing more people
 - 2. Green Energy Access:
 - a. Support solar – beyond the hook-up being available, make sure it must be functioning for all new development, which is coming with regulations anyway
 - b. Require EV chargers in commercial development and parking, as well as city-owned lots and street parking (ex future Forman angled parking?)
 - 3. Increase Greenery:
 - a. Ensure complete tree replacement – never want to have a loss of trees
 - b. Fight urban heat index – increased planting; greener roofs
 - c. Public, open green space – identifying opportunities because we have no green space in our immediate boundaries; open TL elementary on weekends?

- iii. Waste (trash, recycling, compost, food waste, etc)
 - 1. SAFE centers – promote and inform
 - 2. E-waste collections that are easy to access; encourage business partnership
 - 3. Promote 311 for large item pickup
 - 4. Access to recycling on public streets – how to ensure that gets picked up and sorted?
 - 5. Edible food routing to people that will use it; non-edible food to compost
 - 6. A lot of this category will be education about options within the community

- d. Identifying/mapping areas of need for multi-modal transit improvements. **TO DO NEXT MEETING EX:**
 - i. Scooter Parking options/next steps
 - ii. Riverside Ave sidewalks
 - iii. Resurrecting Camarillo bike lane
 - 1. Hannah will draft email for Jason to send to Alice/CD4 office
 - iv. Street LPIs, bike loop detectors
 - v. Designated bike route on Clybourn Ave
 - vi. Direct connection to Chandler Bike Path

- e. Budgeting for future EAC projects
 - i. TOTAL ESTIMATED: \$2000
 - ii. Projects/initiatives include: compostable utensils and plates for meetings, tap cards for Transit Day, targeted social media advertising, prize for 3-mile challenge, quarterly clean-up days with Garden Club
 - iii. Given that so many of our projects are about educating the community, can we build a page on the GTLNC website with educational material about how to be green and sustainable in the community with links to resources specific to our neighborhood?

5. 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 AND “Share the Street” educational video
- c. Future Toluca Lake Garden Club Projects
- d. Tree Planting Initiative
- e. Park Day at Toluca Lake Golf Club

6. Public Comment

- a. New potential project: Parking permit renewal is very wasteful. On Willowcrest Ave, the permits are hard plastic that’s replaced at each renewal (some of which are required as quarterly) rather than using a sticker (like license plates) or other less wasteful option. Can we write a letter to the City requesting a change in policy?
 - i. This could be an opportunity to engage the NCSA for additional NCs to submit requests if this is a city-wide problem

7. **Close Meeting:** Close Time __9:19__ PM

8. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 5 @ 7:30pm – 10154 Riverside Drive, Toluca Lake, CA 91602

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