



MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING



Tuesday, May 4, 2021
7:30pm

ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON ZOOM AND BE ACCESSIBLE TELEPHONICALLY.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>			
<u>X</u>	Hannah Globus	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>EX</u>	Kelly Cole	<u>X</u>	James Fitzpatrick
<u>X</u>	Katherine Hatton	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>AB</u>	Arielle Stern		

1. Call to Order	Start Time <u>7:34</u> PM						
2. Attendance	Public in Attendance: <u>2</u>						
3. Minutes							
<i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i>							
a. Review and Approve Committee Minutes							
<p><u>MOTION A:</u> Approve the GTLNC April 13, 2021 Environmental Affairs Committee Minutes. Full text of the minutes can be found at: https://www.gtlnc.org/</p>	<p><u>VOTE:</u> <u>3</u>/<u>0</u>/<u>0</u></p> <p><i>First: Jim</i></p> <p><i>Second: Hannah</i></p>						
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4. Public Comment							
<i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)</i>							
Alex Grunenfelder, running for LA mayor – visiting neighborhood councils to introduce himself and discuss the importance of neighborhood councils and desire to see them more valued and empowered by City Council and Mayor’s office							
5. Committee Member News & Announcements							
<i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)</i>							
Jim is stepping down from the committee after this meeting Co-chairs Katherine and Hannah express their gratitude for Jim’s longtime service to the community and GTLNC and his guidance							
6. On-Going Business							
<i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i>							

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a. Vineland Median Beautification (Neighborhood Purpose Grant details available at <https://www.gtlnc.org/>)

Prior to opening discussion, Katherine clarifies that the final funds remaining in the GTLNC budget is not firm and recommends that the dollar amounts of these motions not be the focus of discussion as the funds availability can be addressed at the General meeting

MOTION B: Approve up to \$4550 for sustainable landscaping on Vineland Ave median A (between Whipple St and Moorpark St) through Toluca Lake Beautification Partners Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

VOTE: 3 / 0 / 0
First: Hannah
Second: Jim

- Larger of the two medians, slightly more than twice the size of Median B
- Plan is to remove the turf and replace with Scenecio that is a drought-tolerant California native plant that will be more sustainable (and more attractive than the often brown turf)
- TLBP believes they will be able to secure enough funding to make up any difference between what GTLNC can fund and what the final cost. Also looking to get donated goods and stretch the money further to get appropriate tree planting, repair of water system, and uplighting
- Have also reached out to CD4 office and Mayor’s office to identify any city programs that can contribute to this project
- Re uplighting: small LED lights that light the plantings for beautification rather than add’l safety visibility, these lights would likely be solar but may require backup power, committee recommends prioritizing funds for continuing improvements up Vineland if the power infrastructure doesn’t exist
- Scenecio planting is the same as freeway at Cahuenga and gets about 6-8 in tall, cuttings will come from that freeway planting
- Part of the bid is prepping/grading soil to ready for planting, most of the cost is labor since the plant cuttings will be free
- Confirmed that turf killer to be used will NOT harm the trees

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MOTION C: Approve up to \$2400 for sustainable landscaping on Vineland Ave median B (between 101/170 Fwy Overpass and Whipple St) through Toluca Lake Beautification Partners Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

VOTE: 3 / 0 / 0
First: Hannah
Second: Jim

- Smaller of the two medians, just under half the size of Median A
- Two sets of trees on the median, some which are quite substantial that are not in good shape and haven’t produced leaves in several season/have dropped branches on passing traffic; smaller trees were more recently planted and appear in decent shape – all will be reviewed by an arborist
- Priority is to complete the larger median first if funding isn’t available for both – TLBP feels confident that they can supplement funding to get Median A done if GTLNC is able to get close to that total
- Potential for Median A to serve as a proof of concept to get additional support for future median improvement projects; plus this has the potential to be a streetscape moment the City of LA can show off with the updated median and the planned repaving/new bollards and protected bike lane



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- Mayor's office has Adopt a Median program, which this is a good fit for based on what we're planting and how we're planting (plan ready to go); program offers support for navigating permit process, which may take 60-90 days but could be as little as 30 days
- New paving slated for Vineland from Riverside south under the overpass per previous General meeting – project is delayed per HOA/TLBP meetings
- TLBP will manage the project, and TLBP utilized Community Partners for execution of contracts and insurance; Jim emphasizes need for garden expert supervising project

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- Request to socialize this project, but given the Brown Act, board members aren't generally allowed to discuss upcoming motions. Will ensure the agenda email includes the materials so board can review. Public is allowed to reach out to board members – these restrictions apply to discussion between board members.
- Recommend the TLBP/Dana attend General meeting to answer questions, but no need to attend other meetings since this motion will be on the agenda

7. New Business/Future Projects

(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)

- a. Identifying City Council Actions to make comment on as Neighborhood Council (potential Community Impact Statement aka CIS)

8. Meeting Adjourned

Close Time: 8:11 PM

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 7:30 PM** – via Zoom

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