



Minutes

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2019
7:01pm



Toluca Lake Elementary School
4840 Cahuenga Blvd, Toluca Lake, CA 91602

GTLNC BOARD			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>					
X	Ryan Altoon	<i>PRESIDENT</i>	_X_	Robyn Allyn	_X_	David Knox	<u>Grievance Comm.</u>	
X	Jason Friedman	<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	_X_	Reynold Blight	_X_	Natasha Lewin	___	Sol Ajelat
X	Arthur Wypchlak	<i>TREASURER</i>	_X_	Kelly Cole	EX_	Mark Stephenson	___	Jay Goldberg
X	Juliam Miles	<i>SECRETARY</i>	_X_	Katherine Hatton	EX_	Craig Strong	___	Tim Hawkins
X	Richard McFalls	<i>ASST. SECRETARY</i>	_X_	Lee Jamieson	_X_	Joseph Roberts		
STATE, CITY, REGIONAL + COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS								
___	Caroline Hogikyan	NC Liaison		State 46th Assembly District				
___	Jaqueline Serrano	East Valley Rep.		LA City Mayor's Office				
X	Alice Roth	Senior Deputy		LA City Council 4 th District				
___	Curtis Delbar	Sr. Lead Officer		LAPD NoHo Division				
___	Jason Stinett	NC Liaison		LA DWP				
X	Gibson Nyambura	NC Liaison		DONE				
___	Brandon Pender	NC Budget Advocate		GTLNC Budget Advocate				
X	Jon Molin	President		TL Chamber of Commerce				
X	Steve Hampar	President		TL Homeowners Association				
X	Dana Boyd	President		TL Garden Club				
___	Jon Molin	Chair		TL Beautification Partners				
___	Joseph Prendez	Principal		Toluca Lake Elementary School				
___	Silvia Roman	Principal		Rio Vista Elementary School				
___	Rich Armas	Manager		Toluca Lake Farmers Market				
___	Ann Bowman	Librarian		NoHo Library				
TOTAL PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE							87+13	

COMMITTEE + BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

1 st Mon @ 7PM – Public Safety	2 nd Tues @ 6PM – Governmental Affairs	
3 rd Mon @ 6:30PM – Planning & Land Use	2 nd Tues @ 6:30PM – Executive Board	3 rd Tues @ 7PM –
1 st Tues @ 6:30PM – Outreach & Elections	1 st Tues @ 7:15PM – Environmental Affairs	General Board

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MEETING AGENDA:

Topic		Responsible Person
1.	7:00 – 7:10 10 minutes	Meeting Opening / Call to Order
		Ryan Altoon, <i>President</i>
		Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call Approval of Board Minutes
		Ryan Altoon, <i>President</i> Juliann Miles, <i>Secretary</i> Ryan Altoon, <i>President</i>
		<u>MOTION A: Approve the GTLNC April 23, 2019 Board Minutes as submitted.</u>
		<u>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</u> <i>1st : Jason Friedman</i> <i>2nd : Lee Jamieson</i>
		President’s Welcome
2.	7:10 – 7:20 10 minutes	Open Public Forum - (Three (3) Minutes per Speaker)
		<i>Julie Yanow: Riverside Development will alter character of the neighborhood; take out crucial service (post office) and retail; let’s stop this creeping development and over development of area</i>
		<i>Don Miller: Getting new street lights in the village; they have damaged the sidewalks in the area and we want to make sure they repair</i>
		<i>R. Babbini: Losing a post office; we have lost all of the post offices in the area. Would they consider lowering the rent or keeping a post office in the area</i>
		<i>Ivan Ochoa & April: Upper LA River and Tributaries working group. Informing people about the future community about the plans for the LA River and its many tributaries. Looking for people are close to tributaries. They are I Plan 2 of developing around these areas. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us. It is any concerns that people have about all the nuisances regarding the development ivan@theriverproject.org</i>
		<i>Vic Georgino: I am a developer; I am pro development however, I am for smart development. The development is under parked and the development is not compatible to Toluca Lake. The architecture does not match the community</i>
		<i>Jennifer Terstra (Susan Duff gives her time to Jennifer): Long term resident; Looked at the available apts in this areas; Warner Bros is selling the Ranch; they are going to probably put more apt; TALK has also encourage affordable housing in the area; The consideration that metro is being used to accommodate these residents; The redline has become an unsafe traveling caravan; The cars are going to park in the residential area; we don’t need more apt. we don’t need more banks; we need facilities that we enjoy and use</i>
		<i>Steevn Boer: The TOC is predicated on being within certain distance from a public transit; 1.5 within the redline or fulfill a certain status regarding a bus line; I looked into zimas and I was unable to locate a bus stop that fulfilled those requirements within the distance required; Which bus stop are they using.</i>
		<i>Jay Goldberg: Long- time resident; long- time advocate for public safety; Important to pay attention to public safety; June 1st Public Safety Advisory reception</i>



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3.	7:20 – 7:35 15 minutes	SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mark Toohey, California Earthquake Authority -Available to homeowners and renters -Only approx. 10% have this coverage -Currently in an excess in the reserves -Does Earthquake insurance cover the result of damages from an Earthquake (i.e. fires) *Homeowners insurance would cover that damage
4.	7:35 – 7:50 15 minutes	City & Neighborhood News / Announcements - (Standing Open Forum)
	1	State 46 th Assembly District Caroline Hogikyan, <i>NC Liaison</i>
	2	LA City Mayor's Office Jaqueline Serrano, <i>East Valley Rep.</i>
	3	LA City Council 4 th District -All City offices will be closed on Monday -Lighting project on Riverside Dr.; Low voltage lighting coming in; should be completed in October -Beautification Truck that is available (they work Tues- Saturday) -Fact sheet on E Scooters -Reception 5/29 in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month -Thanks for the attendance at the Fire Station Pancake Breakfast -Segment on Riverside Dr. where sidewalk is not there. Is there any plans for City sidewalks to be placed on the
	4	LAPD NoHo Division TBD, <i>Sr. Lead Officer</i>
	5	LA DWP Jason Stinett, <i>NC Liaison</i>
	6	Empower LA (DONE) -Unofficial results have been posted on the City Clerk Office -Cornerstone platform will be used for board members to complete training -Will collaborate to ensure that a transition happens completely
	7	GTLNC Budget Advocate Brandon Pender, <i>Budget Rep.</i>
	8	Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce Jon Molin, <i>President</i>
	9	Toluca Lake Homeowners Association -Letter writing campaign with some other HOA regarding SB 50; SB 50 has been defeated. -Meeting regarding airplane noise; we will be addressing this by contacting our representatives



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10	Toluca Lake Garden Club -Did a Home Tour; they will be featured in Toluca Lake Magazine -We planted Lemon Trees in planters on Riverside	Dana Boyd, <i>President</i>
11	Toluca Lake Beautification Partners -Thanks to everyone for the Pancake Breakfast -Village clock is coming to the village -The business owners want to be able to ensure that the people who live in the area and surrounding areas want to do business with us. Working with the Beautification Partners, we want our stake holders to provide input; Give Steve Hampar & Dana Boyd of what you would like to see in our village -David Ryu's office works with pa -Who is in charge of trash removal on Riverside? *We have had 2 pick ups scheduled	Jon Molin, <i>Chair</i>
12	NoHo (Amelia Earhart) Library -Summer Reading begins June 10 (read 10hrs and 4 activities to win several prizes)	Ann Bowman, <i>Librarian</i>
13	Toluca Lake Elementary School	Joseph Prendez, <i>Principal</i>
14	Rio Vista Elementary	Silvia Roman, <i>Principal</i>
15	Toluca Lake Farmers Market	Rich Armas, <i>Manager</i>
5.	7:50 – 8:20 30 minutes	GTLNC Committee Reports – Possible Motions & Votes GTLNC Committee Chairs
	10 minutes	Executive Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative -Social Media Update -Website -Youth Board Member Accouterments
		Treasurer Report - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Pro Forma Review <p><u>MOTION B</u> Approve the April 2019 MER and expenditures for reconciliation submission to the City Clerk as amended.</p> <p>Joseph Roberts abstains himself.</p>
	5 minutes	Planning & Land Use Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)
		Arthur Wypchlak, <i>Treasurer</i>
		<p>VOTE: <u> 12 </u> / <u> 0 </u> / <u> 1 </u> <i>First: Richard McFalls</i> <i>Second: Reynold Blight</i></p>
		Ryan Altoon, <i>Chair</i>



- Cahuenga Addison Lot: In the process of finalizing the discussion with the City & UMHC
- 134 Freeway @ Cahuenga Improvements: Completed; thank you to all of our community partners in assisting in that.
- Riverside Drive Streetscape : In stage 3; Start w/ community survey, then community meetings; then we are going to plot out a budget (budget allows us to qualify for grants); Want to make sure that everyone is heard for this)

-There is a large demand for City dollars; Toluca Beautification Partners has done projects in the area; Great Streets Grant Challenge is a community grant; During Round 1, 10 streets will be awarded \$15,000 to do public outreach; Round 2: will be awarded \$500,00 for physical improvements as defined by the community; Funds will be awarded to the Grant Applicant (Toluca Lake Beautification Partners), not the City; Hopefully by our next meeting, we should hear about the results from this Grant; this project will take place on Riverside Dr in the Village

- Lankershim Blvd Streetscape
- 10063 Riverside Drive TOC Project: Presentation
 - 4-story mixed use project
 - One level below grade parking (28 parking stalls)
 - 10,427 sf ground floor retail
 - 38 residential units (4 of which are affordable) (10.5%)

~~**MOTION C:** The GTLNC does not support the TOC Project located at 10063 Riverside Drive in its current form. It will render significant parking impacts on the surrounding commercial area along Riverside Drive, as well as the residential areas to the south of Riverside Drive with its 0.5 parking spaces per unit. It disregards the Community Design Overlay (“CDO”) that was a decade long, community funded effort, adopted by the LA Planning Commission. The GTLNC requests a dialogue with the owner to acknowledge the issues that are important to the Toluca Lake community, and welcomes an opportunity to work together on reasonable modifications to the project to make it a productive and well integrated of the community landscape.~~

- Leases end at 2021. Demo won’t start until then
- Even though it is by-right, we can make some conditions on it

Stewart Benjamin: walk me through and tell me what establishments are included in the project.

“It is everything west of the psychic. For the new retail proposed, 38 spaces is required. There are 52 spaces and 5 w/ schools of rock; all of the additional spaces will be available for other use. There is an opportunity to manage that parking; there is no net lost of parking. They are non-assigned.”

Arthur Argote: “I lived here 20+ years; exchange rate vs use rate; some business said the area is an eye sore and more residents will mean increase in business: the use rate means there is no replacement for a post office and ups that has been used for private P.O. Boxes; there is no

VOTE: — / — / —

First:

Second

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	<p>answer to address this issue. Losing Riverside and Red Door are things we are losing. Owners don't care for the use value return is not coming; beautiful building that doesn't belong in our community and we don't want it!"</p> <p>Renee Wexler: "I love this community; I have worked on the CDO for this community. I will not lie to you or give you a fib. Nothing has been sneaked through. Because of a TOC ordinance I hope the owner will work with you."</p> <p>Barry Johnson: "I have the guidelines to the TOC; it is impossible that this meets these guideline bc passengers will have the direct ability to transfers on foot. They do not have that ability. Toluca HOA will appeal this and you will not win. We will fight you!"</p> <p>Rob Cutap: "1st I have to say this is the 2nd of Meeting I went to. I am really unhappy. This got sprung on us. Our neighborhood council is more concerned about the height requirements, and the city council is telling us we are done. What is the council's stance on this? What is the councilman's stance on this?"</p> <p>-Ryan Altoon: "Our stance is we haven't taken one yet. We have decided to give the public the chance to express their concerns and have the GTLNC be in listening mode. It would be presumptuous for GTLNC to assume what the public wants. We are allowing a public discussion to give the public the chance to give their opinions to the developers and to the board members.</p> <p>Natalie: "I am a new resident; I have been coming to these meetings for months. This information was presented as soon as the GTLNC received it. This information is not new. These questions are not new. Come to the meetings regularly rather than coming when it is too late.</p> <p>"Bldg is attractive; I don't object to the building I object to the minimum requirements. We are not a community of requirements. Traffic jams and people who can't get through. And when the constructions. What about giving the residents permit parking?"</p> <p>- Ryan Altoon: "The moratorium on preferential parking has ended. You can apply. You would need permission from neighbors to get this done. Alice can provide further information regarding this issue."</p> <p>Dana Boyd: "We have a beautification partners in our community. Would the development be willing to contribute to the community? We have had other TOC projects in our area. These developers were inclined to work with the community to add to the community. Is this something this project would consider?"</p> <p>Cathy Saliba: "Thank you for the presentation. Thank you for the people who came tonight. Thank you to GTLNC and the planning community. Planning a Cmte is not getting info as frequently as it use to. I am in favor for the project going ahead. I am in favor for the CDO. This is the first multi-use in our village. This does set our precedent. Regarding the parking. It is my understanding they this parking will be developed."</p> <p>-There is a covenant that includes that parking. They would have to go to through a public process to change that. What about the post office.</p>	
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	<p>Will the Post Office be coming back? -The post office won't move on to a temp location and come back. No one knows. The overture has been made.</p> <p>"I know this is about money!"</p> <p>"Is Trader Joe's is moving into this space?" -They have had the discussion. Nothing that has been locked down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Plan Update: Let your voice be heard loud and often 	
5 minutes	<p>Public Safety Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)</p>	Jason Friedman, <i>Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -LAPD Crime Update: 10 fewer crime incidents than last year • -Hedge on Ledge and Camarillo Update; Todd Gilman stated that the pending lawsuit from the homeowners was dropped • -CERT Training 	
4 minutes	<p>Outreach & Elections Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)</p>	Natasha Lewin, <i>Co-Chair</i> Kelly Cole, <i>Co-Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERT Training -In July; 7 week session; there is a link to sign up (on website); training will take place at Harmony United Methodist Church <p><u>MOTION D:</u> Approve an amount not to exceed \$500 for refreshments for CERT Training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Recap: Great turn out; we have the unofficial results are in; thank you for participation; please continue to participate if you were not elected 	<p>VOTE: 12 / 0 / 1 <i>First: Robyn Allyn</i> <i>Second: Katherine Hatton</i></p>
3 minutes	<p>Environmental Affairs Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)</p>	Juliann Miles, <i>Co-Chair</i> Katherine Hatton, <i>Co-Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for Future Projects • If you are interested in joining Environmental Affairs or if you have ideas for potential projects for the committee, please do not hesitate to send an email to Juliann Miles Juliann.Miles@gtlnc.org. 	
3 minutes	<p>Governmental Affairs Committee - (One (1) Minute per Speaker, per Agenda Item Allotted)</p>	Richard McFalls, <i>Chair</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Legislation Highlights • Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved and Updated Legislation • Would you like to be a part of the Governmental Affairs committee? Meetings take place on every second Tuesday of the month. 	
6.	8:20 – 8:30 10 minutes New Business: <i>News, announcements, topics of discussion</i>	Ryan Altoon, <i>President</i>
7.	10:01 Meeting Adjourned	Ryan Altoon, <i>President</i>
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2019		

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1 st Mon. @ 7PM – Public Safety	2 nd Tues. 6:30PM – Executive Board	
1 st Tues. @ 6:30PM – Outreach	2 nd Tues. 6PM – Gov Affairs	3 rd Tuesday – General Board
3 rd Mon. @ 6:30PM – Planning	1 st Tues. 7PM – Environmental Affairs	

Speakers’ Card: The public is requested to fill out a Speakers Card to address the Council on any item on the agenda prior to the Council taking action on an item. Matters not on the agenda that are within the Council’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Council. Neighborhood Council Meeting Agendas are posted for public review at: Discovery Shop west wall bulletin board, as well as on the GTLNC Web site www.gtlnc.org. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website www.gtlnc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact admin@gtlnc.org. As covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at 213-978- 1551 or e-mail NCSupport@lacity.org **Section 702: (GTLNC Bylaws) Grievance Procedure.**

- An individual stakeholder or group of stakeholders shall have a right to assert a grievance with respect to any act by the Council or any member of the Council.
 - Grievances shall be handled in a manner that is consistent with rules and regulations adopted by the City of Los Angeles through its Charter, its ordinances, and the rules as communicated by its agencies, including the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - Disagreement with legitimately determined policies or positions of the Council shall not be considered a grievance for the purposes of this section.
 - An allegation that the Bylaws, the Charter Plan or any other local, state or federal law has been violated shall be the legitimate subject of the grievance procedure system.
 - For this purpose, the stakeholders at the annual meeting shall elect a Grievance Committee, consisting of three persons, none of whom shall be a member of the Council.
 - A vacancy on the Grievance Committee may be filled temporarily by the Council, but that position shall be filled by election by all stakeholders at the next regularly scheduled meeting of stakeholders.
 - Persons who wish to claim a grievance may do so by communicating with any member of the Grievance Committee, and the Grievance Committee shall invite the persons claiming a grievance to present arguments and evidence, which may include testimony, to the Committee.



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- The Grievance Committee shall act to hear a grievance within 30 days of the initial communication and shall prepare a report and recommendation to the Council to be presented at its next meeting, or at least no later than the following meeting.
- The Grievance Committee may on its own volition communicate its findings directly to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in addition to reporting to the Council.
- The Council shall include Grievance Committee reports in its agenda and shall hear the reports in a timely manner as described above.
- An aggrieved stakeholder may appeal a decision by the Grievance Committee to DONE.

Process for Reconsideration: Any person or group adversely affected by the decisions or policies of the GTLNC may file a written grievance with the Council. The Council shall then refer the matter to the Grievance Committee. Persons who wish to claim a grievance may do so by communicating with any member of the Grievance Committee, and the Grievance Committee shall invite the person claiming a grievance to present arguments and evidence, which may include testimony, to the committee. The Grievance Committee shall act to hear a grievance within thirty days of the initial communication and shall prepare a report and recommendation to the GTLNC to present at its next meeting, or at least no later than the following meeting. The Grievance Committee may on its own volition, communicate its findings directly to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) in addition to reporting to the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall include Grievance Committee reports in its agenda and shall hear the reports in a timely manner as describe above. Any aggrieved stakeholder has the right of appeal to DONE any decision by the GTLNC. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Council's failure to comply with these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, or local, State or Federal law.