



# MINUTES

## Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00PM

Toluca Lake Elementary School Auditorium

4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601

*Supporting documents available at [GTLNC.org](http://GTLNC.org).*

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| X Tess Taylor, President                           | X Deborah Bartlett  | X Timothy Micsko arrives at |
| X Jonathan Gregory, VP                             | X Shawn Besharaty   | 7:32PM                      |
| X Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer,<br>arrives at 7:09PM | X Irene Birmingham  | X Renata Ray                |
| X Jo Ann Rivas, Secretary                          | E Cella Duffy       | X Deborah Yazmajian         |
| X Paul Hartel, Alt. Secretary                      | X Doug Hamblin      |                             |
|  | X Jill Young-Manson |                             |

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** 7:07PM by Erica Gatica, *DONE Neighborhood Empowerment*  
*Members of public present: 55*

**II. ROLL CALL.** *Quorum established, 12 board members present.*

### III. SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Installation of newly-elected Board of Directors (Oath of Office)

b. Election of new Executive Officers:

i. President / Chair. *Jo Ann Rivas nominates Tess Taylor. She accepts. Jonathan Gregory states support for Tess. Members of the public offer support including David Wheatley, Lionel Mares, Scott Mandell, Lee Jamieson, Barbara Sternig, Fred Iberri, Tracy Martin, Eleanor Wallen. Motion to elect Tess Taylor as President of GTLNC.*

**VOTE KEY:** Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.

| VOTE: 12 / 0 / 0 |             | Mover: Rivas   |         | Second: Hartel |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory      | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | E Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas        | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

ii. Vice President / Vice Chair. *Tess Taylor moderates meeting, nominates Jonathan Gregory. He accepts. Comments of support from Tess Taylor, Jo Ann Rivas, David Wheatley, Lionel Mares, Barbara Sternig. Motion to elect Jonathan Gregory as Vice President of GTLNC.*

| VOTE: 12 / 0 / 0 |             | Mover: Taylor  |         | Second: Rivas |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory     | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | E Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas       | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

iii. Secretary. *Jonathan Gregory nominates Jo Ann Rivas. She accepts. Comments of support from Tess Taylor, Jonathan Gregory. Motion to elect Jo Ann Rivas as Secretary of GTLNC.*

| VOTE: 12 / 0 / 0 |             | Mover: Taylor  |         | Second: Rivas |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory     | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | E Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas       | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

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iv. Alternate Secretary. *Jonathan Gregory nominates Paul Hartel. He accepts. Comments of support from Jo Ann Rivas, Tess Taylor. Motion to elect Paul Hartel as Alternate Secretary of GTLNC.*

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| <b>VOTE: 12 / 0 / 0</b> |             | <b>Mover:</b> Gregory |         | <b>Second:</b> Rivas |           |             |
| Y Bartlett              | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham          | E Duffy | Y Gregory            | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel                | E Micsko    | Y Young-Manson        | Y Ray   | Y Rivas              | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

7:32 PM Timothy Micsko arrives.

v. Treasurer (automatically First Signer). *Shawn Besharaty nominates Arthur Wypchlak. He accepts. Comments of support from Jo Ann Rivas, Jonathan Gregory, Tess Taylor. Motion to elect Arthur Wypchlak as Treasurer of GTLNC.*

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| <b>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</b> |             | <b>Mover:</b> Besharaty |         | <b>Second:</b> Taylor |           |             |
| Y Bartlett              | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham            | E Duffy | Y Gregory             | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel                | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson          | Y Ray   | Y Rivas               | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

c. Officer Comments, if any. *Each officer and board member expresses goals.*

d. Discussion and possible action to appoint of Financial Officers of the Board

i. Second Card Holder (optional). *Motion to elect Tess Taylor as Second Bank Card Holder of GTLNC.*

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| <b>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</b> |             | <b>Mover:</b> Gregory |         | <b>Second:</b> |           |             |
| Y Bartlett              | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham          | E Duffy | Y Gregory      | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel                | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson        | Y Ray   | Y Rivas        | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

ii. Second Signer – by law Treasurer is primary. *Motion to elect Tess Taylor as Second Signer of GTLNC.*

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| <b>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</b> |             | <b>Mover:</b> Besharaty |         | <b>Second:</b> Hartel |           |             |
| Y Bartlett              | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham            | E Duffy | Y Gregory             | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel                | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson          | Y Ray   | Y Rivas               | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

*Deborah Yazmajian seeks clarification. Erica states Board spends according to what board approves.*

iii. Alternate Signer (optional). *Tess Taylor nominates Deborah Yazmajian. She accepts. Motion to elect Deborah Yazmajian as Alternate Signer of GTLNC.*

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| <b>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</b> |             | <b>Mover:</b> Taylor |         | <b>Second:</b> Gregory |           |             |
| Y Bartlett              | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham         | E Duffy | Y Gregory              | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel                | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson       | Y Ray   | Y Rivas                | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

e. Discussion and possible action to appoint Community Impact Statement filers.

*Tess Taylor self-nominates, is already a CIS filer. Jonathan explains CIS filing is core role of NC to communicate with City Council. Motion to elect Tess Taylor as Community Impact Filer #1 for GTLNC:*

|                         |  |                      |  |                        |  |  |
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| <b>VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0</b> |  | <b>Mover:</b> Taylor |  | <b>Second:</b> Gregory |  |  |
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| Y Hartel   | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas   | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

*Motion to elect Deborah Yazmajian as Community Impact Filer #2 for GTLNC:*

| VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0 |             | Mover:         |         | Second:   |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas   | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

*Motion to elect Jo Ann Rivas as Community Impact Filer #3 for GTLNC:*

| VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0 |             | Mover:         |         | Second:   |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas   | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.** Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.

*Jim Fitzpatrick states Universal City is within County of LA, must have county permit if they've broken ground, LA has no jurisdiction to block roller coaster. Universal was as an egg farm in 30s before becoming a studio, declared agricultural status and exempted selves from city, not sure how and why.*

*Rudy Melendez states concerns about street lights at Tujunga and Sarah Street, not working for a year. Mental Health Board moved from Valley to Hollywood. County is fighting Judge Carter's ruling.*

*Colby Jensen states concerns about Universal Studios Roller Coaster.*

*Lionel Mares recommends GTLNC send letter to support Jamie York's appointment to Ethics Commission (CF 23-1200-S130). Announces CicLAVia – Sep 17th Sunday.*

*Greg Thorpe states concerns about roller coaster to operate 8am to 10pm 7 days per week. 85 to 100 dB, multiple cars, continuous sounds up to 14 hours a day. Will generate tons of traffic, special effects lights at night, no info from Universal.*

*Bob Scibelli congratulates new board, looks forward to transparency.*

*David Wheatley takes issue with density bonus legislation, says communities need to organize and push back hard. States NPGs are almost always received by special interest groups, should be scrutinized.*

*Wayne Knight states concerns about roller coaster decibel levels.*

*Steve states he's never seen any other board all vote YES. Universal is licensed as a movie studio, but did they ever take out a license to be a theme park. Is there a permit for this?*

*Claire Knight, Angela Abrahamian, Ann Lopez, Geannie Zelig Geligson, Christine Thorpe all state concerns about roller coaster. Christine states concerns about Draft Environmental Impact Report, and that the community has been kept in the dark.*

**V. Discussion and possible action to appoint Committee Chairs**

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*Motion to postpone until August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.*

| VOTE: 13 / 0 / 0 |             | Taylor         |         | Ray       |           |             |
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| Y Bartlett       | Y Besharaty | Y Birmingham   | E Duffy | Y Gregory | Y Hamblin | Y Wypchlak  |
| Y Hartel         | Y Micsko    | Y Young-Manson | Y Ray   | Y Rivas   | Y Taylor  | Y Yazmajian |

- i. Governmental Affairs
- ii. Outreach & Elections
- iii. Planning and Land Use
- iv. Public Safety

9:00PM Deborah Yazmajian leaves meeting.  
 9:02PM Deborah Yazmajian returns to meeting.

**VI. CITY & NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Shannan Calland congratulates new board.*  
*Tess Taylor requests update on encampments at Riverside Drive, and Vineland bus stop.*  
*Jonathan Gregory states concerns about enforcement. Once community earns LAMC 41.18 status by LA City Council resolution, it's no longer a cleanup, it's an LAPD an order to leave. Why the delay? Assert the law. Conditions are intolerably unsafe. Shannan Calland states we receive 20 to 40 individuals from various parts of the city coming into NoHo via Metro per day. Needs more voices and more support.*  
*Ron Babbini asks, will there be national night out? Shannan Calland says YES, will send details.*  
*Lionel Mares states LAHSA HOP program may be utilized.*  
*Tess Taylor announces Youth Board Candidate filing period.*  
*Erica Gatica discusses new board member training, bylaws amendment period open from August 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. States GTLNC funds are NOT frozen, needs MERs. Gives her written job description to board.*  
*Tess Taylor asks for updated Board Member Basics, awaits reply from DONE's Thomas Soong.*  
*Jonathan Gregory asks if GTLNC rollover funds have been released or do we wait until August 1<sup>st</sup>? Erica defers to City Clerk, but currently no. Once admin packet approved, it must to be amended.*  
*Jonathan Gregory asks about efforts to secure NC meeting venues. Erica states ADA evaluations are tied to location, process is more laborious when meeting outside NC boundaries. DONE needs to know NC has exhausted all locations within boundaries before looking outside boundaries.*

9:37PM Tim Micsko leaves meeting.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve GTLNC May 16<sup>th</sup> General Board Minutes.

*Postponed to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular board meeting.*

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the May Monthly Expenditure Report.

*Erica Gatica states not enough board members have completed funding training. Postponed to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular board meeting.*

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- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a sponsor letter for the Toluca Lake Farmer's Market to meet its certification requirements for operating and being subject to appropriate NC authorization documentation.

*Erica states GTLNC cannot vote on this tonight. Rich Armas states GTLNC would be SPONSOR (not Operator), needs authorization to operate. City entity, non profit or farmer must be attached to get certification. Jonathan Gregory asks Erica to communicate urgency to Ayelet Feiman, DONE attorney, that people need this venue to earn income. Item postponed.*

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve 2023-2024 Administrative Packet.

*Postponed until August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular board meeting.*

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT** at 9:49PM