



MINUTES
 Regular Board Meeting
 Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 7:00PM
 Toluca Lake Elementary School Auditorium
 4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601
Supporting documents available at GTLNC.org.



1. Call to Order at 7:05PM. Roll call.

12 members present, quorum established.				X = present. A = Absent. E = Excused.		
E Bartlett	X Besharaty	X Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	X Hamblin	A Wypchlak arrives 7:09pm
X Hartel	X Micsko	X Young-Manson	X Ray	X Rivas	X Taylor	X Yazmajian

2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker. Please fill out a separate speaker card for each agenda item for which you wish to be heard.

Gigi Martinez announces CycLAmini in N. Hollywood on Sun Sep 17.
Bob Scibelli proposes creation of committee to vet requests for grant funding and to follow up with how it's spent.
Colby Jensen expresses concerns about Universal roller coaster.
Nicholas Jensen is creating a documentary for Toluca Lake 100 ("TL100") anniversary, solicits input, leads.

3. Approval of May 16th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

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

Arthur Wypchlak arrives at 7:09PM

4. Update from Community, City, Regional and State Representatives

Melissa Esparza, Field Rep with Congressman Tony Cárdenas' office, announces opening for Field Rep.

Natalie Vartanian, Senior Field Deputy and Legislative Deputy in Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger: Supports HR 4974 (National Mental Health Hotline). \$74.9M approved for 3-agency Public Health Center near Tujunga and Chandler. Construction begins 2023, ends 2025. Studying economic impact of strike, encourages all parties to come to the table. Roller coaster in Universal's Evolution Plan. Board of Supervisors can't dictate how Universal communicates with community. See sound mitigation requirements in 2013 Environmental Impact Report.

Jo Ann Rivas says 85 dB is too high and may cause hearing loss, an ADA issue.

Jill Young-Manson states EIR is outdated, asks how noise might affect local wildlife.

Tim Micsko asks if there will be meetings regarding rollercoaster. Yes

Jonathan Gregory suggests Supervisor Barger take public stand on roller coaster and stand with stakeholders. He asked for Barger's office to be mindful with opening of 3-agency public / mental health location not to allow area to become waiting room for clients.

Renata Ray asks if there is sunset date on 2013 Environmental Impact Report. Natalie will get back to us.

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CD2 Field Deputy Shannan Calland announces resolution planned to celebrate TL100 and August 31st ribbon cutting for Vineland Center Median. Is working with CD2's Sahag on fencing to prevent encampments. Thanks residents for letters urging expedited cleanups, especially on Vineland Pathway, is keeping issue before Council President Krekorian.

Jonathan Gregory states we need enforcement, citizens shouldn't have to fix problem. Would like to see Krekorian at GTLNC meetings.

Doug Hamblin reports people with tents are being brought to neighborhood and dropped off with tents. Are those dropping them off receiving public funds to create bigger problem? He asked that Shannan look into if official agencies are doing this.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar stated he's reaching out to occupants encamped on Riverside Drive Median. If services are refused he gives an LAMC 41.18 citation. He confirms person was observed dropping people off on Vineland Place. It's not illegal but he will monitor. Is conducting outreach at new encampment on Vineland and Riverside.

Jill Young-Manson asked if we have license plate number of cars dropping off homeless. SLO Delbar said LAPD can investigate but not disclose info.

Irene Birmingham asks about those just beyond 500-ft radius of Special Enforcement Zone. SLO Delbar said that is an issue. He'll continue to do outreach, prosecutor has to decide whether or not to enforce citation.

Doug Hamblin asks who decides what is being enforced and what isn't. Tess Taylor asked if there is discretion by SLO to cite or not. Delbar says yes.

Jo Ann Rivas asks if loss of Neighborhood Prosecutor program is causing problems. The transition is challenging.

Jonathan Gregory states Venice has used 41.18 enforcement to reclaim public space and we need same level of enforcement here. The public wants its spaces and safety back. SLO said he does outreach then citation.

Nathaniel Privaratsky states that if citations aren't prosecuted, it will produce endless yoyo effect.

Philip (no last name given) asks if public can see citations to monitor outcomes. Delbar is unsure.

DONE Rep Erica Gatica shares GTLNC monthly profile.

Diane Rana, Field Rep for Assemblymember Friedman, announces July town hall to help those affected by strike with EDD. Friedman introduced AB 645 to address street racing. Stakeholders call with opinions until 9/14.

Renata Ray asks is there sunset date if program not successful? Yes, 2032.

Nathaniel Privaratsky asks how would program end, can cameras be audited? Diane: That's up to the city.

Lee Jamieson: Who gets ticket? Answer: It goes to the car.

Philipp: This didn't work in L.A. Expresses privacy concerns.

5. Treasurer's Report

Tess explains GTLNC has annual budget of \$32K, used to get approximately \$50K at inception of NC system. GTLNC must submit budget for new fiscal year to be compliant with city clerk funding policy. What we propose to submit today doesn't reflect current GTLNC priorities, it's just a placeholder which we can and should change.

Arthur Wypchlak explains our board must approve and submit budget so we can access GTLNC's funds.

Paul Hartel expresses concern about spending so much on office and social media.

Jonathan Gregory confirms rollover amount is \$1,256.

Erica Gatica states Jill Young Manson, Deborah Yazmajian and Irene Birmingham have not completed financial training and are ineligible to vote on financial matters, but OK to vote on non-financial matters.

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5.1 Approve 2023-2024 GTLNC Administrative Packet.

VOTE: 10 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Besharaty		
E Bartlett	Y Besharaty	I Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
Y Hartel	Y Micsko	I Young-Manson	Y Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	I Yazmajian

5.2 Approve May, June 2023 Monthly Expenditure Reports (“MERs”). These are holdover items from the previous board.

Approve May 2023 MER:

VOTE: 10 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Ray		
E Bartlett	Y Besharaty	I Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
Y Hartel	Y Micsko	I Young-Manson	Y Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	I Yazmajian

Approve June 2023 MER:

VOTE: 10 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Ray		
E Bartlett	Y Besharaty	I Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
Y Hartel	Y Micsko	I Young-Manson	Y Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	I Yazmajian

6. Election of Committee Chairs

Interest expressed by Lee Jamieson to join PLUM committee, Ron Babbini to join Public Safety and PLUM committees. Tess advises them to email committee chairs.

6.1 Governmental Affairs Nominee: Doug Hamblin

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

6.2 Planning and Land Use Nominee: Paul Hartel

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

6.3 Public Safety Nominee: Shawn Besharaty

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

6.4 Outreach and Elections Nominee: Tim Micsko

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7. Cal Trans Maintenance Division personnel on community concerns and long-term plans for Greater Toluca Lake:

Aaron Silverman, Homelessness Liaison, West, East, and North Regions; **Scott Wadsworth**, Encampments Superintendent; **Eddie Walker** and **Juan Jimenez**, Supervisors, North Region; **Amaany Smaan**, Governmental Affairs Liaison

Aaron Silverman and Scott Wadsworth addressed encampment issues. Staff of 5, including 3 supervisors, 2 liaisons and thousands of maintenance workers cover Caltrans District 7 which includes LA, Ventura counties and 2000 miles of freeways. Caltrans contracts with third party to help with cleanups. Caltrans has difficulty hiring because of law wages, state workers are the lowest paid, many are unwilling to perform encampment cleanup.

Jonathan Gregory asks how many areas cleaned per day. 4 to 5, but only 2 today to perform cleanups. Is Clean California still functioning? Yes, but that is beautification not encampment cleanups.

Tess Taylor asks about LAMC 41.18 Special Enforcement Zones (“SEZs”). If county, city, and state agencies work on same encampment, how do they communicate with each other to resolve issue? Answer: They communicate when and where cleanups are scheduled. If city is organizing a cleanup, they should flag it. LA City Council votes to approve LAMC 41.18 SEZs. If city doesn’t flag these to Caltrans they could be missed. Suggests we lobby LA City Council to contact Caltrans for urgent areas that need to be addressed immediately. Caltrans wants to prevent encampment migration to Caltrans property once it’s removed from city property.

Tess Taylor asked for timeline to clear new encampments. Two weeks preferred.

Doug Hamblin asks if we can contact Caltrans directly. Yes

Paul Hartel asks, who put sign to vacate on tent referred to earlier and does Caltrans have authority to evict? Yes, Caltrans put sign on and yes it has authority to evict but there is a public health process.

Tess Taylor asked if Aaron can send her a copy of its policies. Yes, but please use the Caltrans CSR system.

Tess Taylor asks what is time frame for complaint to be addressed and resolved? Diane Rana responds roughly 30 to 45 days for everything to be evaluated.

Ron Babbini mentions that overpasses are NOT within Caltrans’ jurisdiction. Correct.

Tess Taylor asked how to fix the staff shortage problem. Answer: People don't want job.

Jonathan Gregory asks how to prevent breaching of weak fencing. Suggests pay increase to attract workers.

Doug Hamblin asks what is budgeted for cleanups? Answer: Aaron will get back to us.

Jonathan Gregory states 101 FWY ramps not cleaned in 5 months. Scott: too much area for only two District 7 workers. Please make CSR.

8. Old Business.

8.1 Proposed Sponsorship of Toluca Lake Farmer’s Market. A holdover item from July 2023 agenda, to enable the Farmer’s Market to meet its certification requirements, continue to operate and be subject to appropriate NC authorization documentation.

Tabled, proper paperwork not yet submitted.

Tess Taylor will include update of Universal Roller Coaster on future agenda. She is reviewing and analyzing information, taking meetings, etc. so GTLNC can take an official position in future.

9. New Business.

9.1 Open application period for GTLNC Youth Board Member. Open to stakeholders between ages of 14 years or older and no more than 17 years of age, at the time of selection.

9.2 Proposal to support Jamie York’s appointment to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

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This Community Impact Statement will be submitted to Council File 23-1200-S130

Jonathan states that this vote would support stronger ethics in LA City Council.

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9.3 Information items: Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Alexandra’s Law

Public comment from John Moskal about importance of Farmer’s Market and Taste of Toluca.

10. Adjournment. 9:05PM

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