



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 7:00PM

Toluca Lake Elementary School – Classroom A

4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601

Supporting documents available at GTLNC.org.



For public comments, please fill out a separate speaker card for each agendized item on which you wish to be heard. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.

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| X Tess Taylor, President | X Deborah Bartlett | X Tim Micsko arrives 7:22PM |
| E Jonathan Gregory, VP | X Shawn Besharaty | X Renata Ray |
| X Jo Ann Rivas, Secretary | X Irene Birmingham | A Deborah Yazmajian |
| X Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer | X Cella Duffy | X Jill Young Manson |
| E Paul Hartel, Alt. Secretary | X Doug Hamblin | |

1. Call to Order. 7:05PM Roll call. *Quorum established, 10 members present.* Announcements.

Tess Taylor states she was invited by Council President Paul Krekorian’s office to appear and make comments at Vineland Center Median ribbon cutting on Aug 31, 2023.
Virtual Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by Congressman Cardeñas.
Pending bill ACA 13 lowers voting threshold from 2/3s to 51% of CA legislature to get new tax approved.
Sun Oct 29, 2023 WTLRA Dog Costume Parade. All are welcome, email info.WTLRA@gmail.com for details.
Jo Ann Rivas: Sat Sep 23 is Congress of NCs. Encourages everyone to take Roberts Rules of Order training.

2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only.

John Paul Bird announces candidacy for Council District 2.
Jon Zimbrich announces candidacy for GTLNC youth board seat. Ron Babbini endorses Jon Zimbrich.
Brett Shannon: Lives on Denny Avenue, on border of Toluca Lake and NoHo. States there are no police patrols, no street cleanups in 10+ years. States that Councilmember Krekorian is allowing so many apartment buildings to go up. Expresses concerns about constant Air B&B parties and disturbances of the peace.

3. Approve July 25th, 2023 and August 15th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

July 25th, 2023 minutes not available yet. Motion to approve August 15th, 2023 minutes.

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

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

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

Diane Rana, Field Rep, office of Assemblymember Friedman: AB645 Pilot Safety bill passed, on governor’s desk. Will meet with Cal Trans and Toluca Lake Beautification Partners regarding \$2M grant funding for projects in Greater Toluca Lake in mid October and report back. Need help with EDD? Call Diane at (818) 558-3043.

Erica Gatica, NEA, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: SB411 now on governor’s desk, to give neighborhood councils option to continue in-person meetings, via Zoom and/or adopt hybrid setting. Tess Taylor

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states larger budget needed if SB411 passes to fund Zoom equipment needs, dedicated tech. Erica advises to make pitch to City Clerk at next budget cycle.

Renata Ray asks can letter of action can come from anyone? Speaking as individual always an option. For an official action, board action is required

Michelle Vergara, Senior and East Valley Representative for Mayor Bass. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, reports on Inside Safe operations. 40 individuals housed on Aetna Street. City just released new renter's assistance program under Unite LA, details and criteria at [housing.LACity.org](https://housing.lacity.org). Application period closes Oct 2 at 6PM. Mayor Bass hosting town hall Tue, Sep 25 at 7PM via Zoom. Board member questions included:

Q: How many were there prior to 40 getting housed? A: Over 25 Inside Safe operations, over 1600 housed.

Q: Are all 1600 from encampments or also people new to the area? A: Each Inside Safe operation is different.

Q: What's this costing? A: Doesn't know.

Q: Is housing interim? A: They remain in interim housing until they get to permanent housing.

Q: How are people being housed affected by those being bused in? A: We work closely with local partners and immigrant rights organizations to reunify them and not impact others.

Q: Is there a budget for that? A: Non profits and city fund it.

Steve states the worst thing that ever happened to the valley is the metro. It should have stopped in Hollywood. Homeless now come here from all parts of the city, NoHo is end of the line and they set up encampments here. Suggests shutting down Universal and North Hollywood Metro stations.

Natalie Vartanian, Senior Field Representative from Supervisor Barger's office. Expresses sorrow over murder of Sheriff in Antelope Valley. Barger introduced motion to incentivize new and continuing movie production, approved initiatives for non-English speaking voters and bonus for bi-lingual election workers at vote center. North Hollywood Health Center construction contract awarded to Swinerton Builders. Renata Ray states CA now competes for bids for filming with TX, GA who give huge tax incentives, and CA only gives modest amount.

Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar reports two encampments at Moorpark / Bellflower. Hortense and Riverside is encampment gone. Free catalytic converter etching event on Saturday, September 23 at 11452 Burbank Blvd, Church of Scientology parking lot from 9 to 2 PM.

LAFD Battalion Chief Sloan Joseph states this is National Disaster Preparedness month, see emergency.lacity.org. Newsletter focused on older populations, community support, brush clearance, hazard mitigation.

5. Proposal to form two (2) ad hoc GTLNC Committees:

Tess Taylor states bylaws authorize president to create ad hoc committees, putting these forward for any input board may have.

5.1 NPG and Community Improvement Projects Committee (Robert Scibelli).

Robert Scibelli states GTLNC needs to have supervision, monitoring and compliance of Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Community Improvement Projects, and better way to manage and solicit appropriate uses of public funds. Committee to ensure funds are expended appropriately, establish guidelines, and review prior grants for progress and completion. Committee to convene when NPG application(s) filed.

5.2 Bylaws Committee. Deadline to submit amendments: Monday, April 1st, 2024 (Tess Taylor).

6. Treasurer's Report (Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer)

6.1 Approve July, August 2023 Monthly Expenditure Reports ("MERs").

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VOTE: 11 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Bartlett		
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	E Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
E Hartel	Y Micsko	Y Young-Manson	Y Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	AB Yazmajian

6.2 Approve amended GTLNC budget to add rollover amount of \$3,749.29 to 2023-2024 GTLNC Administrative Packet.

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6.3 Approve payment to LAUSD of \$561.00 to rent Toluca Lake Elementary School for September, October, December 2023 GTLNC Regular Board Meetings.

*Motion to amend language of motion to read “Approve payment to LAUSD **up to** \$561.00 to Rent Toluca Lake Elementary School for September, October, December 2023 GTLNC Regular Board Meetings.”*

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6.4 Discussion of GTLNC budget priorities, initiatives for 2023-2024.

Doug Hamblin suggests purchase of microphones, Jo Ann Rivas suggests food, laptop. Jim Fitzpatrick asks what happened to public address system we used to have for meetings? Arthur Wypchlak states before COVID we had two microphones, baton has been passed a few times, may be in storage some place. Also, NPG covered maintenance for copier at school, in exchange principal printed packets before COVID. Terry Herkner suggests Turkey Trot, National Night Out donations. Jim Fitzpatrick suggests flyers at Toluca Lake Post Office.

6.5 Proposal to budget up to \$529.55 for GTLNC business cards and lanyards.

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7. Government Affairs Committee Report (Doug Hamblin, Chair)

7.1 Proposed Community Impact Statement to support CF 23-0914 (Councilmember Traci Park), Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions.

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***Motion:** GTLNC supports CF 23-0914 (Councilmember Traci Park) Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions / Citywide Program / Homeless Dwelling / Designated Streets / Portable Toilets / Septic Tank Waste Disposal. The proliferation of long-term RV parking on city streets affects our community’s quality of life. Lack of support services, such as sewage treatment, exacerbates problems for all. GTLNC supports CF 23-0914 to designate streets for oversized vehicles to enable better management of oversized vehicle parking for all stakeholders. This will provide parking areas outside residential neighborhoods and offer support services for those living in oversized vehicles. GTLNC urges LA City Council to swiftly implement designated oversized vehicle parking throughout the city. LINK: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-0914_misc_08-29-23.pdf*

Tim Micsko: Suggests two amendments 1) to insert “and trash and debris collection” after “sewage treatment,” 2) “and to enact strict fines and enforcement in timely manner for violations” after “throughout the city.”

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

VOTE to approve CIS with amendments: 11 / 0 / 1		Mover: Taylor		Second: Hamblin		
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	AB Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
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7.2 Local zoning control vs. state imposed control.

8. Public Safety Committee Report (Shawn Besharaty, Chair)

8.1 Proposal to create Vacant House Registry.

8.2 Community Emergency Response Training (“CERT”) for residents.

Irene Birmingham states minimum of 25 people needed to sign up. Free to participate

8.3 Effects of AB 109 (2011, Criminal Justice Realignment), Proposition 47 (2014, Criminal Sentences, Misdemeanor Penalties), Proposition 57 (2016, Criminal Sentences, Parole, Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing).

Doug Hamblin suggests CA is at tipping point. Prop 47 co-authored by Gascon when he was DA of San Francisco. Now that he’s wrecked San Francisco he’s trying to wreck LA. Tess Taylor suggests GTLNC DA candidate forum.

9. Planning and Land Use Committee Report (Paul Hartel, Chair)

9.1 Local zoning control vs. state imposed control.

9.2 Strengthen enforcement of party house ordinances, deter violations ([CF 12-1824-S2](#)) (Council President Paul Krekorian).

Jill Young Manson reports on party house in Studio City. At a party in July, 500 children defied 20 cops and 4 helicopters. Today is Day #86 with no action taken by City despite residents going through all proper channels. Party host company Night Fall appear to be scofflaws, records indicate principal is in contempt of court. Cost of police actions to taxpayers unknown. Average rent for party house \$24,000 / month. City of LA benefits from transient occupancy tax of 14% on all AirBnB transactions, rakes in fees on enforcement. Recent decline from 17,000 at its peak to 10,000 AirBnB rentals. Quaint houses being torn down, everything we own is being commoditized, LA is a hot item as people from all over the world want to come here. Valley Spring Lane residents boycotting Keller Williams with petition on Change.org as KW refuses to take down listing. Most effective: give

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party house bad review, set traffic cones in front of house. Doug Hamblin notes party houses have negatively affected affordable housing.

9.3 Universal Fast and Furious Roller Coaster update.

TLHOA board member Terry Herkner expresses concern that Universal won't release information, including about sound testing, is bypassing Environment Impact Report ("EIR"). Residents want new EIR. Bob Salveri states roller coaster was never part of TLHOA approvals. Natalie Vartanian states Supervisor Barger is reviewing options of what she legally can do and will respond, that roller coaster is allowable use under Specific Plan, approved in 2013. Universal still has to apply for building plans, hasn't yet submitted final plans. Bob Salveri expresses concern there is no specific mention of roller coaster in Specific Plan. Steve expresses concern about vagueness of unrestricted permit, advocates cap on Universal expansion. Doug Hamblin confirms EIR was done in 2013. Then if idea of roller coaster was after 2013, how does the EIR pertain? GTLNC board unanimously approves scheduling special meeting for residents to express concerns about roller coaster, date TBA.

Motion to schedule GTLNC Special Meeting to hear and address community concerns about Universal Fast & Furious Roller Coaster.

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9.4 What Regional Housing Needs Allocation ("RHNA") means to Greater Toluca Lake.

10. Comments from Tim Micsko, Chair of Outreach and Elections Committee. September meeting canceled.

Steve suggests GTLNC set up booth at Toluca Lake Elementary School, speak at PTA meetings.

11. Information Items

11.1 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. Deadline to apply at GTLNC.org: Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 6:00PM PST.

11.2 Proposed NC Board Member Code of Conduct Policy (click [HERE](#)). BONC may vote as soon as October 3rd, 2023.

12. Old Business.

13. New Business.

14. Adjournment. 10:00PM

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