



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
 Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 at 7:00PM
 Toluca Lake Elementary School – Auditorium
 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 agenda item on which you wish to be heard. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.

1. Call to Order. Roll call. Announcements.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Tess Taylor. Roll call taken. Quorum reached.

X Tess Taylor, President	X Deborah Bartlett	X Tim Micsko
X Jonathan Gregory, VP	X Shawn Besharaty	A Renata Ray
X Jo Ann Rivas, Secretary	X Irene Birmingham	X Deborah Yazmajian
X Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer (arrived 7:18)	X Cella Duffy	X Jill Young Mason

Left meeting early: Jill Young-Manson 9:42PM; Jon Zimbrich 10:14PM; Deborah Yazmajian 10:10PM. X = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused

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

Craig Strong announces Holiday Parade on 12/24. They have \$115k of the \$150k raised. Seeks donations, volunteers.

James Fitzpatrick expressed concern with drivers going through stop signs at an increased rate. Local artist Katie Sunderalingham proposes to paint murals on 2 utility boxes.

Steve expresses concern that restaurants are still using sidewalks for al fresco dining, post pandemic. Wants sidewalks restored.

3. Approve July 25th, 2023 and September 19th, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

3.1. MOTION: To approve July 25th, 2023 GTLNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Key: Y = Yes, N = No, A = Abstain, AB = Absent, R = Recusal, I = Ineligible

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

3.2. MOTION: To approve September 19th, 2023 GTLNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

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

4.1 LAPD coverage, LAMC 41.18 enforcement (Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar, LAPD). *6% decrease in crime YTD. Triple homicide at Lankershim and Moorpark, deal gone wrong. Suspects and victims from out of state. 41.18 is being enforced but there are*

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two new encampments. Met with St. Matthew's staff. They know the identity of person dropping homeless off in our area, but no public information at this time. The Gang and Robbery Dept. is working with other police departments regarding out of state gangs in our area. For Halloween safety, cordon off area where you don't want people to go. Cut lights off at a certain time. Make it less desirable. Delbar on duty until mid November.

4.2 Board members required training (Erica Gatica, DONE) Erica was not present.

Field Deputy Diane Rana from Rep. Laura Friedman's office. AB645- PASSED. Speed Safety Pilot Program. AB 496-PASSED. Cannot sell cosmetics with certain cancer causing ingredients. Assemblymember Friedman secured \$1,533,000 in funding for Los Angeles this year which includes \$933,000 for the Discovery Cube LA STEM Walk and Ride Trails Project at Hansen Dam, \$600,000 for the RV Buyback and Disposal Program. Friedman to meet in November with Toluca Lake Beautification Partners awarded \$2M for cleanup and beautification projects in our district. TLBP to decide on projects and Cal Trans will assist. More information on website in November. Concerns raised by board members about human feces, dead rats, and accountability, oversight and transparency with spending and execution of projects with the \$2M. Diane will schedule meeting with Cal Trans and GTLNC.

Senior Field Deputy Natalie Vartanian for Supervisor Barger. Board of Supervisors met regarding problematic and prolific RV homelessness and Van Lord situation, are directing county agencies to come back with legislation suggestions regarding RVs and to hold Van Lords accountable. Met with Toluca Lake Homeowner Associations regarding Universal rollercoaster to be followed up with directives to County Dept. of Regional Planning to address concerns. They are "not close" to approving plans yet.

Concerns of board members and stakeholders include:

- *RV buyback may incentivize bringing more RVs to streets*
- *Concerns over environmental impact of raw sewage dumped by RV tenants.*
- *Concern that people from other neighborhoods will flood our area seeking services at new help center at Tujunga and Chandler and turn our streets into a waiting room*

Response: county is having a difficult time getting people to trade in RVs so they don't expect it to be an incentive. Help center is geared to meet needs of this area, influx of people not expected.

CD2 Field Deputy Jerilyn Stapleton for Shannan Calland City Council President Krekorian and Mayor Bass went to D.C. to bring back money for Los Angeles. RVs can't be towed if people live in them. CD2 invites ideas for future neighborhood beautification projects.

5. Treasurer's Report (Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer). No discussion or questions.

6. Consent Calendar: Every item on the Consent Calendar is considered bundled and voted on as a single item. If a Board Member Stakeholder has an objection to an item being on the Consent Calendar or wishes to pull an item, they need to raise that objection to an item and ask to have that item or items considered separately. There will be no discussion or comment on the substance of any item unless it is removed from the Consent Calendar. Removed

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items will be moved to the end of the agenda for consideration, or earlier within the discretion of the Chair. The Consent Calendar includes:

Items 6.2 and 6.4 removed from Consent Calendar. Items 6.1 and 6.3: Shawn moved to approve, Second: Doug. Passed unanimously.

6.1 MOTION 6.1: Approve GTLNC September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report

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

6.2 Approve budget up to \$50 per month for photo copies of agendas and meeting minutes for GTLNC Committee and Regular Board Meetings for one year, through October 31, 2024. *Jo Ann moved to amend amount from \$50 to \$150. Tess seconded. Passed unanimously.*

MOTION 6.2: Approve budget up to \$150 per month for photo copies of agendas and meeting minutes for GTLNC Committee and Regular Board Meetings for one year, through October 31, 2024.

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

6.3 Approve budget up to \$200 for food for GTLNC Regular Board Meetings. *Jonathan Gregory suggests changing “food” to “snacks” amendment unanimously approved.*

MOTION 6.3: Approve budget up to \$200 for snacks for GTLNC Regular Board Meetings

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

6.4 Approve budget up to \$50 for coffee and donuts for Harmony Toluca Lake Church, benefiting residents of Fine Gold Manor on Sunday, October 29th, 2023. *Jonathan Gregory asked to amend changing Harmony Toluca Lake Church to Fine Gold Manor event. Mover: Taylor. Second: Birmingham. Amendment unanimously approved.*

MOTION 6.4: Approve budget up to \$50 for coffee and donuts for Fine Gold Manor, benefiting residents of Fine Gold Manor on Sunday, October 29th, 2023.

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

7. Attendance Report (Jo Ann Rivas, Secretary). *No attendance concerns at this time. Requests all members to join a committee.*

8. Appoint Youth Board Member. Candidate: Jon Zimbrich.

MOTION 8: Approve appointment of Jon Zimbrich as GTLNC Youth Board Member.

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Y Hartel	Y Micsko	Y Young-Manson	AB Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	Y Yazmajian

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

9.1 Community Impact Statement to oppose the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) proposed amendments to the “Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.” BONC to vote on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.

Board consensus that Code of Conduct is not in best interest of Neighborhood Councils. Points brought up include 1) lack of due process; 2) it’s wrong for staff to determine fate of elected officials, 3) it’s overreaching and ripe for abuse; 4) it’s unnecessary and redundant as NC Board members are already required to take and pass ethics and code of conduct test; 5) compliance with Code to be asked of volunteer NC members ONLY, which would constitute an unfair burden; 6) No appeal process; 7) there appears to be no mechanism or infrastructure for enforcement, defense or arbitration of issues, and 8) it would likely limit free speech. GTLNC firmly opposed.

MOTION 9.1: Approve Community Impact Statement (see Meeting Documents) to oppose the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) proposed amendments to the “Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.”

VOTE: 14 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Birmingham		Y: Zimbrich
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
Y Hartel	Y Micsko	Y Young-Manson	AB Ray	Y Rivas	Y Taylor	Y Yazmajian

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

10.1 Proposal to oppose Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance.

This would stop transparency and remove process from public scrutiny. It’s a battle between the state wanting administrative review and local control over what is built in our community.

MOTION 10.1: Approve Community Impact Statement (see Meeting Documents) to oppose Proposed Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance.

VOTE: 14 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Birmingham		Y: Zimbrich
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	Y Hamblin	Y Wypchlak
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10.2 Proposal to oppose Proposed Housing Element 2021-2029 Rezoning Targets and Community Plan Updates. *Removes local input and control. Over 1.4M possible housing units exist to fill 250K housing required by RHNA in areas that won’t negatively impact residential neighborhoods. Objections to unclear language and leading questions in LA City Planning survey, language should be removed.*

MOTION 10.2: Approve Community Impact Statement (see Meeting Documents) to oppose Proposed Housing Element 2021-2029 Rezoning Targets and Community Plan Updates.

VOTE: 14 / 0 / 0		Mover: Taylor		Second: Birmingham		Y: Zimbrich
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10.3 Applicant’s presentation seeking (non-required) support for conditional use permit to allow sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with 2,550 sq. ft. 24-hour service station with convenience market and car wash at 4377 Vineland Avenue. ZA-2023-3329-CUB, ZA-2023-3129-CE (Sherrie Olson, Applicant’s Representative).

PRO arguments: Established business, reputable owner, good security, convenience for customers, it will take business away from competitors not add more business, locked fridge doors. Unfair to blame bad business behaviors and owners on a good owner who has been in business for 40 years.

CON arguments: over saturation of alcohol licenses in area. The law states only two such establishments per census tract and, if approved, this would be the fourth for that zone. More trash, possible DUIs, public drunkenness, parties in cars on residential streets. Increase of crime.

MOTION 10.3: Approve conditional use permit to allow sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with 2,550 sq. ft. 24-hour service station with convenience market and car wash at 4377 Vineland Avenue.

VOTE: 6 / 5 / 2			Mover: Taylor, Second: Duffy			AB Zimbrich
N Bartlett	Y Besharaty	N Birmingham	Y Duffy	N Gregory	Y Hamblin	A Wypchlak
Y Hartel	N Micsko	Y Young-Manson	AB Ray	A Rivas	N Taylor	Y Yazmajian

11. Outreach and Elections Committee Report (Tim Micsko, Chair).

- 11.1 GTLNC available assets for outreach, locations.
- 11.2 Working with local restaurants.
- 11.3 Strategy to engage, mobilize on common community concerns.
- 11.4 GTLNC volunteers needed for Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 19th.

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

- 12.1 Community Emergency Response Training (“CERT”) available for residents.
- 12.2 Steps to a cleaner, safer community.
- 12.3 Letters of Action to support Los Angeles Police Department.
- 12.4 Negative Impact to Community (Property Registry).

13. Information Items

- 13.1 Proposed California ballot initiative to reverse state control over local zoning, land use and planning decisions, and restore such decisions to locally elected and appointed officials. **LINK:** <https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com>
- 13.2 GTLNC Special Meeting TBA regarding Universal Studios Roller Coaster.

14. Old Business.

Jonathan expressed concern over Toluca Lake Farmer’s Market, still in suspense. Information isn’t clear. Tim suggested finding a non-profit to sponsor. Tess referred to Committee.

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