



MINUTES
 Regular Board Meeting
 Tuesday, November 14th, 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.

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| X Tess Taylor, President | X Deborah Bartlett | EX Tim Micsko |
| X Jonathan Gregory, VP | X Shawn Besharaty | EX Renata Ray |
| EX Jo Ann Rivas, Secretary | X Irene Birmingham | X Deborah Yazmajian arrives 7:10pm |
| EX Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer | X Cella Duffy | X Jill Young Manson |
| X Paul Hartel, Alt. Secretary | EX Doug Hamblin | ABS Jon Zimbrich |

1. Call to Order. 7:04PM Roll call. Announcements.
2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only.
3. Approve October 17th, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Vote: 9 / 0 / 0		Mover: Besharaty		Second: Birmingham	
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory	
AB Hamblin	Y Hartel	AB Misco	AB Ray	AB Rivas	
Y Taylor	AB Wypchlak	Y Yazmajian	Y Young Manson	AB Zimbrich	

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

Gabriele Agarie announced December 2nd Medicare renewal event in Sun Valley.

Erica Gatica Doughty announced SB411 passed, enabling neighborhood councils to meet virtually. Guidance issued by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). GTLNC can't move forward with request to "sponsor" Toluca Lake Farmer's Market, an "operator" is needed which entails financial responsibilities. DONE sponsoring Youth Rep conference on Saturday, January 27th at City Hall for 14 – 17 year olds.

*Shawn Besharaty: Do we have to take action on SB411? Erica: Doing nothing is OK.
Jonathan Gregory: What do neighborhood councils (NCs) do for equipment? Who pays for it, where is it coming from, do NCs share resources? Erica: Equipment not touched on, it's not an expense of DONE, we provide guidance. Some NCs share (Central Hollywood, Del Rey), they have reliable / cost effective equipment. Jonathan: Cost? Erica: About \$7,000.*

Shannan Calland: City Attorney and Councilmember Paul Krekorian partnering to crack down on copper wire theft. Krekorian to adopt draft ordinance to prevent use of short term rentals as party houses. Cleanup at Riverside / 134 scheduled today, with more Care and Care Plus cleanups in November. Discussion of fencing, median, traffic calming measures. Jonathan asks if Krekorian will attend a GTLNC meeting, states that CD2's Lorraine Diaz does not report on her activities to fill shelter beds. Shannan: That's LAHSA, will ask her. Jonathan: We see no enforcement by LAPD. No

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one working for stakeholder public safety, the city and county still don't coordinate. Notes dangerous situation at Vineland Avenue bus shelter, propane tanks? Until Vineland Walkway is retrofit it's still an welcome mat for encampments. I see hundreds of thousands being spent on improvements, CD5 just this month. None going in CD2. RVs on Riverside Drive. \$1M allocated by city program, when we're spending \$4B this year in order to do nothing, should investigate use of existing ordinance to close off median to pedestrians. How much money has gone into NoHo Home Alliance? They have organized relocation of street people into our community, it's deliberate and intentional. No redress for this. Riverside Drive underpass is a disaster, no one willing to enforce. How does LAMC 41.18 enable a homeless person there for more than 5 minutes? We went to extraordinary efforts to secure 41.18, can't accept complete degradation of our community.

Shannan Calland: LAPD requested City Council put more teeth in 41.18 ordinance. As of now can only cite, not arrest. We await 9th Circuit Court clarification and what it means to be "voluntarily" vs. "involuntarily" homeless. Involuntary would be protected under law, voluntary most likely not protected especially if they are in public right of way. Things held up at 9th Circuit Court.

Phillip asks about cost of CARE and CARE+ services? Shannan: Very expensive: equipment, staff, LAPD, exact dollar amount unknown. Until the laws change, 9th circuit ruling supersedes everything.

Amy: How to determine if someone is voluntarily vs. involuntarily homeless? Shannan: Once court clarifies, this will trickle down to the city.

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

5.1 Proposal to oppose removal of LA Department of Transportation Commissioner Eric Eisenberg by Mayor Karen Bass (see [article](#)). (attached)

Item 5.1	Vote: 9 / 0 / 0	Mover: Taylor		Second: Bartlett
Y Bartlett	Y Besharaty	Y Birmingham	Y Duffy	Y Gregory
AB Hamblin	Y Hartel	AB Miscsko	AB Ray	AB Rivas
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5.2 Proposal to support Charter reform to address ethics at City Hall. Council File 22-1232 Powers and Responsibilities / Ballot Measure. (attached)

Item 5.2	Vote: 9 / 0 / 0	Mover: Taylor		Second: Besharaty
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5.3 Proposal to support permanent Office of Compliance. Council File 23-1097 (attached)

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

6.1 Proposal to amend [AB 2097](#) (Friedman). Residential, commercial, or other development types: parking requirements).

Paul explains law that allows developers to build without any on site parking as long TOC. Friedman currently considering amendments.

6.2 Parking developments at 10555 Bloomfield Street (Fred Iberri).

Paul explains new laws enabling unbundled parking, thus parking is not included in the rent for these market rate and mixed use buildings, but IS included for low income residents. Jill expresses concern that all units set aside for low income families are not tracked or registered by the city with no idea of how many units are dedicated to low income people. It's suspected that some "affordable" units may have gone back into pool of high rent, market rate units.

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

7.1 GTLNC volunteers needed for Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 19th (9:00AM - 1:00PM)

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

8.1 Revalidation of LAMC 41.18 Special Enforcement Zones in Greater Toluca Lake.

8.2 Proposed Letters of Action. (Jonathan Gregory)

8.2.1 Alexandra's Law, Fentanyl (attached).

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8.2.2 George Gascón, District Attorney. *Vote of No Confidence in policies of George Gascon (attached).*

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8.2.3 Against Anti-Semitism, Terror.

A proposal was made by Jonathan Gregory followed by discussion. Tess Taylor proposed statement by Council President Paul Krekorian, and a third modified proposal was made by Paul Hartel around which consensus developed, and which resolution subsequently passed. Motion to substitute Paul Hartel's motion. First: Tess Taylor. Second: Jill Young Manson

Motion: Insofar as events of October 7th, 2023 reflect an anti Jewish sentiment and growing anti-Semitism openly expressed in the United State, including our local community, the GLTNC deplores rise in anti-Semitism and stands with our Jewish neighbors.

Item 8.2.3	Vote: 4 / 3 / 2	Mover: Taylor		Second: Hartel
N Bartlett	A Besharaty	Y Birmingham	A Duffy	N Gregory
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9. Treasurer’s Report (Arthur Wypchlak, Treasurer)

9.1. Proposal to City Council and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to increase neighborhood council budgets.

10. **Consent Calendar:** Every item on the Consent Calendar is considered bundled and voted on as a single item. If a Board Member or 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 items will be moved to the end of the agenda for consideration, or earlier within the discretion of the Chair. The Consent Calendar includes:

10.1 Approve GTLNC October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report

10.2 Approve budget up to \$300.00 for snacks, water, GTLNC flyers to distribute at community event Toluca Lake Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 19th, 2023.

10.3 Approve reimbursement of Tess Taylor \$295.35 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Item #10	Vote: 9 / 0 / 0	Mover: Taylor	Second: Birmingham	
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11. Information Items

11.1 Committee agenda-setting.

Discussion of procedures to agendize items in committee. Some concern was expressed about maintaining subject matter appropriateness for respective committees to assure productivity.

11.2 The Path Forward From Martin v. Boise (2009) Decision. (Doug Hamblin)

11.3 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>

11.4 GTLNC Special Meeting TBA regarding Universal Studios Roller Coaster.

12. Old Business.

13. New Business. *Suggestion to work with and / or sponsor Toluca Lake Chamber event.*

14. Election regarding proposed meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 7:00PM at Toluca Lake Elementary School, Auditorium, at 4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood, CA.

By show of hands, the board opted not to meet in December.

15. Adjournment. 9:20PM

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