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Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm
ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS (X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused)

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| X Tess Taylor, Chair | X Kelly Cole | X Shawn Besharaty |
| X Reynold Blight (arrives at 7:27PM) | X Jonathan Gregory | |

- Call to order. Start time: 6:31PM Public in attendance: _____.
- Review, approve minutes (see materials at GTLNC.org under meeting documents): **MOTION:** Approve GTLNC January 3rd, 2023 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes. First: Shawn Second: Jonathan

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| Tess Taylor Y | Kelly Cole Y | Shawn Besharaty Y | Reynold Blight AB | Jonathan Gregory Y |
| Vote: 4 / 0 / 0 | | Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent. | | |

- Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within GTLNC’s Jurisdiction (2 min per speaker)
- Committee Member News & Announcements (2 min per speaker on relevant subject[s] not on agenda). *Jonathan comments on customers being taken advantage of at \$.99 cent stores, 3 prices for same item. Wrote letter to City Hall, Mayor and City Manager responded. Encouraged communication with CA State Attorney General Bonta. Complaint forwarded to corporate HQ. Working class people being charged incorrectly, taken advantage of. Stores obligated to price merchandise correctly. Hopes complaint compels reaction, investigation and correction.*
- Guest speaker: Jason Maruca, Field Deputy, San Fernando Valley, Legislative Deputy, Office of Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, Fifth District, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Discussion of LA County mental health initiatives, how these affect our district. *Jason Maruca’s appearance postponed. Discussion of mental health care and treatment needed more than housing, whether Housing First works or not. How can treatment best occur? Tess notes over 93,000 rental units currently vacant in Los Angeles, states that housing is not the issue.*
- Legislation of possible interest to Committee and Community.
- Discussion and possible motion / Request For Action. **MOTION:** GTLNC respectfully requests Council President Paul Krekorian (CD2) submit the following Motion relative to a street banner campaign to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the founding of Toluca Lake and its heritage: *First: Shawn. Second: Kelly*

Recommendation for Los Angeles City Council action:

- APPROVE, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.132, the Street Banner program coordinated by the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program from March 2023 to December 2023.
- APPROVE the content of the street banner design attached to the Motion.

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Discussion about Toluca Lake 100 Year Anniversary banners and possible reconsideration of motion made at November 15, 2022 GTLNC General Board Meeting, and request for \$5,000 grant presented as urgent (the Resolution passed). Many questions were asked to which board received no answers including total cost for entire banner campaign, placement of banners, artwork, printing, partners, name of the group soliciting funds, which festivities occurring early in 2023 warranted the “rush” approval of \$5,000, etc. and possible rules violation. It was noted that the community “is well down the road on this” and that GTLNC does not have capability for such a large project on its own, but the community does. Banner placement already reserved by Vice President. It was suggested that rather than reconsideration, we ask for status report. All present agreed with the appropriateness of the project, some feel ethical goal and process being negated. Council District 2 involved, total cost estimated to be around \$19,000, conversations have been had about parade and other activities.

MOTION: *Reconsideration of the following motion voted on by the GTLNC Board on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at its regularly scheduled meeting: “MOTION B: Approve up to \$5000.00 for the layout design, printing and instillation [sic] of light pole banners for the upcoming Toluca Lake 100th Anniversary celebration to be placed along Riverside Dr between Camarillo & Clybourn pending quotes.”*

8:29PM Shawn left meeting, his computer shut down (vote paused).

8:32PM Shawn reappeared.

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| Tess Taylor T | Kelly Cole Y | Shawn Besharaty Y | Reynold Blight N | Jonathan Gregory Y |
| Vote: 4 / 1 / 0 | | Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent. | | |

8. New Business / Future Projects. *Discussion of possible need for more city council seats, expanding number of council districts. Hinges on census, discussion of census not being accurate. Kelly suggests making it a requirement of NPG recipients to provide quarterly status reports and to let us know when project is completed and reserve right to ask for the money back if project not completed. Suggestion met with approval. Language should always include GTLNC logos. Discussion of neighborhood council sovereignty CIS.*

10. Old Business.

11. Adjournment. Close Time: 8:43PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

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