



**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & LAND USE MEETING**  
 May 10, 2021  
 6:30pm  
**ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867**



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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON ZOOM AND BE ACCESSIBLE TELEPHONICALLY.

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<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>			
<u>X</u>	Robert Scibelli	<i>Chair</i>	<u>X</u>	Mark Stephenson	<u>X</u>	Ron Babbini
<u>X</u>	Reyn Blight		<u>EX</u>	Bill Beauter		
<u>X</u>	Colby Jensen		<u>X</u>	Brandon Whalen Castellanos		

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	Start Time 6:33__ PM									
<b>2.</b>	<b>Attendance</b> Fred Iberri	Public in Attendance: __									
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>										
	<p>a. Review and Approve Committee Minutes</p> <p><b><u>MOTION A:</u></b> Approve the GTLNC March 8, 2021 PLUM Committee Minutes. <b><i>VOTE:</i></b> __6/_0/_0_            Full text of the minutes can be found at: <a href="https://www.gtlnc.org/">https://www.gtlnc.org/</a> <b><i>First: Mark</i></b>  <b><i>Second: Reyn</i></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Robert Scibelli</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Mark Stephenson</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Ron Babbini</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Reyn Blight</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Colby Jensen</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Bill Beauter</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Brandon Whalen Castellanos</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> </table>		Robert Scibelli	Mark Stephenson	Ron Babbini	Reyn Blight	Colby Jensen	Bill Beauter		Brandon Whalen Castellanos	
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<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>										
	<p><i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)</i></p> <p><i>Mark: Mark wanted to discuss the status of the cannabis application for a shop on the corner of Riverside and Forman Avenue.</i></p> <p><i>Bob: Bob explained that at this moment the LA City PLUM Committee was not likely to add the application to their agenda given the community opposition to this location.</i></p> <p><i>Bob: Given Mark’s concern, Bob suggested that he could bring a motion to the Board To issue a Community Impact Statement.</i></p> <p><i>Brandon: Brandon said that in that case the motion should then come from Bob as a member and not as the committee.</i></p>										



## 5. Committee Member News & Announcements

*(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)*

*Bob: Bob asked for a discussion re State Bills SB9 & SB10 leaning to a possible CIS. Bob gave a brief description of the bills (detailed content was provided to each committee member via email).*

*Ron: Ron expressed opposition to both bills as presently worded.*

*Colby: Also expressed opposition to both bills and added concern for the infrastructure impact.*

*Reyn: Reyn would oppose these bills unless the city followed with comprehensive infrastructure upgrades and the costs to do that. Reyn also pointed out that the state population has decreased while housing starts is going up so why the pressure to add density. Also many vacant homes and lots were available and suggested that the City should tax them.*

*Brandon: Brandon supports both Bills. The local communities are not addressing the need for housing hence the need State directive. Density can add vibrancy to a community. Noted that SB9 passed both houses (in SB1120 form) and failed to get to the governor's desk for lack of time.*

*Reyn: Reyn expanded on population decline.*

*Brandon added that impacts to infrastructure and schools are covered by fees to the developer.*

*Colby: Discussed the high cost of building in California and that vacancy taxes have been tried in other cities with little impact.*

*Brandon: Expanded on CEQUA provisions and exceptions*

*Mark: Opposed SB( but saw no issue with SB10*

*Reyn: Is no on SB9 but ok with SB10 but concerned with the impact to the Toluca Lake community plan.*

*Final vote tally, SB9 5no, 1 yes SB10 2 yes, 4no (a yes vote is in opposition to the bill)*

### **Public Comments:**

*Fred: Opposed to both Bills.*

*Tess; Strongly opposed to both bills. Tess updated the committee on the status of these bills in Sacramento. She went on to discuss the impact of these bills on home ownership. SB9 would allow the city to overwrite community initiatives.*

*Tess asked for the City Council file numbers*

*Tess: Discussed a book called "Sick City" on the ills of density*

*Mark excused himself, he had to leave but he provided update on Addison lot*

*Brandon asked that we discuss the beautification projects*

*Reyn explained the funding and difficulty of working with City politics. Streetscape consultant is preparing a survey for the community.*

*Bob explained the function of the TLBP and Council funding – NPG's*

*Tess asked about Streetscape in relation to the LA City community plan*

*Reyn: provided an explanation*

*Tess: Also asked how CEQUA would be applied and how NC funding is applied*

*Reyn explained make up of the TLBP*

*Tess asked how consultants are selected*

*Reyn explained that three bids are solicited for each project*

*Brandon explained that CEQUA would have to be involved*



**SB-10 Planning and zoning: housing development**

This bill authorizes a city or county to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is in a transit-rich area, a jobs rich area, or an urban infill site, as specified.

**SB-9 Housing development**

This bill requires ministerial approval of a housing development of no more than two units in a single-family zone (duplex), the subdivision of a parcel zoned for residential use into two parcels (lot split), or both.

**6. On-Going Business**

*(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)*

**5.1 Cahuenga / Addison Lot**

**Pending City Contract**

- General Services Department (GSD) staff has sent the lease forward with a recommendation to approve.
- GSD Management Committee to review and approve lease agreement with HUMC.
- Once the lease agreement is approved and signed, HUMC can begin the project.
- Now Institute is updating the design to meet the specified budget (\$30,000).
- Sci-Arc (LA-based Graduate School of Architecture) founders to assist in fundraising for project implementation

**5.2 Riverside Drive Streetscape**

- Placeworks is almost complete with its Streetscape survey, after several rounds of revisions by representatives from all four community organizations (GTLNC, Chamber, HOA, Garden Club)
- Survey is anticipated to be issued in the next 30 days; survey and supporting documentation will be found on [www.TolucaLakeStreetscape.com](http://www.TolucaLakeStreetscape.com)
- City of LA Planning Dept. heads have agreed to incorporate the Riverside Drive Streetscape work into the Community Plan

**5.3 Lankershim Blvd. Streetscape**

- Meeting is pending staff availability post Covid and recent events
- WRT proposal for third and final round of planning
- City of LA Planning Dept. heads have agreed to incorporate the Lankershim Blvd. Streetscape work into the Community Plan

**5.4 Clybourn/Forman Median**

- **On hold**, pending work on other priority projects

**5.5 Median on Moorpark Way (Moorpark Street to Riverside Drive)**

- **On hold**, pending work on other priority projects



<p><b>5.6 Angled Parking on Forman Ave. Under 134 Freeway</b>  <b>Payment to WRT Pending with City</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding approved for WRT to commence work</li> <li>• City Clerk will draft contract for WRT to begin - anticipated date of contract completion 90-120 days (given past availability of City staff)</li> <li>• Once contract is executed, work will commence</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. New Business</b></p> <p><i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i></p>	
<p><b>8. Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>Close Time: 7:40 PM</p>
<p>Next Meeting: June 14, 2021          @ <b>6:30PM</b> – via Zoom</p>	

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