



MINUTES - DRAFT
Joint General Board and
Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9th, 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 Reynold Blight, Co-Chair | X Mark Stephenson | X Ron Babbini |
| X Fred Iberri, Co-Chair | X Robert Scibelli | X Lee Jamieson |
| X Tess Taylor | X Jonathan Gregory | |

1. Roll call.
2. Call to order. Start time: 6:32PM. Public in attendance: 1
3. Minutes. Review, approve (see materials at GTLNC.org under meeting documents): **MOTION:** Approve GTLNC November 11th, 2022 Planning & Land Use Committee Minutes. *First: Tess. Second: Jonathan. Jonathan comments November minutes show no indication of what happens or what was discussed. Discussion of level of details. Tess volunteers to take minutes going forward. Jo Ann Rivas states detail is important, PLUM is one of the most important committees.*

Y: Reyn Blight	Y: Tess Taylor	Y: Robert Scibelli	Y: Jonathan Gregory
Y: Fred Iberri	Y: Ron Babbini	Y: Lee Jamieson	A: Mark Stephenson
Vote: 7 / 0 / 1		Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.	

4. Public Comment. *Tess mentions Mayor Karen Bass’s Declaration of a State of Emergency on Homelessness and Executive Directive 1, the Expedition of Permits and Clearances for Temporary Shelters and Affordable Housing Types, both of which passed in December 2022. Agendizes these for February 13th PLUM Meeting. Jo Ann Rivas states we need to put brakes on speed of development.*

5. Committee Member News & Announcements. *Scheduling conflict exists for committee member. Committee unanimously votes to change start time to 6:00PM (8/0/0). Reyn to inform Colby and Lisa.*

6. Old Business (Public Comment - Three (3) Minutes per Speaker)

6.1 - City Planning Dept. Community Plan, PLUM Committee Community Plan forums for 2023. *Reyn reports Miles Orr from City Planning has left, Reyn’s received no commitment for briefing for Toluca Lake, targeted for substantial increase in housing per SCAG requirements. Needs to be revisited, especially parking.*

6.2 - State Legislative Agenda for 2023. *Reyn states we’ll start to see legislation in February, March.*

6.3 - Toluca Lake Village Clock Update. *Reyn states planners keep coming up with more requirements to place clock, currently in storage. Permit not issued, unclear where exactly the holdup is. Toluca Lake Chamber raised money for clock itself but not to put it in ground. Reyn states we haven’t had staff assigned from council office to make it happen. Plans are virtually ready. Tess asks for names: who is responsible? Unknown, Reyn to get names for Tess. Bob states \$5,000 contributed by GTLNC so we need to know reason(s) for holdup.*

6.4 - Proposed West Toluca Lake Signage. *Jonathan asked Reyn in November to get suggestions from Beautification Partners. Reyn will get back to us. Jonathan suggests we identify 4 locations for signage to propose at general board meeting next week. Discussion of possible locations: across from Bob’s Big Boy, Vineland/Riverside, Camarillo/Clybourne, on or off-ramps. Ron states per BP’s Ryan Altoon, \$2M from CA doesn’t all go to Toluca Lake, projects must be on state property. Reyn to verify with BP, assess support from BP and Chamber. Committee agrees on placement of at least one sign on Vineland/Riverside, locations of other 3 signs pending.*

6.5 - Toluca Lake Post Office Update. *Tess provides update from USPS: “District operations are comfortable with current temporary trailers knowing a long-term solution is in process. It is estimated that 3,000 square feet of net interior space is needed for a right-sized operation. The Postal Service is currently looking for options that fit criteria within preferred area. If there are sites you have identified and would like us to consider please forward to Real Estate Specialist, Dean Cameron and we will evaluate based on operational needs.” Ron states P.O. may get first refusal at new Mariotta/Riverside building. Reyn suggests former bank building next to Ramsey Schilling, to provide address to Tess.*

6.6 - Proposed Permit Parking District – 5000 block of Auckland Avenue. *Stakeholder not present who brought this forward. Jo Ann comments our streets were not designed to accommodate present level of density, city has reduced amount of parking developers supposed to provide, over-crowding is consequence of over-development. Permits merely pit residents against residents. Co-chairs Fred and Reyn agree to confirm sign-off from CD2 that efforts to mitigate conditions are exhausted before applicant returns to seek NC support for parking district.*

[Mark Stephenson departs meeting at 7:23PM]

7. New Business (Public Comment - Three (3) Minute per Speaker).

7.1 - Interactive Kiosk Program. Discussion and possible vote / Community Impact Statement. *Bob expresses concern with size of kiosks and scale (300–500 units). States many other neighborhood councils also oppose this. Jonathan comments that benchmarking LA to Houston for this program is misguided. Expresses concern about lack of regulations, notes 3 prominent topics in digital billboard ads: elective surgeries, self medication (cannabis), personal liability lawyers. Jo Ann agrees 100% with Jonathan and Bob. States that as ADA and ADA advocate, LA is already a nightmare for anyone dealing with ADA issues, this makes it worse. Expressed concern about distractions while driving, data collection. Where will that data go? Reyn wants community oversight, local input.*

MOTION: The Board of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) opposes [Council File 22-1154](#), the Interactive Kiosk (“IKE”) program, for the following reasons: 1. The fact that most of the kiosks will be digital displays affects safety in that drivers will be distracted by flashing and changing displays at critical intersections and turn points. 2. This significant expansion of digital signage advertising will increase urban blight. 3. There are no controls over data collection by the kiosk companies of pedestrian or driver information and how such data will be used. 4. There has been a lack of community input into this proposal. Digital display kiosks need full community and environmental review. 5. Piggybacking on the City of Houston is inappropriate benchmarking as Houston building codes differ from Los Angeles codes, among other things. 6. Putting kiosks on sidewalks in the public right of way takes away public access to sidewalks. This triggers Americans with Disabilities Act issues which mitigate against putting kiosks on sidewalks. 7. Today most individuals get directional information from their cell phones which render kiosks irrelevant. 8. There is no information as to the cost and plans for protection of kiosks from vandalism or what entity will bear the cost to repair damaged kiosks. 9. There is a question as to where the energy source for these kiosks will be located and if they will be available for people to tap into. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [\[CF 22-1154\]](#). *First: Tess Second: Reyn*

LINK: https://clkreplacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1154_mot_10-04-22.pdf

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8. New Business / Future Projects. *Discussion of NEM2 and NEM3 RE: solar installation. Not applicable in LA. Bob provides costs and current state of solar. Jonathan suggests we provide info like this to benefit homeowners and stakeholders. Bob mentions recent Inflation Reduction Act, extends 30% tax credit for 10 years.*

9. Old Business.

10. Adjournment. Close Time: 8:28PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 13th, 2023 @ **6:00 PM** via Zoom
PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME

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