



**MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Joint General Board and**  
**Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting**  
 Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm  
**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 (arrives 6:06PM) | X Robert Scibelli (arrives 6:30PM) |
| X Fred Iberri, Co-Chair                     | X Jonathan Gregory                 |
| X Tess Taylor                               | X Ron Babbini                      |
| X Mark Stephenson (departs 7:05PM)          | A Lee Jamieson                     |

- Meeting opening / call to order. Start time: 6:03PM. Public in attendance:
- Roll Call
- Minutes. Review, approve (see materials at GTLNC.org under meeting documents): **MOTION:** Approve GTLNC January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Planning & Land Use Committee Minutes. *First: Tess. Second: Ron*

Y Reyn Blight	Y Tess Taylor	AB Robert Scibelli	Y Jonathan Gregory
Y Fred Iberri	Y Ron Babbini	AB Lee Jamieson	Y Mark Stephenson
<b>Vote:</b> 6 / 0 / 0	<b>Key:</b> Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.		

- Public Comment - Three (3) minutes per speaker
- Committee Member News & Announcements. *Tess to meet with small delegation tomorrow (February 14) with Mayor Bass. Also heard from Mona regarding car wash on Cahuenga and Riverside, some delays with her application, hopes to facilitate.*
- Old Business
  - Community Plan. *Should update by City Planning early summer. Reyn talking to planners, sees number of issues. Universal plans not stopping or slowing down, feeds into our planning.*
  - State Legislative Agenda. *Work with GAC to identify, track legislation affecting Toluca Lake. Lot splits and ADUs not doing as well as expected statewide or in LA. 114 applications at present (yielding 200 – 210 units) per Plan Check LA.*
  - Clock update
  - West Toluca Lake - Monument sign - Jonathan to update. *Funding being worked out.*
  - Auckland Parking district. Fred and Reyn spoke to Louise.

*Will need signatures from residents within 6-block radius, removing item from PLUM agenda for now. Reyn suggests parking will be big issue, need to address it in community plan and make sure Universal employees don't park in our neighborhood. Concern expressed about major plans for development in Universal Metro parking and how to reverse Road Diet on Vineland.*

- Update/Feedback on Kiosk CIS. *Tiffany updates.*
- New Business (*Public Comment - Three (3) Minutes per Speaker*)

- a. Mobile Station Liquor License request
- b. Presentation on Navaho Street wall.

*Case # [ZA-2023-83-F](#). Spokesperson invited but not present. CD2's Tiffany Zeytounian states project assigned to Building & Safety Inspector Brian Myer (over height fence at 6' and electrical work without permits with 2 orders to comply submitted). Await decision from Planning Dept. on conditional use variance (no hearing date yet). Concern expressed they built without permits or approvals. Tess suggests CIS. LA City Planner is Corey Kitchen.*

- c. Discussion and possible action on Measure ULA, also known as the "Homelessness and Housing Solutions Tax" and the "Mansion Tax" approved by voters in 2022. Measure ULA imposes a new and additional transfer tax on real estate valued at more than \$5M on both residential and commercial real estate transactions occurring on or after April 1, 2023 and will remain in effect until repealed by the people of the City of Los Angeles. Update on legal action to repeal Measure ULA.

*Suggestion that California needs less taxation, not more. Concern expressed how money will be spent. Criticism shared that ballot measure was deceptively written, called "mansion tax" when it also applies to commercial property, thereby raising cost of property in state of CA. Costs passed on to consumer, makes everything more expensive, tax increases with \$10M threshold. May affect transfers to children and heirs, support expressed for Howard Jarvis lawsuit to repeal ULA. 40% of all taxes collected in CA come from top 1/2 of 1%, mostly from capital gains. Committee opted to wait to take a position.*

- d. Discussion on Mayor Bass's Executive Directive #1 and Declaration of Local Emergency, both announced in December 2022.

*An estimated 17,000 are to be housed within 1 year of new mayor taking office. Jonathan suggests this looks like unbridled power for group of people to spend money without competitive bidding for contracts. Tens of millions of dollars flowing on every city council meeting agenda and yet people in streets incapable of living independently, mostly with drug addiction or psychiatric problems. The truth is people on streets are not families, they're disenfranchised, can't put them in houses and expect them to function. Nothing provides resilience, instead it increases dependency on government. We have to let city know we are not on board with this. Reyn suggests groups make money building low income housing. Bob agrees it's substance abuse and mental health problem, not housing. Expresses concern about single mothers who can be helped with bridge housing. Frustration expressed that city passed ordinance to curtail AirBnB rentals as AirBnB removes tens of thousands of apartments from market, then did nothing. Corporate ownership problematic. Disappointment expressed in results of Measure HHH. 62% of Los Angeles and Toluca Lake are renters. Rich homeowners get richer, while renters spend 60%+ on rent. Reyn states HHH money now allocated but lots of red tape. Jonathan states many homeless come from other states.*

- e. NBC Universal development discussion.

*Reyn attended NBC Universal meeting on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and reports new office operation and administration building on hill almost finished, some traffic mitigation needed when it opens in a few months. Front gates re-numbered 1 through 5. Increase in employment puts increased demand on apartments in our neighborhood. Discussion of street trees on Lankershim. Universal plans to replace trees they took out, ask for support from NBC Universal for our neighborhood. Tess asks Reyn to forward plans, he agrees.*

- f. Unscheduled presentation by Bruce Natanzi from 7/11 on SW corner of Moorpark and 4377 Vineland Avenue with consultant Sherry Olsen.

*Request to add beer and wine to 7:00am to 10:00pm carwash but no application yet. Market open 24/7 with security patrol. Questions from committee include what measures will be in place that people who use business and those in immediate area will feel safe? How will we know restrictions on alcohol sales, if approved, will be enforced, and how many other locations within half a mile serve alcohol? How to prevent loitering? Mitigations*

*include interior / exterior security camera, LAPD has IP address and can communicate with people in store. Lockable cooler doors, triggered from cash register. No single serving sales. Loiterers will be asked to move, otherwise law enforcement will be called. Alcohol sales in area unknown, Sherry to research. Anything prior to 1985 would not have CUP or be regulated by city. Reyn asks for alcohol cut-off at 10PM, Mark agrees. Jonathan asks commitment to minimum number of employees at any one time. Sherry states two or more on site at all times.*

8. Adjournment. Close Time: 8:10PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ **6:00 PM** at Location TBA

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