MINUTES **DRAFT**

GTLNC Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 7:00pm
Toluca Lake Elementary School, Classroom 17
4840 Cahuenga Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601

Supporting documents available GTLNC.org

Committee Membership (X = present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused):

X Paul Hartel, Chair	X Ron Babbini *(leaves 9:00PM)*	X Bob Scibelli
X Jill Young Manson	X Lee Jamieson	AB Jo Ann Rivas

1. Call to Order. 7:05PM. Roll call. Announcements. 6 members of public present: David Wheatley, Patricia Walden, October Crifasi, Jon Zimbrich, Barbara Gallen, Leslye Meyer

2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only.

   David Wheatley talks about appeal of Bloomfield Cahuenga development, adamantly opposed to people who voted for it and the developers. Opposed state and government support for these developers, states that they con the public into supporting bills like SB9 and SB10 and wants to banish the shills from meetings like these. Urges committee and residents to support preservation of our neighborhoods.

   Lee Jamieson supports David's comments.

   Patricia Walden notes lack of parking is a danger.

   Leslye Meyer expresses concern about parking, lives near Sweet Salt and the new building going up across Riverside. Agrees with Barbara and David that developers are destroying Toluca Lake. Sweet Salt just re-opened and her street just got more congested on top of construction noise.

   Jill Young Manson states that walking late at night is more vulnerable for a woman than it is for a man

   Tess Taylor states we're somewhat restricted and cannot advocate for candidates as a Board, but we have to pay attention to who is running in March. There may be a movement to repeal 1099 contractor law.

3. Approve January 8th, 2024 Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes.

Key: Y – Yes, N – No, I – Ineligible, A – Abstain, R – Recused, E – Excused

Item 3. VOTE: 6 / 0 / 0	Y: Hartel	Y: Babbini	Y: Scibelli	Y: Manson
Mover: Hartel, Second: Scibelli	Y: Jamieson	E: Rivas		Y: Taylor *(ex officio)*

4. Matching grant funding (up to $10,000) for CD2 Community Improvement Projects. (Bob Scibelli).

   The city may match improvement activities up to $10K. Tess has lowered our costs. Neighborhood grants – anyone can apply – so third bucket is community improvement projects and we have about $30K to spend and in next ten weeks. Only have two or three meetings to allocate this money. My pet project is median on Ledge and Riverside. A few years ago a drunk driver destroyed the monument, probably cost around $25K. Second guy took out the trees. I think we can improve that median.

   Tess heard from Shannon Hartman from Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce. Another GTLNC project being considered is painting utility boxes that will take up some budget. Paul states we need to figure out who is going to do the work. Bob will follow up with Chamber for details. Jill mentions county land along Riverside Drive as

an opportunity to re-landscape, possibly with succulents. Leslye Meyer suggests funding doggie stations / poop signs around the neighborhood.

5. Creation of database to track subsidized affordable housing units for new builds in the city of Los Angeles. (Jill Young Manson)

   Jill shares research, needs help. In November a man was looking for housing for developmentally challenged relative and approached Bloomfield Cahuenga project. Jill looked for centralized database of all units coming on market that serve lower-income demographic. Could find no coordination among government agencies. Finally got call back from LA Housing Department who states there is no centralized database. HUD said there is no database. HOCLA said there is no database. There is a database of affordable housing – it's project-based - through LAHD with a total of 23 properties in development. It's incumbent upon citizens to contact managers of these units. I contacted a few. They tend to serve special interests: veterans: people with disabilities. If someone wanted to find out what could serve an indigent person, it wouldn't work. LAHD is not held accountable. They are not having to advertise these. There is no transparency or easy access. One possible remedy would be for developers to be required to register these units and not receive their certificate of occupancy until registered and advertises.

   Bob Scibelli states developer is cut off from this, all controlled by LA Housing. He gets notifications each week as apartments become available. Developers enter into covenants with City that last 30 to 50 years.

   Jill asks how does somebody find out how to get on these lists, she lobbies for centralized database.

6. Discussion to support or oppose amendments to CEQA: Proposal from Los Angeles City Planning Department to Update CEQA Thresholds and Methodology for Construction Noise and Vibration. Deadline for comments is **Friday, February 19th, 2024** and can be emailed to **Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org**.
   Construction Noise and Vibration - Proposed Updates to Thresholds and Methodology
   LINK: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pr-aE37k4KW_HSkVqc-sM1Jyb_Y9z2ZK/view
   NEW: Construction Noise and Vibration - Summary of Proposed Updates
   LINK: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YtEyGT_cTbL1d_1TPBrXgosHbAKsIs8J/view

   MOTION: *The Planning and Land Use Committee ("PLUM") of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) opposes the proposed update to the CEQA Thresholds and Methodology that would allow an increase in construction noise level and construction vibrations because the new thresholds are "intended to be better suited to the City's urban nature." The impacts of these reductions of CEQA protections are unknown, the reasons for the proposed changes are unclear, and CEQA should not be weakened but upheld and strengthened. We further request that the GTLNC President authorize the forwarding of PLUM's comments on behalf of the full GTLNC Board upon approval of this motion in accordance with the Los Angeles City Planning Department notice dated January 16, 2024. This is necessary in this instance because the City's notice did not afford sufficient time for the matter to be ratified by the GTLNC Board before the comment submission deadline.*

Item 6. VOTE: 6 / 0 / 0	Y: Hartel	Y: Babbini	Y: Scibelli	Y: Manson
Mover: Hartel, Second: Babbini	Y: Jamieson	E: Rivas		Y: Taylor *(ex officio)*

7. Teleconference meetings (via Zoom) as per SB11

MOTION: *To oppose teleconference meetings (via Zoom).*

Item 7. VOTE: 6 / 0 / 0	Y: Hartel	Y: Babbini	Y: Scibelli	Y: Manson
Mover: Taylor, Second: Hartel	Y: Jamieson	E: Rivas		Y: Taylor *(ex officio)*

Legislation, ballot measures of possible interest to Greater Toluca Lake.

7.1. Measure HLA, bike lanes, street safety. (Barbara Gallen).

Barbara states measure is not being marketed in affluent neighborhoods. The City passed the Mobility Plan 2035 in 2014 that we need to be doing certain things with less pollution. Certain roadways were designated as future bike lanes. Michael Schneider is leading HLA, also is the Streets For All PAC. Barbara urges all to vote NO on the ballot measure in the March election.

7.2. California Senate Constitutional Amendment **4** (SCA 4), reversal of Proposition 19 (Property Taxation: Principal Residence and Family Home Transfers).

Paul presented a short summary..

8. Continued Monitoring of Projects in Greater Toluca Lake.

8.1. Density Bonus Project located at 10629 W. Landale Street, North Hollywood 91602. 6,064.1 sq. ft. total lot area. Present use: Single family dwelling (SFD). Proposed use: a 5-story, 10-unit, one-bedroom apartment building. ADM-2023-8194-DB-HCA.

8.2. Mixed use development project located at 4445 – 4465 Lankershim Boulevard, 10850-10862 Riverside drive and 10847-10867 Landale Street. (Steve Hampar).

8.3. Proposal to amend AB 2097 (Friedman. Residential, commercial, or other development types: parking requirements) to restrict Transit Priority Housing Developments within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop from participating in residential preferential parking districts.

8.4. Traffic calming measures in West Toluca Lake on Camarillo Street between Tujunga and Riverside Drive (Amy Huth). *October Crifasi shares alarming uptick in accidents in last two years with drivers slamming into parked cars between Elmer and Bellflower (October 14th, 2023 and December 13th, 2023). Parked cars are totaled. We request traffic calming measures – speed bumps – lights? Safety issue and a financial loss for residents. Bob Scibelli invites October to attend regular board meeting next week to present to Kurtis Delbar. Backlog of speed bumps, takes two years to improve, install. Recommends obtaining data for other accidents, identify exact speed limit, see if street qualifies for speed bumps.*

8.5. Universal Fast and Furious Roller Coaster.

8.6. $2M Grant to Toluca Lake Beautification Partners.

9. New Business.

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11. Next meeting date Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 7:00PM to take place at Toluca Lake Elementary School located at 4840 Cahuenga Boulevard, N. Hollywood, CA 91601 in Classroom 17.

12. Adjournment. *9:15PM*

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