



**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & LAND USE MEETING**  
 November 9, 2020  
 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>AB</u> Reyn Blight			<u>AB</u> David Knox		<u>AB</u> Bill Beuter
<u>X</u> Colby Jensen			<u>X</u> Brandon Whalen Castellanos		

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Start Time _6:35__ PM										
<b>2. Attendance</b> Tess Taylor, David Wheatly, Fred Iberri, Fred Malendez (sp?)	Public in Attendance: __										
<b>3. Minutes</b>											
<p>a. Review and Approve Committee Minutes</p> <p><b>MOTION A:</b> Approve the GTLNC October 12 ,2020 PLUM Committee Minutes.          Full text of the minutes can be found at: <a href="https://www.gtlnc.org/">https://www.gtlnc.org/</a></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><u>Y</u> Robert Scibelli</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><u>A</u> Mark Stephenson</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Y 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;"><u>Y</u> Colby Jensen</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Bill Beuter</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">David Knox</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><u>Y</u> Brandon Whalen Castellanos</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;"> <i>Y – Yes                      A – Abstain                      I – Ineligible</i>  <i>N – No                        R – Recusal                      E – Excused</i> </p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		<u>Y</u> Robert Scibelli	<u>A</u> Mark Stephenson	Y Ron Babbini	Reyn Blight	<u>Y</u> Colby Jensen	Bill Beuter	David Knox	<u>Y</u> Brandon Whalen Castellanos		<p><b>VOTE:</b>          4_/_0_/_1_  <i>First Colby</i>  <i>Second: Ron</i></p>
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<b>4. Public Comment</b>											



*(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)*

*David Wheatly: Spoke about his efforts to reduce the size of the project at Bloomfield Ave. Urged us to fight efforts from the State legislators to impose density bills and overrule local control.*

*Tess: Tess echoed David's concerns and stressed need to not allow profits to destroy quality of life and to vet the data the State is using to pass housing bills.*

*Fred Iberri: Asked if the committee had information about a project on Cahuenga by the Colonial Manor. Colby mentioned that he lives by the project and that there was no public announcement.*

## **5. Committee Member News & Announcements**

*(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker)*

*Discussion of LA City Council scheduled vote on ordinance to remove homeless camps from overpasses. (Full ordinance is attached for reference.)*

*Chairman Scibelli discussed a current LA City Council motion to deal with the homeless crisis. The ordinance would allow for the removal of encampments under overpasses to areas more than 500 feet away. After four hours of debate the council could not reach a consensus and will return on 11/24 to continue debate.*

*Colby Jensen recounted a recent occurrence where he found two homeless men his is house.*

*Chairman Scibelli noted that the LA Council was being forced to act in response to an order by a Federal District Judge.*

*Mark Stephenson remarked that as a Pastor he has reached out numerous times to public agencies to no avail. He was threatened by a homeless person and spat upon. He called police with no satisfaction.*

*While he shares the need for compassion the current situation is out of control.*

*Chairman Scibelli said he will reach out the NC homeless adhoc committee and issue a committee impact statement.*

*Brandon Whalen Castellanos added information re the law suit against the City and the Judges order.*

*Colby Jensen added that the street homeless need professional help more than housing.*

*Brandon provided the LA Council file number for reference.*

*Rudy Malendez (sp?) expressed his frustration with the City inaction and to actively protest the City plans to build "Pallet Housing".*

*David Wheatly encouraged the NC to issue a CIS*

*Tess Taylor talked about the defund police budget cuts and underlined the need to relocate the homeless in a humane manner.*

*Fred Iberri added that this should be a Federal problem.*

## **6. On-Going Business**

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

### **5.1 Cahuenga / Addison Lot**

- 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

**5.6 Angled Parking on Forman Ave. Under 134 Freeway**

- Funding approved for WRT to commence work
- City Clerk will draft contract for WRT to begin - anticipated date of contract completion 90-120 days (given past availability of City staff)
- Once contract is executed, work will commence

**7. New Business**

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

Vineland Median Beautification (Riverside Drive-Camarillo)  
*Environmental Committee is working this issue*

City Planning Determination Letter: CPC-2019-7045-CA  
 Applicant: LA City  
 Re: Vacation Home Rental  
 (Full letter of determination attached)

*Tess Taylor this letter softens the vacation rental ordinance, and that the real problem were the party houses.*

**8. Meeting Adjourned**

Close Time:  
 7:38\_\_\_\_  
 PM

Next Meeting: January 11,  
 2020 @ **6:30PM** – via Zoom



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