



**DRAFT MINUTES Joint General Board /
Public Safety Committee Meeting**
Monday, March 7th, 2022
7:00pm
ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>			
<u>X</u>	Colby Jensen	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>X</u>	Tess Taylor	<u>X</u>	Shawn Besharaty
<u>E</u>	Robyn Allyn	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>X</u>	Tony Carey	<u>X</u>	Lee Jamieson
<u>X</u>	Paige Cram Fakhraie		<u>AB</u>	Kevin Dees		

1. Call to Order	Start Time: 7:06 PM									
2. Attendance	Public in Attendance: 6									
3. Minutes										
<p><i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i></p> <p>a. Review and approve February 7th, 2022 Committee Minutes (materials can be found at https://www.gtlnc.org/ under committee meeting documents).</p> <p><u>MOTION A:</u> Approve GTLNC February 7th, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><u>Y</u> Colby Jensen</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><u>A</u> Tess Taylor</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><u>Y</u> Shawn Besharaty</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><u>E</u> Robyn Allyn</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A Tony Carey</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">A Lee Jamieson</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><u>Y</u> Paige Cram Fakhraie</td> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E Kevin Dees</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>Y – Yes A – Abstain I – Ineligible</i> <i>N – No R – Recusal E – Excused</i> </p>		<u>Y</u> Colby Jensen	<u>A</u> Tess Taylor	<u>Y</u> Shawn Besharaty	<u>E</u> Robyn Allyn	A Tony Carey	A Lee Jamieson	<u>Y</u> Paige Cram Fakhraie	E Kevin Dees	
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4. Public Comment <i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on subject not on agenda)</i>										
<p>Jonathan Gregory: Wants GTLNC to address issues such as recent homicide, homeowner and resident protections, hotspots (underpasses at Vineland, Lankershim and Cahuenga), and possible alcohol sales at Gelsen’s which will replace Toluca Lake post office. Wants discussion of LA policies and COVID restrictions that may be outdated and disable police from enforcing laws. Board members should agendize, ensure items of importance to community are addressed.</p> <p>Michael Schneider: wants committee to vote on ballot measure. Colby: Can’t vote tonight, the matter was agendized to hear you talk.</p> <p>Michael Schneider shares Healthy Streets LA presentation: “Less Traffic. Fight</p>										



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Climate Change. Safe Streets.” Proposed ballot measure seeks to mandate City of LA to automatically implement Mobility Plan when streets are repaved to create more bike lanes. Item agendized for discussion and possible action at General Board Meeting on Tue Mar 15. Materials provided to circulate to board and public.

5. Committee Member News & Announcements / Neighborhood Reports *(Three [3] Minutes per Speaker on subject not on agenda)*

LAPD Report from Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar

Year To Date Crime Statistics

30% decrease in robberies

6% increase in aggravated assaults

47% increase in grand theft auto (“GTA”)

18% decrease in burglaries from motor vehicles

46% increase in theft

Burglaries no change

GTA on March 3 on Valley Spring Lane. Eliminate crimes of opportunity, lock doors, leave nothing in cars. Burglary in February: storage shed left unlocked on Valley Spring. Homicide on Vineland and Sarah, suspect in custody. Connection between suspect and victim, if any, still under investigation. Working on underpasses, especially at Riverside, monitoring, working with CD2 and LA Sanitation.

Colby: Suggestions to mitigate danger at underpasses, lighting or higher fencing?

Kurtis: There is night lighting, cleanups work to an extent, pushing housing to some who want it.

Colby: Last month I drove around West Toluca Lake (“WTL”) with Tess and it was cleaner, yesterday I drove around WTL it was worse. Where it splits off at the 101, they are jumping fences, there’s lots of debris and encampments.

Kurtis: Some is out of our area, some is Cal Trans area which is strapped for resources. It’s a slow process, we offer resources, try to keep up with cleaning.

Colby: GTA, is it keys left in cars?

Kurtis: Unlikely to steal cars with new ignition systems and key fobs. Nearly 50% of GTAs are people leaving keys in cars. Older cars easier to steal, early 90s cars targeted, later 2000s models next to impossible to steal.

Lee Jamieson: Comments on mayoral candidate Rick Caruso.

Tess Taylor provides West Toluca Lake updates:

1. Homicide update: suspect now in custody has criminal record, is a transient according to LAPD.
2. Almost 50 attended WTLRA Neighborhood Watch on Mon Feb 28th. WTLRA now works with two adjacent HOAs, bringing number of households to 1000+ in community. Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is Mon May 23 at 7pm, all are welcome. Details: info.WTLRA@gmail.com or call (818) 806-9844.
3. Landscaping at Sarah Street & Vineland Place. CD2’s Jackie Keene, Director of Community Improvement, says Streets LA has project backlog



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but we're in the cue for later this year.

4. Major cleaning by LASAN and City of LA for Fri Mar 4 at Vineland and Sarah rescheduled to next week.
5. Graffiti at Vineland underpass at Riverside called in to today and removed, thanks to CD2's Tiffany Zeytounian. Graffiti on freeway signs still needs to be removed. Kurtis Delbar forwarded this to LAPD gang unit.
6. WTL to install "welcome to WTL" sign at Hortense & Vineland Place
7. Street safety update: working on improvements at 3-way intersection of Tujunga Avenue, Riverside Drive, Camarillo with Brandon Whalen Castellanos. Death at this intersection on Feb 28.
8. Next WTLRA Neighborhood Cleanup is Sat Mar 12 at 9am, meet at 11000 block of Kling St. Details: Info.WTLRA@gmail.com or (818) 806-9844
9. On Sat Feb 12 WTLRA cleanup, we cleared a ton of trash and group moved in and took up residence that same day. We are working with Kurtis Delbar to enforce No Loitering signs already in place.
10. SCNC Public Safety Committee does great work, we should emulate them.
11. Green Chevy Impala (no plates) parked for over a month on 11000 block of Sarah Street, reported to 311 and Abandoned Vehicles.

Colby: Spoke with CD2's Tiffany Zeytounian who shared details about LADWP lighting program. Customers can request lights be placed on already electrified wooden power poles with low and high voltage. Will send application.

Shawn: This was done on my street, it works!

6. On-Going Business

Colby asked about GTLNC board member priorities. Tess states her #1 priority is public safety. Without this, nothing else matters.

Paige: Outreach meeting postponed, to discuss homeless services guide this week.

Colby: Attended homeless count near Sunrise Ford in NoHo and subway station, counted 47 encampments, 27 people, 2 RVs. No homeless in Toluca Terrace north of Magnolia.

7. New Business/Future Projects (One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)

1. Possible speakers, including CPAB.
2. Least safe place in GTLNC district? Tess suggests it may be in WTL.
3. Colby wants to see no border between communities, seamless continuity. Invites public to contact him with ideas, comments, items to agendize. To agendize an item, contact him Wed or Thu before general board meeting at colby.jensen@GTLNC.org

Meeting minutes submitted by Tess Taylor

8. Meeting Adjourned

Close Time: 7:55PM

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 4th, 2022 @ 7:00 PM** – via Zoom

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