



# Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam (GATS) General Body Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2016

3:45 PM to 4:15 PM

**Thangamani Paulchamy**  
**GATS Chairman**



# Ground Rules

- ▶ Chairman is the Presiding officer – Thangamani Paulchamy
- ▶ BOD member will take the MOM – Aarthi Ramkumar
- ▶ We will have the Time keeper and Member management person.
- ▶ No cell phones – mute it please.
- ▶ **No offensive word usage.**
- ▶ **No personal attacks -- focus on topics only.**
- ▶ Only one speaker at a time.
- ▶ No Video recording please.
- ▶ Items are in the agenda and no other agenda will be discussed.
- ▶ Maximum of 30 minutes irrespective of items are resolved or not.
- ▶ Meetings will start and end on time.
- ▶ Try to speak in Tamil, usage of English words in between the sentences are fine.



# Agenda in the order

- Chairman Speech
- Introduction of MOM taker, Time keeper, member management person, EC / BOD.
- Financial Update by 2015 Treasurer.
- GCC (GATS Community Center) Proposal / Updates by GCC Committee.
- Q/A
- Motion for Pre-Approval to purchase real-estate / land for GCC.



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**BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2015

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**CHECKING**

ATS BOA -9571	\$41,808.75
GATS Charity - S71	\$35,681.16
GATS Operations - S70	\$ 792.28
LTS BOA	\$14,875.29
MTS BOA -9555	\$19,789.89

**Total CHECKING** **\$112,947.37**

**GATS Endowment - S60** **\$188,815.51**

**SAVINGS**

GATS Tamil Education -S1	\$ 18.57
Total SAVINGS	\$ 18.57

**Total Current Assets** **\$301,781.45**

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Total Current Liabilities **\$0.00**

**Equity**

Opening Balance Equity	\$2,953.95
Retained Earnings	\$228,765.00
Net Income	\$70,062.50

**Total Equity** **\$301,781.45**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** **\$301,781.45**



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## 2015 Chennai Flood Relief Update

Total number of donors	504
Total amounts collected	\$40,033.49
Paypal Charges	(\$882.51)
Total amount to be distributed	<b>\$39,150.98</b>
60% to Udavum Karangal	\$23,491.00
40% to VIBHA	\$15,660.00
Payments released to VIBHA	\$15,660.00
Payments released to Udavum Karangal	\$15,000.00
Pending payments to Udavum Karangal (To be released after final supervision)	<b>\$8,491.00</b>
<b>From Partner Sangams donations through GATS</b>	
Seattle Tamil Sangam(to VIBHA)	\$4,000
Tennesse Tamil Sangam(to Udavum Karangal)	\$10,000

**GCC**

GATS Community Center





# Summary



- Committee Members
- What is GCC?
- Why we need GCC?
- How to build GCC?
  - Proposed Plan
  - Proposed Solution
  - Proposed Business Case
- Q&A



# GCC Committee Members

- Veeramani Thangavel
  - Geetha Baskar
  - Sendil Karpanna
  - Shajith Thaze
  - Swaminathan SA
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# What is GCC?

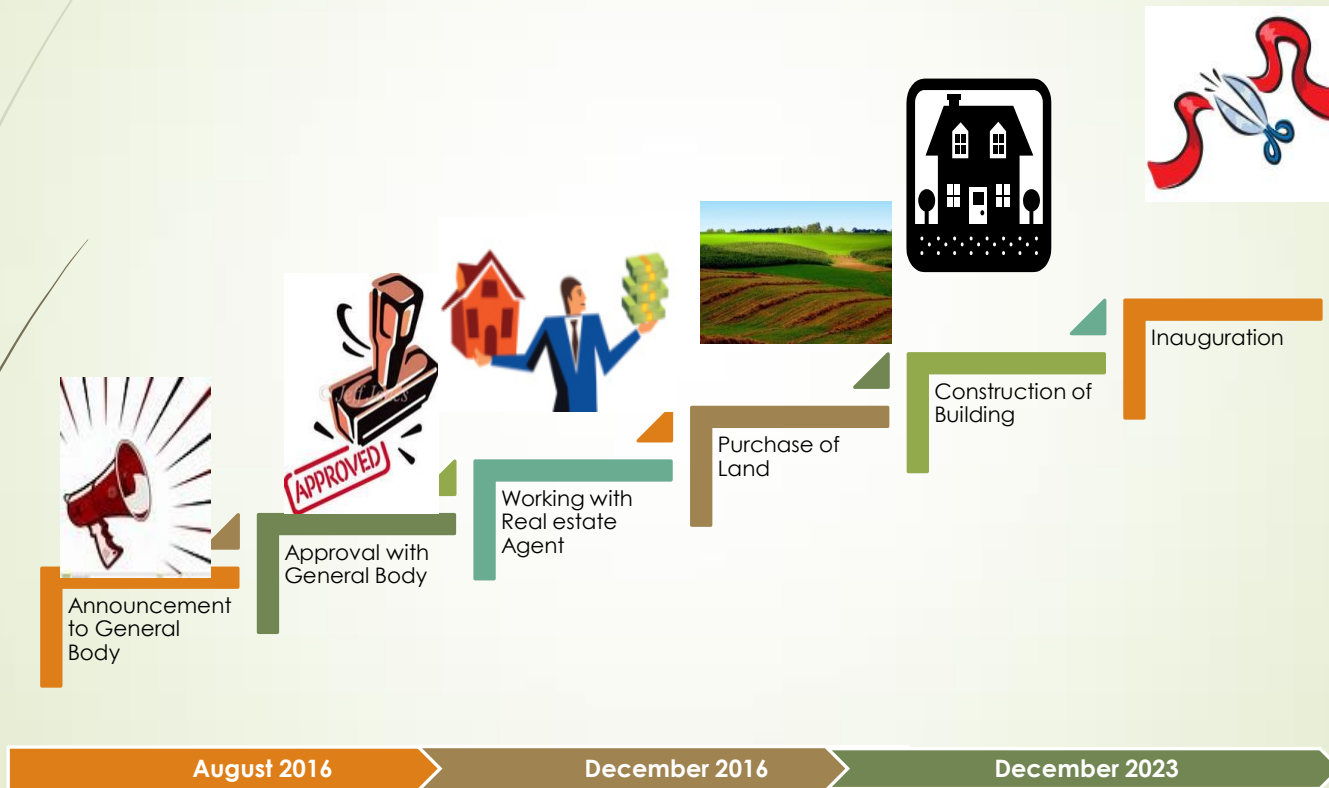
- ▶ A Physical location for Greater Atlanta area Tamil families
  - Foster the Indian culture to next generation
  - A place for our parents, elders, visiting families to socialize, share, laugh and enjoy.
  - Educate our traditional art to our children (e.g. Bharatha natyam, karnatic singing, Varmakali, Tamil art etc.)
  - Connect and Entertain every age of the community members.
  - A place to host small cultural events, guest lectures and family gatherings
  - A binding and belonging factor for our community to strengthen our culture and heritage.




# Why we need GCC?

- ▶ We are proud that Tamil culture in Greater Atlanta has been spread and supported for the last 35 years. We need to make sure this effort is sustainable for the next 100 years and more. GCC provides binding/identity/inclusivity /continuum in that effort
  - ▶ GCC will be able to conduct most of our events. Currently, 18+ events per year are conducted at various different venues.
  - ▶ Younger generations will have a common place to meet new people and learn about their culture.
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# How to build GCC? Proposed Plan



\* Dates are estimated. They are subject to change based on market value and availability.



# How to build GCC?

## Proposed solution

- ▶ Phase 1
  - Purchase land 5-10 Acres or
  - Purchase land with some building or
  - Purchase commercial warehouse/Church buildings which can be repurposed for our needs.
- ▶ Phase 2
  - Grading the lot.
  - Construct/repurpose the building.



# How to build GCC? Business case

- ▶ Based on current market value proposed phase 1 cost up to \$300K
  - Funding sources
    - GATS endowment funds.
    - Proposed Pledges.
    - Proposed Donations.

Note: Phase 2 construction cost not included.





# Motion

- The Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam (GATS) Board analyzed the GATS Community Center committee's proposal for acquiring real-estate, and unanimously recommend the General Body to pre-approve / Approve the use of endowment fund for the purpose of buying real estate / Land while ensuring a balance of \$50,000 in the endowment account.



# Conclusion



- Motion was passed with the majority of General Body Members approval.
- Action item(s)
  - This presentation will be sent to all members within a week of this meeting.
  - Website also will be updated with latest information.