**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday October 24, 2017

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:07 p.m. Roll Call with 14 board members: Max Flehinger, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky (left at 9:03 pm), Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Leonard Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, Esther Wieder. **Absent**: Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman and David Garfinkle. Welcoming Remarks by TNC chair Len Shaffer and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Field Rep for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ announced a Town Hall meeting on Nov. 8th, 2017.

Betty Wong – Project Coordinator for EmpowerLA, introduced herself.

1. **Public Comments** – Kricket Jones Halpern thanked the board for their donation to the MARY Foundation and presented a card signed by the kids. Over 600 people attended their event at Tarzana Cultural Center.
2. **Budget Advocate Report** – No report.
3. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES: (Heissler/Wieder) moved approval of the minutes of September 26, 2017 meeting as revised. The motion carried.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MER: (Goldberg/Lord) moved approval of September 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of Financial Statements as of September 30, 2017. The motion carried.**
6. **MOTION FOR OIL DRILLING BUFFER ZONE: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board supports the establishment of a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within some distance of sensitive land uses that may include but are not limited to homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, and other sensitive uses. The distance to be determined by an ordinance adopted by the City Council. Further, that the President is directed to file a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 17-0447 directing various city agencies to determine the need for a buffer, the distance from such sensitive uses and how not to violate State and Federal law.”**

Leah Garland from Food & Water Watch, LA spoke in favor of the original motion with the 2500’ buffer, as did Ethan Senser. Jeff Mausner recused himself from the vote.

**(Saucier) moved to amend the motion to replace “some distance” with “a buffer zone of not less than 2500’ and striking the sentence “to be determined by an ordinance adopted by the City Council.”**

**The board voted 7 – 3 – 3 to amend the motion. (Opposed: Heissler, Goldberg & Shaffer) (Abstaining: Flehinger, Wieder & Silverman). The motion passed with a vote of 7-2-4 (Abstaining: Max, Esther, Len and Richard) (Opposed: Harvey & Eran).**

1. **DEVELOPMENT: 18250 Ventura Blvd (Avenida Oriente and Etiwanda): (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose, as currently presented, the application for a zone change from R1-1 to QC2-1, a general plan amendment, a community plan amendment and a Ventura Plan amendment for five lots, two of which boarder on Ventura Boulevard; demolition of four single family houses between Etiwanda Avenue and Avenida Oriente, and construction of two medical office buildings, one 3950 square feet and one 3900 square feet along with surface parking lots and the conversion of one single family house to a general commercial office building. (5 – 1).”**

**(Goldberg /Silverman) moved to table this motion until the requester (developer) presents changes to this. After discussion, the motion to table was withdrawn.**

**(Goldberg/Flehinger) then moved to send this back to Land Use. The motion failed 12-2-0. (Goldberg, Flehinger)**

* Kathrin Magden, a resident affected by this application, spoke in favor of opposing this application.
* Susan Berberi, a nearby neighbor, talked about how the development has negatively impacted her, financially.
* Sepideh Saghizadeh, a neighbor, talked about the negative impacts of this development to her property.
* Jeff Gross, a neighbor, spoke about parking problems on adjacent streets from this development.
* Maija Lamanis, a renter of a home neighboring this complex, said her would live next to the parking lot if it was expanded.
* Peyman Saghizadeh shared how he was contacted by the developer who tried to intimidate him into selling his property.
* Saman Saghizadeh, a doctor who lives in the neighborhood, talked about the effect of the homeless living around the parking lot and the intimidation his brother and he were subjected to.
* Kathy Delle Donne said that changing the zoning would dramatically affect this area. She is opposed to this project.
* Wayne from Encino blamed Councilman Blumenfield for this project. He suggested recalling the Councilmember.

**The motion to oppose this application carried unanimously.**

1. **4101 Vanalden Ave: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “**Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose a 10 ft 3 inch over height front yard wall (4 – 2).” Cynthia Stegner, the applicant, requested that the board table this until the next meeting as her architect was not available to give a presentation.

**(Polonsky/Wieder) moved to table this motion until the next board meeting in December. The motion carried: 11-0-3 (Abstaining: Goldberg, Heissler & Shaffer).**

1. **5340 Geyser: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “**Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose an over height side and rear yard wall with a maximum height of 11ft. (Land Use voted for this 5 – 0 -1).” Wayne’s puppet spoke on this. **The motion carried unanimously.**
2. **COUNCILMAN BLUMENFIELD’S MOTION: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “**Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CM Bob Blumenfield’s motion instructing the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CL,A), to prepare a report in 60 days from September 13, 2017 that identifies options for amending, supplementing, overlaying by neighborhood, or revising the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, Council File 17-1071.**”**

Wayne’s puppet spoke on thismotion. **The motion carried.**

1. **EVENTS COMMITTEE: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the formation of an Events Committee as a standing committee.” The motion carried.**
2. **EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the appointment of Esther Wieder as chair of the Events Committee.” The motion carried.**
3. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the appointment of Jennifer Varela as chair of the Outreach Committee as recommended by the board President.” The motion carried.**
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the appointment of Susan Rogan as chair of the Public Safety Committee as recommended by the board President.” The motion carried.**
5. **HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board** **approves the cancelation of the regular Board meetings for November and December 2017 and sets a special meeting for December 12, 2017.”**

**Heissler amended the motion to December 6, 2017. The motion carried.**

Wayne’s puppet commented on it.

1. **COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Budget** – The next meeting will take place in November 29th. No meeting in December.

**Transportation** – He and Harvey will be meeting with the Councilman’s deputy on traffic congestion and he saw a presentation on solar powered lit crosswalks. He will report further on the cost, installation and locations.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said Animal Services has hired a coordinator for volunteers. He’s hoping this will increase the amount of qualified volunteers. Dog playgroups have begun at the West Valley shelter. There are two more months until No Kill LA.

**VANC** – A mixer will be held November 9, 2017 at CBS Studios.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:** Bylaws Article V, Section 7 – Absences. Len spoke about the removal of two board members due to absences. Bob Shmaeff and Elliot Durant. These seats will be opened. He explained the difference between regular Committee meetings and Special Board meetings and their limitations. Harvey asked for verbiage on the agenda or in the form of a letter to be used by committees.

20. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT** – None.

21. **ADJOURNMENT:** 9:45 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.