**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday January 23, 2018

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order**, Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks and Pledge: 7:05 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC. Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle. Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky (left at 9:40 p.m.), Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, Esther Wieder & Susan Rogan. Quorum: 16 board members. (Terry Saucier absent).
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**: Svetlana, Councilman Bob Blumenfield’s field representative announced the Greater LA Homeless count.

The new W. Valley field rep for the Mayor’s office reported a rise in theft, trash and homeless.

DONE Rep Betty Wong Oyama talked about upcoming trainings.

**3. Public Comments**:

* John Pelzer: small business owner and resident of Sherman Oaks, is a candidate for 30th Congressional District. He talked about protesting the Aliso Canyon gas facility on behalf of residents there.
* Scott Diamond, realtor and resident of Tarzana and Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, is looking to join the board.
* Trisha Robbins Kasson is running for the 45th Assembly district. She is a write-in candidate for the April 3rd Special Election.

**4**. **Budget Advocate Report-** No report.

**5.**  **Presentation – Susan Lord** has been attending downtown meetings on homelessness. A new homeless facility in NoHo opened with 50 new units. One of the NCs convinced a Target store to allow people who are living in cars to park overnight there. She talked about positive things that have come about and asked if TNC wanted to form a subcommittee. Len suggested anyone who wants to join get ahold of her. He noted that the homeless population is growing in Tarzana. He also suggested nonprofits that help the homeless be contacted for Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

**6.** **Approval of minutes** of **December 6, 2017** meeting**: (Heissler/Garfinkle) moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.**

**7. Land Use:** **5021 Topeka Drive, Tarzana: (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Based on a unanimous vote by the Land Use Committee to support this, resolved that the TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the application for a parcel map to divide 101,755 sq ft lot into 4 RA lots at 5021 Topeka Dr.” The motion carried unanimously. Sam Kohanin of Land Use Developers** spoke about subdividing lots.

**8. Budget: (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of November 2017 and December 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried.**

**9. Budget: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of Financial Statements as of November 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017.” The motion carried.**

**10. Budget: (Goldberg/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Chair of the Events Committee to budget the following expenses for our Earth Day 2018 event: Award Ceremony Refreshments $200, Award Certificates $100, Award Ribbons $70, Banners $500, Bouncy/Jumper Rental $300, Event T-Shirts $400, Face Painting Kits $60, Flyers $500, Hanging Supplies $70, Poster Labels $100, Supplies on-site $200, Total $2,500. To be classified Outreach, Events, Earth Day and come from Unallocated.**

**(Goldberg/Greene) moved to amend the total to $2430.00 as a result of removing the award ribbons ($70) expenditure. The motion carried.**

**11. Budget: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Animal Welfare Committee to switch the money appropriated for the purchase of a “Bone Pool,” a wading pool for dogs, to Kongs, for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed $325.00.” The motion carried.**

**12.**  **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve the request by the San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center’s request for a letter of support for banners and street art.” The motion carried.**

**13. Land Use: (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation regarding the renewal of the conditional use permit for the sale of alcohol at Walgreen’s, 18568 Ventura Blvd.” The motion carried 10-6 (Lord, Edelman, Rogan, Blattner, Greene & Varela).**

**14. Land Use (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the revised application for Providence Tarzana Medical Center.”** Michael Toe of Providence Tarzana Medical Center spoke on behalf of the motion. Hospital is going to make improvements, such as adding a new traffic signal at the entrance, a crosswalk for medical offices, and an eastbound through lane along its frontage.

**(Shaffer) moved an amendment to the motion**, “**Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the revised application for Providence Tarzana Medical Center:**

1. The main building lobby will be demolished and fully rebuilt;
2. Approve the sign variance for the monument sign on Burbank Blvd. to allow the height to be greater than 8 feet and the height to be greater than the width;
3. Approve the sign variance needed for the sign on the east side of the new patient wing due to insufficient street frontage on Etiwanda Ave.;
4. Approve the installation of an “on demand” traffic signal and crosswalk at the Burbank Blvd. entry to the Providence Tarzana medical campus; and
5. Approve the addition of an eastbound through lane along the northerly property line of Providence Tarzana from the western boundary to the Burbank Blvd. south/east bound 101 Ventura Freeway on ramp.

**The motion carried.**

**15. Lane Use: (Garfinkle/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose a 10 ft 3 inch over height front yard wall at 4101 Vanalden Ave, Tarzana.” Kathy Delle Donne asked for this to be tabled to the next meeting**.

**(Shaffer/Heissler) moved to table this item to the February 27, 2018 meeting. The motion carried with 3 against (Garfinkle, Heissler and Wieder).**

**16. Land Use: (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of the proposed Noisy Residences ordinance. CF 12-1824-S1.”** David explained this public nuisance ordinance. **The motion carried**.

**17. Animal Welfare: (Mausner/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS supporting Council File 15-1041-S4, to lease the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter facility to the Best Friends Animal Society, upon the terms set forth in Inter-Departmental Correspondence from CAO Staff to the Municipal Facilities Committee dated December 21, 2017.” The motion carried.**

**18. Animal Welfare: (Mausner/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s recommendation to support the Los Angeles Board of Animal Services Commissioners’ recommendation that the Department of Animal Services report back with a feasibility analysis presenting the benefits and risks of providing an Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) approved, plant-based diet for Shelter Dogs.” The motion failed: 1-13-2 (Shaffer & Greene).**

**19. Transportation: (Flehinger/Goldberg) moved, “The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to request that the MTA and the appropriate City agencies take action to eliminate the pooling of water, resulting from rainfall, at the southwest corner of Ventura/Vanalden.” The motion carried.**

**20. Transportation: (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to request the City to resurface Vanalden Ave from Ventura Blvd to Greenbriar Drive.” The motion carried.**

**21. Transportation: (Flehinger/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to use the SAR (small asphalt repair) truck, scheduled for Tarzana in February, for the continued repair of the alley south of Ventura Blvd from Donna to Topeka.” The motion carried.**

**22. Committee and other Reports:**

Outreach – No report.

**Events** – Esther announced Earth Day: April 14, 2018 at Tarzana Park.

**Land Use** – David said the State Assembly is working on a bill that would take all the zoning rights away from the city and put a new ordinance into effect that would allow more denser, higher square ratio for all housing within a half mile of major transit corridors.

**Budget –** Harvey said TNC will have to stop making payments at the end of May. There is currently around $20,000 left in the budget, allocated.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogan now has a co-chair. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Pam noted that she was broken into for the second time. She is unhappy that the police aren’t coming to TNC meetings.

**Rules –** Len said he needs to find out whether the Bylaws need to be changed.

**Animal Welfare –** Jeff said there is now a “no kill” rate at the City Shelters. (Over 90% life save rate). The live save rate for cats is lower – 83.5% rate – mostly due to the TMR injunction. The CAO has approved the new Jefferson Park Animal Center which will save many dogs and cats’ lives.

DWP MOU – No report.

Budget Representative Report – No report.

**VANC Report** – Len explained Assemblyman Weiner’s bill.

**Beautification** – Harvey said Iris has been working with Triple A Banner and trying to develop an ongoing procedure when the banners expire.

**Homeless Representative** – Susan said there will be a citywide meeting on 1/30/18.

**23. President’s Remarks:**

* Civic U 2.0 – Len promoted Civic U.
* There will be an upcoming meeting with city officials on refunding: Len explained how money is being proportioned out to use it before it goes back to the General Fund.
* Triple A Banners – After the expense was approved it was discovered that they had not applied a NC discount which is $2,000 or more. That money is now available as a credit but must be used before the end of the fiscal year. Jeff Brill (now with the City Clerk’s office, formerly with Empower LA) has told Len that you can’t pre-pay bills. If there is a pre-payment again, funding will be cut off and there will be an audit of TNC’s spending.

**24. Board Member Comment –** Joyce provided information about a City meeting she would be attending. (Could not hear what meeting it was).

**25. Adjournment: 10:03 p.m.**

**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.**