**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday February 26, 2019 7:00 PM**

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:01 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC.
2. **Roll Call:** Scott Diamond, Max Flehinger, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Joyce Greene, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Schmaeff, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, and Esther Wieder. Quorum reached with 17 board members. Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.
3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**Svetlana Pravina**, outgoing field deputy for Councilman Blumenfield. She is leaving this position and will be replaced by Veronica Vos. Legislative updates:

* Councilmember Blumenfield has put forward a motion requesting Bureau of Sanitation report on mitigation efforts to remove illegal bulky items and dumping around the city;
* He’s working on a motion creating fines for misuse of disability placards;
* The Great Streets grant challenge has opened with $28,000 being awarded for outreach or infrastructure support;
* Metro and the County Supervisor are working on a NextGen Bus Study to get input on where people wants bus routes to go;
* The United Chambers of Commerce are honoring Inspirational Women of the San Fernando Valley. Submit your recommendations to them.

**Cameron Gil,** Council Aide, introduced himself and what he does.

**Assembly member Jesse Gabriel’s Aide** **Jay Kisgowitz** introduced himself.

**LAPD Sr. Lead Daryl Scoggins** reported: 2 robberies, 11 cars stolen, 17 broken into, 16 thefts, and 43 burglaries in Tarzana. West Valley is down 14.9% YTD in crime but Tarzana is up 2.6%. He urged stakeholders to look out for their neighbors and call LAPD with any suspicious activity: 877-ASK-LAPD. March 13th at 7 p.m. there will be a community police advisory board meeting with Chief Moore. On April 9th, they’ll have a Neighborhood Watch meeting at their HQ.

**DONE Rep Betty Oyama Wong**: EmpowerLA dinner is coming up March 28, 2019. NCs have to submit funding requests 30 days prior to their event. Election is coming up May 19th. Betty reviewed the open seats and # of candidates. Homeless Resource Fair has been postponed due to rain. Board members must renew Ethics, Funding & Code of Conduct every two years.

1. **Public Comments:**

Kevin Sprout, LAFD Battalion 17 CERT coordinator, recommended everyone have a “to go bag” in their car with walking shoes and three days’ supply of water (2, 16 oz. bottles of water) plus five days’ supply of water at your home. He also recommended Life Straws which remove biologics from water to make it drinkable.

1. **Budget Advocate Report:** Jeff said the White Paper is now finished and will be released soon. The report card on City services is being reviewed to see if they got enough responses. A survey will be issued through DONE’s email contacts. Next meeting is March 4, 2019 at City Hall.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report**: Max said no board member has more than 4 absences.
2. **Minutes – (Heissler/Goldberg) moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 board meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

1. **MER: (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of TNC’s January 2019 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER).** The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Financial Statement: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of the Financial Statements of January 31, 2019 as submitted.** The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Committee and other Reports:**

**Outreach** – Jennifer Varela: No meeting last month.

**Events** – Esther Wieder: The flyer is almost done for the Earth Day event on April 6th. Banners have been ordered. A panel of judges has been selected. There will be a regular and a special meeting 3/12 (Tarzana Park) and 3/27 6:30 p.m.

Land Use – David out of town. No report.

**Budget** – Harvey Goldberg: The next meeting is 3/20 at 7 p.m. All funding requests have to be submitted. $13,000+ is left unspent in the budget. City Council is working on a measure to roll over $10,000 from one year to the next but it hasn’t been finalized yet.

**Transportation** – Max Flehinger gave his monthly report which included discussion from Svetlana on the sewer upgrade on Tampa which won’t take place until two years from now and the need for Tampa between Victory and Ventura to be repaved. Max is working on the illegal truck parking issue on Wilbur and a parking issue by a Treatment Center on Shirley.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen is working on a Disaster Preparedness Event. She attended Len’s meeting for NCs and talked about the communication devices that can be used.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff Mausner: The W. Valley shelter had an event for Valentine’s Day. Ten dogs were taken up to the hills and out of the shelter on a hike. He’s hoping volunteers will do a similar event at other shelters. Councilmember Blumenfield’s Fur Ban passed the City Council with only one dissenting vote. It was approved by the Mayor and takes effect 1/1/2021. In December, the Live Safe rate at the shelters, citywide, was 95.5%, well above the no kill threshold of 90%. The next step is to achieve no kill for cats and kittens.

DWP MOU – No report.

**Beautification** – Iris Polonsky is getting bids for redesigning the street banners.

**Homeless Representative** – Susan Lord: The proposed bridge housing building in Canoga Park has passed the environmental inspection. Architects are going to determine how many people it will accommodate. The Homeless Count will be held in either April or May. Providence St. Joseph’s Hospital in Burbank and Tarzana will have a patient facilitator to try to find housing for people admitted for addiction - related issues.

**VANC** – Valley Alliance met on 2/14 and discussed the Disaster Preparedness Fair set for Oct. 12, 2019. Sign up by July 1st to attend.

1. **Funding: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget committee’s recommendation approving the request from Esther Wieder to purchase a tea kettle and coffee maker for use by TNC committees for meeting at the Tarzana Child Care Center at a total cost NTE $50.00, vendor TBD. To be classified as Operations, General, Meeting Expense and come from Unallocated.”** The motion carried 14-0-0.
2. **Revised Budget**: **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda item 10 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 to include that item.”** The motion carried: 14-0-0.
3. **Taxi Motion re Attached Signage on Cars: (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of Councilmember Blumenfield’s motion (Council File 19-0104) to repeal Taxicab Board Rule 415(c) (allowing static advertisements on taxicabs) and his request to the Department of Transportation and the LAPD to take enforcement action against persons who operate vehicles with attached dynamic messages (i.e., digital) sign devices within the City of Los Angeles.”** The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Road Diet Motion: (Flehinger/Varela) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation that the following be transmitted to the relevant city departments and Councilmember Blumenfield: Prior to any “road diet” or other “traffic calming” measures being implemented public hearings shall be held in the communities that will be impacted, and that the affected communities, including Neighborhood Councils, shall be consulted extensively regarding public safety and other pertinent issue****s.”** The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Land Use Mixed-Use Motion:** **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “**Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the proposed mixed-use commercial project located at 19327-19351 Ventura Boulevard with the conditions, agreed to by the project representatives, that exit from the underground parking onto Ventura Boulevard be limited to right turn only and that the alley to the rear of the building be paved.

**The address was amended to 19335 – 19347. The motion with the amended address carried with one abstention (Goldberg).** Max will work on getting a no U-turn signage installed.

1. **Land Use Taco Bell Motion: (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to approve the remodeling of the Taco Bell at 18405 Ventura Blvd with the conditions, agreed to by the project representatives: that the hours of operation for indoor service will be 7am to 10 pm and for the drive through service will be from 7:00 am to 2:00 am.”** The motion carried unanimously.

**16.** **SB 50 Opposition Motion:** **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF 18-1226 directing the Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back on the effects of Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) on various land use issues in Los Angeles and also approves the recommendation that the City Council oppose SB 50. SB 50 would override L.A. City zoning provisions for structures within ½ mile of a “major transit stop”, ¼ mile of a “high quality bus stop”, or in a “job-rich housing project.”** The motion carried unanimously.

1. **President’s Remarks:**

Rally in the Valley – Len said this event was well attended.

New NC Funding Policies and Guidelines: The City Clerk’s office has put out a new funding document.

Candidate filings: March 5th is the cutoff for filing.

1. **Board Member Comment** - No comments.
2. **Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events** – Submit to Len the Friday before the meeting.
3. **Adjournment** at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.