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**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday July 23, 2019**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

**5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m., Roll Call: Quorum established with 17 board members: Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Schmaeff, and Esther Wieder. Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**
   1. **Betty Oyama Wong**, DONE Rep, introduced two new representatives. Done is asking for non-agenda items to be removed from future agendas as it could be a Brown Act violation if board members are commenting on future items. This applies to special meetings and committee meetings. BONC has a new president, Eli Lipman. Betty announced upcoming meetings.
   2. **Les Clayton** from Parks and Recreation spoke about cleaning up the L.A. River. Download The Trails App. This shows over 2,000 miles of official trails.
2. **Public Comments** – None.
3. **Budget Advocate Report**, Jeff Mausner reported that two co-chairs were elected: Carol Newman of Lake Balboa NC and Jack Humphrey of Greater Wilshire (author of the Watchdog blog). Next meeting is August 5th at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
4. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max announced that everyone is current in their required attendance.
5. **Approval of minutes**:

**(Heissler/\_\_\_\_\_\_) moved to approve the minutes for June 11, 2019 as corrected. The motion to approve carried.**

**(Garfinkle/Flehinger) moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2019 as corrected. The motion carried**.

1. **(Flehinger/Epstein) moved to approve the June 2019 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried.**
2. **(Flehinger/Polonsky) moved approval of Financial Statements as of June 30, 2019. A little over $7,000 will be carried over to next year’s budget. The motion carried.**
3. **Committee and other Reports**

**Outreach** – Terry talked about the motions her committee brought to the board.

**Events** – Esther talked about National Night Out as a great outreach event. Encino Family Festival in October will be the next big outreach event. She also suggested a Movie in the Park as an outreach event.

**Land Use** – David talked about SB330. On August 16th at 3:30 p.m. at 6150   
Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys at the office of Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel’s office on this critical state bill which relates to the content of single family zones and the city’s ability to regulate zoning in the city.

**Budget** – Max gave the report for Harvey. Tuesday, August 20th is the next Budget meeting. Get Harvey any budget requests a week prior to that time.

**Transportation** – Max spoke about parking enforcement. It is now legal for people to sleep in their cars in residential zones (except with certain restrictions). Caltrans exit closure notices – a rep for Caltrans claimed that they already provide advance info on closures of exists. DOT is going to install a pedestrian hybrid beacon (demand stoplight) on Tampa.

**Public Safety** – Susan said discussions are taking place on emergency preparedness.

**Rules –** Len has been reviewing and will get back to the board on some items that require action.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff reported that the city shelters are struggling with the fireworks and kitten season. Every kennel was full at the West Valley shelter when Jeff visited. Jeff will help anyone to foster or adopt.

**DWP MOU** – GM is out as a result of a conflict. Rep reported on new charging stations for electric vehicles. Rebates are available through the city for individual charging stations installed in one’s home.

**Beautification** – Iris reported they are looking into a new banner production company (not Triple A). Is trying to organize a trash cleanup committee.

Homeless Representative

**VANC** – Jeff reported on the previous VANC meeting. Karen Swift gave an update on METRO on Orange Line improvements, Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is coming up. Discussion about selecting a new GM for DONE. Dr. Lucy Jones will give a presentation on Preparing for Natural Disasters, April 16th in Granada Hills, CA.

**Homeless** – Joyce reported that she attended a West Valley Alliance on Homelessness meeting and learned that homeless count has gone up. She spoke about the bridge homes opening up on Skid Row.

1. **(Shaffer/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the Board President shall determine the use of the TNC logo by the West Valley Homeless Alliance an a case by case basis.”**

* Gabrielle Castleberry – Gordon thought that amending the motion for use of the TNC trademark on a case by case basis could make it difficult for working with the Alliance.
* Mark suggested that a person be appointed to represent TNC and make that decision on a case by case basis.

(Shaffer/Greene) amended the motion to:

**(Shaffer/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the Board President or a representative shall determine the use of the TNC logo by the West Valley Homeless Alliance on a case by case basis.” The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **(Shaffer/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a Community Impact Statement supporting CF 19-0002-S101, the City Council resolution introduced by CM Blumenfield and seconded by CM Ryu, regarding Federal action on banning dog meat and enforcement of animal cruelty laws in various countries.” The motion failed: 5-10-2.**
2. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the DWP resume watering the open space under high power lines east of Crebs Ave between Miranda and Collins and install grass or other ground cover.”**

Corrine Casserly, a 90-year old resident, asked the board to approve this motion due to the lack of maintenance at this park.

**(Garfinkle/Flehinger) moved an amendment to include other areas that have changed from grass to dirt: just south of Ventura Blvd. and west of Crebs. He then suggested adding language to include: areas that have sprinklers in place and have changed from grass to dirt: just south of Ventura and west of Crebs.**

**The motion to include David’s amendment passed: 10-6-1.**

**The motion then passed: The motion carried 14-2-1 (Opposed: Terry and Eran; Abstaining: Joyce).**

1. **(Shaffer/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to pass the following resolution:**

**Whereas** Tarzana is a diverse community composed of many ethnicities, nationalities and religious affiliations, and

**Whereas** the Tarzana Neighborhood Council recognizes that within the Tarzana community there are a significant number of Jewish stakeholders, and

**Whereas** the Tarzana Neighborhood Council is aware of the posting of flyers containing swastikas and other Anti-Semitic material at several schools in the west San Fernando Valley including Nestle Ave Charter School in Tarzana and the vandalism of a traffic sign with a swastika at a heavily traveled intersection in Tarzana, and

**Whereas** the Tarzana Neighborhood Council is aware that the posters and the sign defacement contain information that is Anti-Semitic and were posted for the purpose of causing distress and fear in Tarzana’s Jewish community, and

**Whereas** the Tarzana Neighborhood Council believes that if it remains silent in the face of these hateful activities it will be to the detriment of all the individual communities that make Tarzana a desirable place to live and work.

Now therefore, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council board resolves as follows:

Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council strongly and unequivocally condemns anti- Semitism, including the swastika that was painted onto a traffic sign at the corner of Reseda Blvd and Rosita St, in Tarzana. The TNC requests that the LAPD vigorously investigate all anti-Semitic acts taking place in Los Angeles, including the recent acts in Tarzana and other areas of the San Fernando Valley**.**

**(Garfinkle/Heissler) moved to amend the motion by striking the word anti-semitism and replacing it to “all hate crimes”.**

**Heissler removed his second to the amendment. No one else voted for the amendment.**

**The original motion carried unanimously.**

1. **(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the NPG request for $1,000 from the West Valley BOOSTERS to help support the WVLAPD with the purchase of items not generally supplied by the City of LA. Submitted by the Budget Committee with no recommendation.”**

Max explained that TNC has supported the LAPD throughout the year but the motion is very vague. **The motion failed: 4-10-2.**

1. **(Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Outreach Committee to purchase 500 Tarzana NC brochures, 2-sided color, folded in thirds, to be purchased from Office Depot or competitive vendor for NTE $550.00.” The motion carried 16-0-0. (Joyce Green not present).**
2. **(Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Outreach Committee to purchase 1,000 green pens with white TNC logo from World’s Greatest Promotional Stuff for NTE $618.81.” The motion carried unanimously. (Joyce not present).**
3. **(Flehinger/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Outreach Committee to purchase 1,000 eco non-woven polypropylene green market bags with black TNC logo from World’s Greatest Promotional Stuff for NTE $2,020.78.” The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **(Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “****Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 14 through 17 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 to include those items.** **The Board further approves all necessary forms and paperwork required to update the budget and directs the Treasurer and/or President to prepare such and to submit it to the City Clerk’s Funding Division.” The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **President’s Remarks**

Congress September 28, 2019. Len advocated that TNC board members go to this very informative event. Sign up at: NCCongressLA.com. Free parking.

BONC new President and VP – Eli Lipman and Debbie Webbe

New DONE GM in August

1. Board Member Comment - None.
2. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events. – None.
3. **Adjournment:** 9:35 p.m.