**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday August 27, 2019**

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order at 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer,** TNC President, Roll Call: Devon Cromwell, Scott Diamond, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Quorum established with 14 members. (Absent: Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff, and Richard Silverman). Welcoming Remarks and Pledge
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

* Council Office Bob Blumenfield’s rep spoke about Air BnB rentals and the violations with party houses. There are now restrictions in place regarding these rentals. The portal for reporting those violations is now live. Sept 2nd: Hero Night: Incredibles 2 with free cookout; Sept. 21: Reseda Rising Park Walk; Centennial (100 year) Celebration of Tarzana: Sept. dates throughout month; Sept. 11th Tarzana Crossing outreach. A grant is requesting information on what people want for that area. Money is available for helping nonprofits, trimming trees, etc.
* Assemblymember’s rep said they have moved their office to 2750 Ventura Blvd., Suite 101, Tarzana. There is a new phone number but he didn’t have it with him.
* County Rep: said there is a new system for voting for upcoming election. Voting will be open for 11 days at 200 locations, county-wide.
* Betty Oyama Wong announced the new GM for DONE, Raquel Beltran. Gracie Liu, current GM has a new position with the Department of Inovation, Personnel Department. There’s a new information worksheet for N.C. Reform which each NC must approve. She also spoke about the BONC’s agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 3rd for a training in the N.E. Valley. $49,000+ in funding for Tarzana NC’s budget this year. Sept. 28 is the Congress of NCs at City Hall.

1. **Public Comments** – Glenn Bailey spoke about limitations for attendees for the Congress of NCs. VANC meets the 2nd Thursday of every month. The U.S. Census will be a topic at the next meeting. Bi-annual Planning Forum takes place at CBS Studios.
2. **Presentation:** Build With Strength (Agenda item 16) – Seth Jacobsen represents a coalition of business interests, faith groups and other community – minded organizations on a motion for an ordinance called: Building a Safer Los Angeles. This would expand building regulations for Fire District 1, a high fire severity zone and a high wind severity zone. CMs Blumenfield and Rodriguez proposed this as fire ordinances have not caught up with CA building codes.

**16. (Garfinkle/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF 19-0603 to improve the definition of fire safety rules and to expand the areas of the City where such rules will apply. The new rules to apply to multi-family and commercial buildings only.”** The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Presentation: Fair Work Week** - Andres Medina (Agenda item 19) represents a coalition supporting a motion for terms that would ensure advance notice or work schedules and the ability to decline scheduling as well as other terms allowing them to be self- supporting and improve the lives of retail workers.

**19. (Shaffer/Wieder) moved, “Resolved, Should the TNC Board approve the filing of a CIS in support of council file 19-0229 (Fair Work Week) that would apply to work schedules at businesses with 300 or more employees globally?”** The motion carried with 3 opposed (Goldberg, Schwartz and Povar opposed).

1. **Budget Advocate Report**: Jeffrey Mausner gave the Budget Advocates’ report: The City Council adopted the budget with some of the previous year’s recommendations. They are now working on the 2020/2021 budget. Carol Newman of Lake Balboa NC and Jack Humphyville who writes for CityWatch are co-chairs. The Budget Reps meet at the DONE office the 1st Monday of the month and the 3rd Saturday of the month at the W. LA Library.
2. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report**: Max said no one has more than 3 absences, but a few people have 3 absences.
3. **Minutes Approval: (Heissler/Flehinger) moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019 meeting with corrections.** The motion carried.
4. **Expenditure Report: (Goldberg/Greene) moved approval of the July 2019 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER).** The motion carried.
5. **Financial Statements: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of the Financial Statements as of July 31, 2019.** The motion carried.
6. **Committee and other Reports**

**Outreach/Events** – Esther said they did not have a meeting in August. Sept. 11 is the next meeting at 6 p.m. at Tarzana Park. Esther gave Terry’s report.

**Land Use** – David reported on ordinances, sidewalk vending which has been approved, and gave an update on the community plan for Encino/Tarzana which will take into consideration an expansion of the boundaries of Tarzana. A small lot subdivision will be discussed at next meeting on Sept. 16.

**Budget –** Harvey distributed the Status of Neighborhood Projects report. If anyone knows of any organizations that want a grant from TNC, they should contact Harvey. The next meeting is Sept. 18.

**Transportation** – Max reported on a time-activated pedestrian stop light at Hatteras/Tampa with protected left-hand turns and asked for input on whether there should there be a pick-up zone at Whole Foods.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen, no report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said Delaware is the first state to achieve no kill statewide status for its animal shelters. In L.A., the life save rate was 94% in July for dogs and 78% for cats. The City intends to release the EIR for the citywide cat program on 8/29.

**DWP MOU** - Report by Michael Povar.

**VANC Report** – Len said BONC’s new president was featured at the recent meeting.

**Beautification** – Iris announced her meeting will take place with Outreach 9-11.

**Homeless Representative** – Joyce spoke about the Mayor’s meeting she attended on homelessness. Homelessness has increased in all the municipalities and the city cannot handle all of the requests. In L.A., the rising cost of rent is not keeping up with cost of living increases for workers. Homelessness has increased 16% with the youth category on the rise. The Prop Oversight committee for Prop HHH has more info.

1. **(Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the rollover of unused 2018-19 funds in the amount of $7,272.27 to fiscal 2019-20, increasing total receipts for 2019-20 to $49,272.27 and expenses as follows: Operations $40,552.68 and Outreach $8,719.59.”** The motion carried.
2. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Based on approval of the above agenda item 12 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.
3. **(Flehinger/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the request of the Transportation Committee that the TNC requests that CM Bob Blumenfield introduce a motion in City Council for a resolution to post both sides of Wilbur Ave in Tarzana within 500 feet of Tarzana Elementary School to prohibit parking oversized vehicles during specified hours as provided by the California Vehicle Code. This request is in response to the number of large motor homes that have been parking on Wilbur Ave near the Tarzana Elementary School.”** Motion carried with one abstention (Goldberg).
4. **(Flehinger/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s request to request CM Bob Blumenfield to pursue increases in fines for illegally parked trucks. Current fines are not sufficient to deter illegal parking of trucks on city streets.”** Opposed: (Wieder), Abstention: (Mausner).
5. **“Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF 19-0603 to improve the definition of fire safety rules and to expand the areas of the City where such rules will apply. The new rules to apply to multi-family and commercial buildings only.”** (See previous vote)
6. **(Garfinkle/Shaffer) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the Tarzana Property Owners Assn appeal of the Project Permit Compliance for the proposed mixed-use project at 5431 – 5505 Reseda Blvd by writing a letter to the Planning Dept. One of the main objections to the project is that all parking ingress and egress will be from the alley to the rear of the building, including possible deliveries to the retail component of the project.”** The motion carried.
7. **(Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to communicate with our stakeholders via email and social media summarizing SB330 and its possible effects on our community; to inform our stakeholders that the TNC has advised the City Council of the TNC’s support for their resolution opposing SB330; and to urge our stakeholders to express their opinions regarding SB330 by communication with their representatives in Sacramento.”** The motion carried.

The rep to the Assemblyman said there is a tremendous misconception about this bill and that nothing changes with L.A. Zoning as long as it doesn’t eliminate the number of properties in a particular area. David disagreed with this statement saying that it would eliminate the city’s ability to control zoning.

1. **“Should the TNC Board approve the filing of a CIS in support of council file 19-0229 (Fair Work Week) that would apply to work schedules at businesses with 300 or more employees globally?”** See previous vote.
2. **(Shaffer/Greene) moved “The TNC Board approves the President’s appointment of Susan Lord as chair of the Homeless Committee.”** The motion carried.

**21.** **Board Business:**

a. Comment on Board members own activities/brief announcements. Len talked about the attendance of 75 people at the NCEP alliance.

b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights. None.

c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting and to request they be considered for the next Board agenda. Eran commented on a vendor by Von’s that looks terrible.

**22.**  **Adjournment: 9:32 p.m.**

**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One**