**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING Minutes**

**Tuesday June 27, 2023**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:14 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC. **Roll Call:** Attending were: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen (left at 8:50 p.m.), Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Absent were: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt andBob Shmaeff. **Quorum was established with 13 board members.**
2. **Welcoming Remarks** by Len Shaffer, president of TNC.
3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

***LAPD Senior Leader Officer Daryl Scoggins*** thanked everyone who was on the Neighborhood Watch meeting recently. Over 100 people attended. There will be no meeting in July. In August, the meeting will be replaced by National Night Out, August 1st at the Park. As traffic is the 2nd biggest complaint, LAPD Motor officers will be at the September meeting on Zoom. With the 4th of July coming up, contact 877-Ask LAPD to report fireworks (Note: All fireworks are illegal in the City of L.A.) Daryl said they expect around 8,000 calls for fireworks complaints. Jeff Mausner noted that fireworks lead to more dogs being killed due to overcrowding at the shelters. Many more will run away and get hit by cars.

**May 2023 Crime Stats**: 2 street robberies, 4 aggravated assaults, 36 burglaries, 7 cars stolen, 10 cars broken into and 10 plain thefts. Ladies purses and wallets are being stolen the most. Thieves work in pairs with one distracting the victim. He suggested ladies put their purses in the car before groceries as thieves often grab the purse from the shopping cart while the owner is placing groceries in the car. Tarzana crime is down 8.3% compared to last year but burglaries are up over 14%. Aggravated assault is up 61% with road rage at its highest level. He suggested not responding to other motorists when aggravated. Daryl is preparing an Active Shooter awareness presentation to be held in September. He will be going on vacation in July.

**Joel Gonsalez** **– Project Coordinator for Empower LA**, introduced new staff members Prabhjot Chamber and Alfonso Manzo

* July 10th board installation: Joel said he could work with the installation.
* He gave an update on SB411, proposed by Senator Portantino, which was passed by the state senate and it will be voted on July 12th at the state legislature.
* Sept. 23, 2023, Congress of Neighborhoods, will be held on Zoom. He asked for suggestions from the board members on topics to be covered.

1. **Presentation: See Change Institute on a possible COVID19 Memorial.** Cameron Greg talked about a potential Covid-19 memorial. He works with the independent research firm, See Change Institute, which will source suggestions from Angelenos on: 1) what form should the memorial take, 2) who is the primary audience, and 3) what aspects of the pandemic would be most prudent to commemorate?

The memorial will be geared to how the City of L.A. experienced Covid-19. He said Los Angeles is the first city to do this, as far as he knows. Board members gave him input on these questions. Officer Scoggins suggested putting every person who died from Covid-19 on a wall at City Hall. Harvey noted that it could be self-funded by charging a fee. The timeframe for those who died is still open with no determination yet on when someone would need to have died to be commemorated.

1. **Public Comments**:

Duncan McIntoshwas a candidate for TNC and thanked those who voted for him. He works in the sustainability sector and spoke about the danger of purchasing and consuming non-organic food. He also spoke about the benefits of composting and different kinds of grass that is beneficial to lawns.

Timi, a woman aviation consultant advised different authorities and represents the Valley communities regarding the influx of air traffic.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** No report.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris said that several TNC board members have missed numerous meetings. However, the new board will start again from scratch.
2. **Approval of minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting and the May 31, 2023:** (Heissler/Wieder) moved approval of both sets of minutes: May 23 and the Special meeting of May 31, 2023 with Len agreeing to add missing information.

***The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt andBob Shmaeff

**8. Committee and other Reports**:

**Budget –** Harvey stated that there was just under $13,200 left in the budget for 2022/2023. Of that, $10,000 will be rolled over to the next fiscal year. Monday, July 10th is the last date to submit requests for the next Budget Committee agenda.

**Land Use** – No report.

**Outreach** – There will be a meeting on Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Events** - Esther said the One Generation event was successful. National Night Out will be the next event.

**Transportation** – Eran talked about a fatal accident that took place on Reseda Blvd. There is not enough police enforcement to control speeding. Speed bumps, stop signs and traffic lights have been suggested to slow down traffic. The City says a traffic light would be too expensive and they don’t want speed bumps. LADOT suggested speaking with the Council Office for traffic improvements.

**Public Safety** – No report.

**Rules** – No report.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said there have been meetings concerning the dog park at Victory/White Oak plus a CIS regarding issues there. The new GM for Animal Services has been appointed, Stacyee Dains, former director at Long Beach Animal Care Services. There are still problems with volunteer services. The shelters are not doing well and are overcrowded. There is a fostering program to ease the overcrowding during the upcoming fireworks season. They are looking for people to help save dogs.

**Beautification** – Iris spoke about plans to hold a meeting to involve new members.

**Homelessness** – No report.

**DWP MOU Report** – No report.

**VANC Report** - Len gave a report on the recent meeting.

**LANCC Report** – No report.

**NCSA Liaison** – No report.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – No report.

1. **Budget Committee/MER:** (Goldberg/Lord) moved approval of the May 2023 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and the Financial Statement as of May 31, 2023. **The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt andBob Shmaeff.
2. **Budget Committee/Budget for 2023-2024:** (Goldberg/Ahuja) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to adopt a budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 as follows: Revenue $32,000, Operations $4,600, Outreach $3,780, and Unallocated (to be classified as Operations for reporting purposes) $23,620. Total $32,000.”

Harvey said this budget does not include the $10,000 rollover.

***The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt andBob Shmaeff

1. **Budget Committee/Ongoing Expenses: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved**:

“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the payment of ongoing expenses as follows: For the fiscal year 2023 - 2024, the TNC authorizes its Treasurer or other designee to pay previously budgeted recurring monthly or periodic expenses, in small amounts, defined as those not to exceed $75/day for each item and expense classification category. These expenses include, but are not limited to, supplies, copies and postage for committees, Board and committee meetings, officers, and committee chairperson expenses etc., and refreshments for meetings (other than Board meetings) etc. The recurring expenses are AppleOne, or other temporary staffing agencies for preparation of minutes or other clerical functions not to exceed ("NTE") $400/meeting, Net Atlantic or other such company for mailing list maintenance and distribution NTE $40/month and The Web Corner or other such company for web site hosting and maintenance NTE $150 for each month’s services and the purchase of food and refreshments for Board meetings from any vendors NTE $350 per meeting.”

***The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Susan Rogen andBob Shmaeff

**12.** **Land Use Motion: 5300 Oakdale Ave ZA-2023-2170-ZAD & VTT-83927-HCA – Subdivision with 23 residential lots; construction of 21 residential units with ADUs.** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation as follows: Support the tract map for 21 single family residences to include free standing and junior ADUs, but no more than one per each lot. Support the Zoning Administrator (ZA) adjustment to allow 8-foot side walls along Linnet, Collier, and Oakdale in lieu of a 6-foot side wall. Support a zone variance for lots 1 through 10 along the north side of the project to allow growth of shielding foliage up to 15 feet.

The above is conditioned on the agreement that the home owners association will maintain all bordering landscaping, including the foliage or trees along the northern border with Linnet and the parkway along Collier.”

Erik Pfahler talked about having numerous meetings with the neighbors. He said the project that came out of it is a result of the input they received. The project involves 13 acres. They will donate 4 acres of this land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. They are developing 21 single family, state-of-the-art homes with sustainable features with special effort to keep each property private with hedges and trees. They are making an effort to embrace the heritage of the former orange grove and agricultural farm. There are 1500 orange trees on this property or which they will be removing 1300, as he said they are in extreme stress from not being watered. They will also plant 300 trees for landscaping purposes. There will be 4 different floorplans for the new homes and three different color styles and solar panels. It will be a gated community.

***The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Susan Rogen andBob Shmaeff

1. **Special Meeting:** (Heissler/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board directs the current President, with the assistance of DONE to adopt and post an agenda for the special meeting scheduled for July 10, 2023 that includes but is not limited to the following: Installation of newly elected board members; election of officers; appointment of committee chairs: appointment of financial officers; and discussion of the TNC Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Brown Act, Rosenberg’s Rules all necessary and mandatory training.”

***The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Susan Rogen andBob Shmaeff

1. **Administration Packet:** (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve the Administrative Packet for FY 2023-2024 with the currently named officers and card holders.”

***The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.*** Vote Count in favor: Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Susan Rogen andBob Shmaeff

1. **Board Business** – Iris asked whether a board member can leave early after one hour and still be counted as present. She was informed that there is no rule regarding this. Esther asked Harvey about whether refreshments can be provided to the board meeting. Len said refreshments can be provided after the new TNC credit card is provided. Len requested an alternate 2nd signer for the board. A training is required with the City.
2. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:34 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One