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**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday March 26, 2024 7:00 PM**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

**5700 Beckford Ave.**

**Tarzana, CA 91356**

**General Public Comment:** Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Supporting documents related to the below agenda items are posted on the TNC website at

<https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/board>

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks
2. Remarks by representatives of public officials
3. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

**4.** Budget Advocate/Representative Report

**5.** Executive Secretary’s Report – Enter into the minutes members who have missed 6 meetings.

**6.** Discussion and motion – Approval of minutes of the February 27, 2024 Special meeting.

**7. Committee and other Reports** (General committee reports will be limited to no more than 3 minutes)

Budget

Land Use

Outreach

Events

Transportation

Public Safety

Rules

Government Action

Animal Welfare

Beautification

Homelessness

DWP MOU Report

VANC Report

LANCC Report

NCSA Liaison

Ad Hoc VNY

**8.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the February 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024.

**9.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the reversal of previously budgeted and currently not needed expenses for the current fiscal year. Outreach, Advertising, Banners, Repairs $1,000 and NPG’s, Pop/West Valley Food Pantry $5,000. Total $6,000 to be added to Unallocated.

**10.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve request from Portola Middle School for an NPG for $3,900 to support their Mock Trial Program for the 2024-25 school year. To be classified as NPG, Portola Mock Trial Program. Funds to come from Unallocated.

**11.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Board Member Susan Lord to be reimbursed for funds charged to her personal credit card in error for purchases previously approved for the Tiny Homes Community in Tarzana from Amazon in the amount of $867.22. Purchase of 2 bulletin boards $328.50 and 2 pop up canopies $538.72.

**12.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the Outreach/ Events Committee to purchase 500 TNC promotional brochures in the amount NTE $180.00 from Minuteman Press. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Brochures. Funds to come from Unallocated.

**13.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the Woodland Hills Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Community Benefit Foundation DBA West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce Community Benefit Foundation for an NPG for $1,250 to provide a $250 grant to each of the 5 public schools in Tarzana participating in the Earth Day related poster contest. Funds to come from Unallocated.

**14.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024 to include the above items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and 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.

**15.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the TNC Board file a CIS opposing CF 15-0389-S2 as follows:

The Tarzana Neighborhood Council adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to oppose granting Community Councils the same privileges as those afforded to Neighborhood Councils (NCs) pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. All certified Neighborhood Councils are required to comply with the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and the policies and rules of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk’s NC Funding Program and NC Election Divisions. Neighborhood Council Board members must take several trainings including Ethics, Anti Bias, and Gender Bias and comply with a Code of Conduct. Community Council members do not have to comply with any of the above. Further, Neighborhood Council meetings must comply with the Brown Act by giving notice of meeting times and locations, the timely filing of agendas and being open to the public. Neighborhood Councils are prohibited from activities such as raising outside funding, supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures, and suing the city. Community Council members are not required to take any type of training, they can restrict board membership in any way they choose, they do not need to give notice of meeting times and locations, allow the public to attend and address them, or let the public know what they are discussing and deciding. Where Neighborhood Councils are supposed to be open and not discuss or decide issues before them in any manner other than at a public meeting, Community Councils can meet and decide issue in ways that are opaque and secretive. Some years ago, Pacific Palisades Community Council declined to seek Neighborhood Council status because they did not want to comply with the Brown Act. Brentwood Community Council requires each board member to donate $150 each year to be on the board. While Westwood Community Council is not mentioned in the motion, it operates in an area covered by two Neighborhood Councils. It solicits annual “voluntary dues” and contributions. If this motion is adopted by the City Council, it will mean that other Community Councils, Civic organizations and possibly Homeowners organizations throughout the city can demand the same privileges. If this motion is adopted, Neighborhood Councils may change their status to Community Councils to avoid complying with NC requirements. Rather than providing special treatment of Community Councils, the City Council should instead instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to prioritize the formation of Neighborhood Councils in areas where they do not now exist, with the goal of achieving 100% coverage of the city by certified Neighborhood Councils.

**16.** Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s approval of the application by Vertical Bridge as follows:

Approve the installation of a cell site in the form of a mono-pine and associated equipment boxes on dirt Mulholland at Greenbriar Dr. The site to be surrounded by a chain link fence with green slats. The installation will conform to the site revision dated 3-14-24 as presented to the Land Use Committee on 3-19-24 (See website). The site will be powered via underground cabling from a DWP box on Greenbriar Dr. with battery backup.

**17**. Board Business - Comment from Board members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.

a. Comment on Board members own activities/brief announcements.

b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting and request they be considered for the next Board agenda.

**18.**. Adjournment

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