**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**AMENDED**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday May 14, 2020**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

**1. Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m. by TNC Chairperson Len Shaffer.

* **Roll Call** by Erin Heissler: Eighteen (18) board members present, two absent (Scott Diamond and Bob Schmaeff). **Present were:** Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz (left at 7:30 p.m.), Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder.
* **Welcoming Remarks:** Len gave general intro and instructions to attendees on how to use \*9 to be recognized if they wanted to make public comment.

**2.** **Public Comments:** Stakeholder Scott Evans spoke about his interest in the open board seat. Len told him to use the contact form on the website and he would then respond with information.

**3.**  **Remarks by Representatives of Public Officials**:

Veronica Vos, rep for City Councillor Bob Blumenfield, spoke about the $100,000 he has allocated to nonprofits to help people during the pandemic. (West Valley Food Pantry, One Generation, Renter’s Assistance, and other programs). The West Valley YMCA is offering free showers to stakeholders in need, Woodland Hills Rec Center is sheltering 35 homeless, two motels in the district are doing the same, and there are two testing centers for Covid-19. There are plenty of masks still available if anyone needs them.

Michael Liu, Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney’s office, said you can contact him on any public safety issue or if you want to report violations of the Stay at Home order by businesses. You can remain anonymous when doing so. Email: Michael.liu@lacity.org.

Susan Rogen asked about neighborhood parties and whether there is any enforcement

While he can’t give legal advice, Michael advised her to go to the website: coronavirus.LA. His understanding is that it should not be allowed and it can be reported to “211” or LAPD.

Jeremy Serai, from the Field Office for Assembly member Jesse Gabriel, said they are focusing on helping people with unemployment benefits and guiding them to the right resources. Over the past 8 weeks, EDD saw over 4M claims filed. The assembly member welcomed a new baby, his third son, last month. They have a host of resources on their website from loan programs to small business resources. They have a new volunteer program: California Volunteers, which you can learn about at: [www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov).

Harvey asked about the whether the state will experience a shortfall due to the funding programs. Jeremy said the state is facing a $54B tax deficit coming up to the 2019-2020 budget. There will need for cuts to be made but the governor is passionate about supporting schools and non-profits during what is a huge deficit.

**4. Minutes:** (Heissler/Flehinger) moved approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2020 board meeting. The motion carried.

**5. TNC Expenditures:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of February 2020 expenditures for submission to the City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously. (Ken was ineligible to vote).

**6.**  **Approval of MER:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of the March 2020 expenditures for submission to the City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously. (Ken was ineligible to vote).

**7 & 8:** **Financial Statements:** (Goldberg/Epstein) moved approval of the Financial Statements for the month ending February 29, 2020 and the month ending March 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously. (Ken was ineligible to vote).

**9. Standing Rule Suspension:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC standing rule requiring matters to be heard by the committee having jurisdiction of that subject matter is suspended for this meeting only.” The motion carried unanimously (17-0).

**10. W. Valley Pantry: (Shaffer/Lord) moved, “**Resolved: The TNC Board desires to aid the West Valley Food Pantry in their efforts to provide much needed meals to seniors in Tarzana. To do so the TNC Board proposes to purchase food from Sysco Food Services of Los Angeles or another vendor TBD in an amount not to exceed $2500.00. Funds to come from Outreach.”

(Polonsky/Saucier) amended the motion to, “Resolved: The TNC Board desires to aid the West Valley Food Pantry in their efforts to provide much needed food to their clients in Tarzana. To do so the TNC Board proposes to purchase food from Sysco Food Services of Los Angeles or another vendor TBD in an amount not to exceed $2500.00. Funds to come from Outreach.”

The motion to amend was approved. Following that, the amended motion carried.

**11.** **OneGeneration:** (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved “Resolved: The TNC Board desires to aid OneGeneration in their efforts to provide much needed meals to seniors in Tarzana. To do so the TNC Board proposes to purchase food from Sysco Food Services of Los Angeles or another vendor TBD in an amount not to exceed $2500.00. Funds to come from Outreach.”

(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved that the motion be amended to add “And that the budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year be amended to include items 10 and 11 in the revised budget.” The motion to amend was approved. Following that, the amended motion was approved unanimously.

**12.** **Rules Committee:** (Heissler/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Rules Committee to approve the proposed bylaws updates and directs the President and First Vice President to file the application and supporting documents with DONE.” The motion carried.

**13.** **Ad Hoc Committee:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the formation of an ad hoc committee of 3 Board members to advise the Budget Committee regarding further expenditures to aid members of the Tarzana community affected by the current COVID-19 crisis. The term of the committee to end no later than October 31, 2020.”

The motion carried. Len appointed Susan Lord as chairperson with Terry and Susan Rogen on the committee.

Harvey reported that the Budget Committee meets May 20, 2020. Harvey asked the new committee members to report any recommendations to him in time for that meeting. Len said that there is still approximately $23,000 left to spend this fiscal year. Len said that prior to June 22, 2020, the monies must be allocated by an invoice dated by that date.

**14**. **Board Business:**

* Eran reminded the board that EmpowerLA offers training for funding and ethics. Certain board members need to re-up to continue voting. Eran shared the list of when each board member’s training expires.
* Harvey asked if TNC will have a board retreat this year. Len said it would be virtual if there was one.
* Iris said she is still working on the street banners but because of social distancing, the company making them is not working regular hours.
* Harvey asked if the VANC Spring Mixer was going to happen Jeff said it would not be taking place.
* Mark asked if the banner expense was going back into the budget. Harvey said it was being encumbered as there is a signed contract to purchase those banners for around $10,500. There is also a contract with the Web Corner to update the TNC website.
* Len asked committee chairs to alert him in advance so he can schedule it virtually. The next board meeting will also be a virtual meeting.

**15. Adjournment:** 9:17 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One