**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

Tarzana Elementary School

5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 19356

1. **Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer.** Roll Call: Linda Abrams, Kathy Delle Donne, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Joel Jaffe, Paul Lawler, Evan Levi, Murdoch Pourkhani, Denyse Selesnick, and Len Shaffer. Quorum established with 12 board members (two members showed up late). Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.
2. **Approval of minutes** of previous meeting: **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried.**
3. Approval of monthly financial statements: Harvey submitted the January 2012 financial statement. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved that the January Financial Statement by TNC be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**: Octaviano Rios of Councilmember Zine’s office gave an update on the L.A. Police Commission’s vote on impounding procedures for unlicensed drivers. It requires proof of insurance, a valid I.D. and not having been involved in any major accidents for cars to be released. On redistricting, Councilman Zine is pushing to keep NCs and Districts whole. ([www.redistricting2011.lacity.org](http://www.redistricting2011.lacity.org)). Public Works Program – The councilman is giving $800,000 of his own discretionary funding for public works projects. Octaviano reviewed the five committees the Councilmember sits on for the City Council.
5. **Public Comment:** –John Whitaker, liaison for Tarzana Treatment Centers, spoke about keeping the bus benches free of alcohol advertising. He talked about a Community Impact Statement and support for Council File: 11-1429 Redemption and Prevention of Underage Drinking.
6. **Bylaws Amendment:** (Len passed the gavel to Kathy as this conflicted with his position as chair of the Bylaws Committee). **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “That based on the recommendation of the Rules Committee that Art X of the bylaws be amended by adding the following language: ‘*If not otherwise prohibited, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council will conduct either an election or selection of Board members in 2012 and years following with or without the assistance of the City Clerk. The elections shall be conducted in a fair and transparent manner and in accordance with the approved bylaws and election procedures of the Neighborhood Council, the Plan and the Administrative Code;’* and the proposed amendment having been posted on the Councils web site for at least thirty (30) days and that fact having been publicized by at least two (2) electronic mailings to the Councils E-mail list not less than seven (7) days apart and its having been posted at the Councils regular posting locations; and the proposed amendment having been approved by at least 2/3 of the stakeholder present at the Feb. 28, 2012 meeting; The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board resolves that it approves the Application for amending the Tarzana Neighborhood bylaws.**”

**(Goldberg/Selesnick) made a friendly amendment that the word “will” be changed to “may.” The motion to amend the motion carried unanimously. All stakeholders present (including all 14 board members present) voted in favor of application for the proposed bylaws amendment.**

1. **Board Action pursuant to Bylaws Art V, 7 –** Communication from the President: Len stated that board member Ken Zeitz has been absent, whether excused or otherwise, from 6 or more meetings since July 2011. Therefore, he has been removed from the board and his seat is open on the TNC board.
2. **Election Committee –** Appointment of an election committee: Kathy, Eran, Paul and Denyse volunteered to serve on the Election Committee. **(Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved to appoint the four to the Election Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Community Park:** Melissa Guerrero, Urban Projects & Watershed Planning Division of the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, spoke about the proposed use of a former maintenance yard to be used as a passive park by the LA River in Tarzana (Victory/Lindley).

**(Delle Donne/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved, that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the concept of the proposed park.”** A neighbor, Sherry Avery, who lives in the gated community south of this location, said she supported this proposal. Several board members had concerns about parking.

**(Goldberg/Heissler) moved to amend the motion to support the proposed park if parking is available. The motion carried 8-5-1. The motion carried with 3 opposed (Garfinkle, Jaffe, Shaffer) and one abstention (Lawler).**

1. **T-Mobil Site on Rosita St: (Delle Donne/Heissler) moved, *“*Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council adopts the recommendation of the Land Use Committee regarding the placement of a 4-‘ tall, free-standing pole disguised as a street light or a power pole on Rosita St. across from Rosita Pl.”**

**(Edelman/Greene) made a friendly amendment that “No T-Mobile new motions should be approved until all existing T-Mobile projects are completed, as promised.” The amendment failed: 2-10-2.**

**The original motion carried with two opposed (Edelman, Greene) and 2 abstaining (Heissler, Jaffe).10-2-2.**

1. **19100 Ventura Blvd** Kathy spoke about a new Wine Bistro restaurant at the I-Hop Mall requesting a conditional use permit. Kathy read the conditions LUC requested. **(Delle Donne/Abrams) moved, “Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council adopt the recommendation of the Land Use Committee regarding the request for a CUP to allow the sale of beer and wine in conjunction with the service of food at a new restaurant.”** **The motion carried with one abstention (Greene).**

Harvey submitted a schedule showing the Budget Committee’s allocations.

1. **VANC Mixer** – **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council allocate $100 from its Outreach budget to partially fund the 9th Anniversary Mixer run by the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.” The motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Domain Registration** – **(Goldberg/Levi) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council increase its Outreach budget for Website Domain Name registration (for five years) from $25 to $70, an increase of $45.” The motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Earth Day Poster Contest –** **(Goldberg/Greene) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council allocate $1,750 from its Outreach budget to purchase up to $250 in art supplies for each of the six elementary schools in Tarzana, based on their participation, in the Earth Day Poster contest to be held in April 2012 and an additional $250 in art supplies for the school(s) that has the winning poster(s), for a total of $1,750.” The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **2012 Election Funding –**Harvey explained that money is coming out of the current year’s budget for this. **(Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council allocate $11,000 from its Outreach budget for election related expenses to be encumbered as of June 30, 2012 for elections and related expenses to take place and be incurred during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013. This motion is being presented based on instructions from DONE.”**

**(Garfinkle/Heissler) moved to postpone action on this motion for one month until** **the Election Committee could research and discuss this further.**

**(Lawler) made a friendly amendment to postpone action until the April 24, 2012 TNC meeting. The motion failed 8-6-0.**

**(Abrams/Edelman) moved to postpone action on this motion until the March TNC meeting. The motion carried: 7-6-1 (Shaffer).**

1. **Community Care Ordinance** –Kathy informed the board that there have been a number of changes in the original proposed ordinance, which she defined and that it may violate some federal acts**.**

**(Delle Donne/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved, that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the passage of a Community Care Ordinance and urges the PLUM Committee to approve an ordinance for CC facilities and pass it on for consideration of the full City Council (Council File 3: 110262).”**

John Whitaker and Michael Jennings addressed this issue. They were both against the ordinance. Glenn Bailey also spoke against this proposed ordinance. **The motion carried with 1 abstention (Pourkhani).**

1. **River Improvement Overlay District** – Kathy spoke about the LA City Planning Department’s proposed map boundaries for the outer core of the River Improvement Overlay District, which she recommended TNC oppose. **(Garfinkle/Jaffe) moved that TNC oppose the concept of the outer River Corridor.** StakeholderGlenn Bailey was also against mandates in the proposal for land along the inner corridor. **The motion carried unanimously.**

18. **Committee Reports**

* Outreach: Denyse Selesnick gave a full report including an update on the poster competition and suggestions made at the retreat. She wants Outreach to work along with Environmental as a joint venture to be more effective for both. She also wants to partner with PTAs at the schools. She showed the board the design for the banners to go up on lamp posts.3’ x 8’. TNC’s first newsletter will go out March 15th.
* Transportation – Max Flehinger gave his Transportation Report including updates on Tarzana Woods Drive, speeding on Vanalden, and traffic congestions by the 101 Tampa and Reseda westbound onramps during morning rush hour.
* Energy & Environment Committee – Joel Jaffe said five schools have responded to the poster contest. He’s trying to encourage green involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

19. **President’s Remarks:** Len invited everyone to attend the VANC Mixer on March 8th at CBS Studios. DONE has moved to the 20th floor of City Hall. There are several board vacancies on TNC including Ken’s homeowner board seat. Len spoke about emergency preparedness for a First Responder location at TCC if and when a disaster strikes. Regional Budget Day is March 10th.

20. **Meeting adjourned** at 10:26 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services-