

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 2012**  
Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium  
5726 Topeka Dr, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.** Roll Call by TNC president Len Shaffer: **Present:** Kathy Delle Donne, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Paul Lawler, Evan Levi, Joel Jaffe, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, David Garfinkle, and Susan Weidman. **Absent:** Eran Heissler, Murdoch Pourkhani, and Linda Abrams.
  
2. **Board member installation:** State Senator Fran Pavley welcomed the board members, while Assembly member Bob Blumenfield installed the new board members with an oath of office. Joining the former board are new board members: Matthew Austin, Susan Blauner, Jason Hayes, Varant Majarian, Eileen Maronde, Jonathan Reich, Doug Sarver, Deanna Scott and Esther Wieder (absent) who joined former board members.
  
3. **Election of Executive Board Officers:** Kevin Taylor, IEA with EmpowerLA, administered the election of the executive board.  
(Selesnick) moved that Kathy Delle Donne be appointed as TNC president. (Garfinkle) moved that Len Shaffer serve as president. Len declined the nomination. **Kathy Delle Donne was elected by the board as TNC president, unanimously.**  
  
(Delle Donne) moved that Len Shaffer be appointed as First Vice President. **The board unanimously elected Len Shaffer as First Vice President.**  
  
(Garfinkle) nominated Max Flehinger as Second Vice President. Hayes nominated Denyse Selesnick. **Denyse Selesnick was elected as Second Vice President 14-4-0.**  
  
(Flehinger) moved that David Garfinke be nominated as Executive Secretary. Scott nominated Paul Lawler as Executive Secretary. **Paul Lawler was elected Executive Secretary 14-5-0.**  
  
(Edelman) nominated Evan Levi at Treasurer. (Shaffer) nominated Harvey Goldberg as Treasurer. Harvey declined. **Evan Levi was elected Treasurer unanimously.**
  
4. **Appointment of standing committee chairs:** TNC President Kathy Delle Donne appointed the following chairs to Standing Committees.
  - Outreach: Denyse Selesnick
  - Land Use Committee: Denise Schall
  - Budget and Finance: Evan Levi
  - Transportation Committee: Jason Hayes
  - Public Safety: Elliot Durant
  - Rules Committee: Len Shaffer
  - Government Action: Matt Austin
  - Energy & Environment: Joyce Greene
  - Ad Hoc Committee/Tarzana Crossing: Joe Bernstein(Maronde/Selesnick) moved to approve the Standing Committee chairs. The motion carried with one opposed.
  
5. **(Lawler/Sarver) moved to approve the minutes from the September board meeting. The motion carried.**

6. **(Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved to accept the monthly financial statements for October 2012. The motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

State Senator Fran Pavley spoke to the board about issues of importance to her district. She gave an update on funding that was raised for Los Encinos Park which was in danger of being closed. An anonymous donor from Tarzana gave \$150,000 to the State Senator for funding this project for two years.

Assembly member Bob Blumenfield added that he created legislation that put a two-year moratorium on the closing of parks. There were four major things he noted that took place in the past year: pension reform, workers comp reform, homeowners' bill of rights and the work to balance the State budget (based on Prop 30). He talked about his legislation to curtail mobile billboards, support for the sidewalk repair bill (which he will resubmit), consumer protection legislation, jobs creation, and other issues of importance.

Matt Margolis from Congressman Brad Sherman's office handed out certificates to the board and introduced issues they are working on.

Encino Senior Lead Officer Robert Trulick gave crime stats: Car break-ins are the most frequent crime in the City of L.A. He said this is a crime of opportunity so don't make it easy for criminals to find valuables by looking through windows or leaving cars unlocked. Valuables are not secure in your car. Balboa Park is an area where cars are frequently vandalized. Pickpocketers are working during the holidays at markets, retail stores and malls.

Kevin Taylor of EmpowerLA gave a report on the elections and the surveys. He said TNC brought out a record number of stakeholders for the NC election.

8. **Public Comments:**

Todd Zink, Deputy District Attorney, is running for State Assembly in the TNC district. Joyce Pearson, former President of the Woodland Hills NC and planning to run for the Third Council District, congratulated the new board members.

9. **Appointment of Budget Representatives for 2012 – 2013:** Len Shaffer explained what the Budget Rep's responsibilities are. **(Shaffer/Selesnick) moved that Board member Jon Reich serve as one of the two TNC budget reps. The motion carried.**

10. **Committee Reports**

**Outreach** –Denyse gave a report on the Taste of Encino outreach event as well as Family Day in Woodland Hills. She talked about the Outreach committee members and future outreach events.

**Budget** – No report.

**Transportation** – Max gave a closing report on CalTrans regarding lights on the 101 freeway. He also talked about streets on which stakeholders have reported speeding, a right-turn lane issue, and a tree blocking Reseda's signage.

**Government Action** –David announced the Proposition Party on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Kol Tikvah.

**Energy & Environment Committee** – Joyce talked about the MOU meeting with an increase of 11% granted to DWP. Another increase is coming in June 2013.

**Ad Hoc Election Committee** – No report.

11. **Lease of office at TCCC** – Kathy introduced this motion by explaining the rent arrangement with TCC. (Delle Donne/Majarian) moved, “**Resolved; the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the lease for office space at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 for the amount of \$4,200.00.**” The motion carried with Lawler recusing himself from voting because he is on the Community Center Board.

12. **5620 Wilbur Ave** – Kathy introduced this motion for a Specific Plan exception. This has to do with an upgrade. (Delle Donne/Reich) moved, “**Resolved; based on the recommendation of the TNC Land Use Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the replacement of 12 4 ft. antennas with 12 8 ft antennas to be placed behind a faux screen wall.**” The motion carried with one abstention (Greene) and one opposed (Hayes).

13. **19533 – 19535 Ventura Blvd (Blue Café)** – Kathy explained the conditional use permit for a beer and wine license at this Middle Eastern restaurant with live entertainment. (Shaffer/Hayes) moved, “**Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the TNC Land Use Committee the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves, with conditions the request for a conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine and the issuance of a permit for live entertainment (one DJ) for an existing 1445 sq foot restaurant with operating hours from 5 p.m. to 2:00 am Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. pm to 4:00 am Friday and Saturday. The term of the grant of the CPU shall be for a period of five years. Alcohol will be served with food only. A security guard will be on the premises from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and from 5 p.m. – 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The parking attendant will be present whenever tandem parking is required. There will be no more than one entertainer on the premises at any one time. There will be no dancing. Music generated from within the premises shall not exceed 65 decibels at a distance of 10 feet from the property line. There will be a flexible plastic enclosure that will be aligned with the current awning extended from the front of the building to the sidewalk level, still within the property line. There will be a plan approval in one year to determine if the applicant is complying with all conditions. The applicant will return to the TNC Land Use Committee before filing for the Plan approval. If there’s a violation of conditions, such as complaints over loud music, or any of the conditions imposed by the Zoning Administrator, the Zoning Administrator can, through a public hearing process, can impose additional conditions.**”

The restaurant owner’s representative spoke on behalf of the restaurant and hookah lounge across from the Corbin Bowling Alley. The owner of the Blue Café spoke to the issue of noise control measures which were an issue for board members.

**The motion carried: 16-3-0 (Edelman, Garfinkle, & Majarian).**

14. **Proposition MM** – David Garfinkle spoke about Measure MM. Paul Adelman, Chief of Resources for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, spoke about the public lands that this measure would preserve. It would be a special tax assigned to residents of \$19 for developed parcels that would go to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to purchase and maintain more open space. The tax would terminate after ten years. (Garfinkle/Maronde) moved, “**Resolved; based on the recommendation of the TNC Government Action Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board supports the passage of Proposition MM to impose a parcel tax of \$19.00 per year in designated areas of Woodland Hills, Tarzana and Encino for a 10 year period to fund the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy.**” Glenn Bailey made a public comment supporting this Proposition for Encino and Woodland Hills. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**15. Helicopter Noise Regulation:** Resolved; based on the recommendation of the TNC Government Action Committee, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board supports the passage of federal legislation to regulate the altitude, flight paths, hovering time and flight hours for all non-emergency helicopters over residential areas.

**Kathy suggested that this item be further studied by the Government Action Committee. (Maronde/Edelman) moved that this item be tabled until further study has been made. Len noted that the item was not a legal motion.**

**(Selesnick/Reich) moved to remove the item from the agenda.** Paul noted that the motion may go against the current FAA routes used. David disagreed saying the FAA has imposed restrictions in other parts of the country already. **The motion to remove this item from the agenda carried with three opposed (Garfinkle, Goldberg, and Flehinger).**

**16. President's Remarks**

LANCC: Len recounted speakers who were present at the last LANCC meeting and reports given from EmpowerLA.

VANC – Len invited board members to VANC's (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) next meeting at 5:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at CBS Studios in Studio City. This will be a free Planning Forum for the Valley neighborhood councils.

BONC – Len talked about this eminent body that oversees the NCs and their plan to review The Plan for the City.

Ethics quiz – The board was reminded to take the Ethics exam required by the State.

Training session – A training session will be scheduled for the entire board.

**17. Board Member Comment** – Len spoke about business card formats for new board members.

**18. Meeting Adjournment** at 9:57 p.m.

**-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-**