

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**
Thursday, April 4, 2013 7:00 PM
Tarzana Elementary School
5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order by TNC President Kathy Delle Donne** at 7 pm. **Roll Call:** Matthew Austin, Susan Blauner, Max Flehinger, Harvey Goldberg, Paul Lawler, Doug Sarver, Deanna Scott, Kathy Delle Donne, Evan Levi, Varant Majarian, Eileen Maronde, Jon Reich, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, Susan Weidman, Eran Heissler, David Garfinkle, and Esther Wieder. Quorum established. Absent: Jason Hayes, Barry Edelman and Joyce Greene. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**
Octaviano Rios, Field Deputy for Councilmember Zine, asked for community input on neighborhoods with overgrowth or trash for youth to clean up. He talked about TCC's birthday event, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Woodland Hills and tree trimming services.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Skoggins gave crime stats: Arrests were made in February of people breaking into homes. March was a much quieter month with only two break-ins south of the boulevard (out of 7), 10 motor vehicle thefts and 4 street robberies. They are trying to organize a Business Watch and bring in the City Prosecutor and detectives to arrest their concerns. West Valley Pals is looking for more work like cleaning up alleys and vacant lots and painting graffiti out. LAPD is holding a Slow Summit on April 17th at the Jewish Home for the Aging. LAPD's Open House is May 4th. Officer Skoggins is working double-duty in Tarzana and Reseda as the result of a recent LAPD officer leaving.

3. **Public Comments** – Michael Povar, a stakeholder, talked about the shopping center with a business that is an eyesore and asked about whether the business in question has a permit.

4. **Approval of minutes** - February 20, 2013 Special Board Meeting. **(Lawler/Heissler) moved to accept the minutes for the Special Board Meeting. The motion carried.**

5. **Resignations:**
(Delle Donne/Weidman) moved that the TNC accept the resignation of Jason Hayes from the TNC Board Residential Renter Seat. The motion carried. Kathy stated that Jason has moved out of the area.
(Delle Donne/Levi) moved that the TNC board accept Jason Hayes resignation as Chairperson of the Transportation/Mobility Committee. The motion carried.
(Delle Donne/Majarian) moved that the TNC board accept the resignation of Susan Blauner from the TNC Board At-Large Representative Seat. The motion carried.

6. **Appointments:**
(Delle Donne/Weider) moved that the board appoint Susan Blauner to the TNC Board Residential Renter Seat. The motion carried.

(Delle Donne/Heissler) moved that the TNC Board appoint Elliot Durant to the TNC Board At-Large Representative Seat. The motion carried unanimously.

(Delle Donne/Weider) moved that Mark Weiner be appointed as Chairperson of the Transportation/Mobility Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Consumer advocacy group, Food & Water Watch: Tabled.** Alexandra Nagy was unable to make the meeting to speak about Governor Brown's \$20-\$50 billion water project that would include building peripheral tunnels to siphon water from the Delta.

8. **Marina McLeod, Energy & Environment Committee chairperson**, spoke about the Second Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 13th at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center. There will be over 20 exhibitors and a poster contest with over 700 entries.
9. **Report by Jon Reich**: Over 5,000 people in the City of L.A. took the budget survey. He spoke about the categories of funding that most people voted to reduce and the current \$150 million budget deficit. The Budget Advocates are now focusing on maintaining the budget for the city's neighborhood councils and reviewing (and possibly reducing) salaries for city administrators and workers. July 1st, trash collection fees are going up as well as billing for emergency response. He talked about Charter Section 900, which refers to allocation of NC funding. The budget rep suggested tabling any action on a motion until a full presentation on this takes place.
10. **Report by BONC Commissioner Len Shaffer** on what the Groups' consensus is on "factual based stakeholder." Len gave an overview of the three 'Working Groups' in the City that are being asked to provide input to the City Council on NC-related issues including some issues with the "Factual – based' definition of stakeholder.

-Len Shaffer left the meeting at 8:23 p.m. recusing himself from any further discussion.-

Kathy explained that Paul Lawler and Varant Majarian currently fill the two 'Factual-based stakeholder' positions on the TNC board. Those who are factual based stakeholders are only allowed to vote for those two positions during an election. Glenn Bailey, an Independent Election Administrator (IEA) commented on the history of this motion.

(Goldberg/Heissler) moved that, "Resolved, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommends that sections of the city's Administrative Code which touch upon neighborhood council stakeholders be amended as follows:

- (1) remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;
- (2) allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that be allocated to factual basis stakeholders;
- (3) remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and
- (4) allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of factual basis."

The motion carried with one opposed (Reich).

Len returned to the meeting. Harvey Goldberg left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.-

11. **Farmers' Market at Tarzana Crossing – (Selesnick/Scott) moved that, "Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Tarzana Crossing and the Transportation/Mobility Committee, the TNC Board support the establishment of a Farmers' Market in the Metro Orange Line Parking Lot at Reseda Blvd. & Oxnard Street."** The motion carried with one abstention (Blauner). The Farmer's Market would be taking place on Saturdays starting at 10 a.m. Warren asked that TNC issue a support letter to Metro stating that TNC's Ad Hoc Transportation Committee has passed it.
12. **Committee and Representative Reports:**
Public Safety Committee – Elliot Durant, Chairperson. Kathy thanked Elliot for his work on the Public Safety Committee. Elliot said that next year's Public Safety Fair will have music and food.

Animal Welfare Committee – Deanna Scott, Chairperson – No report.

Outreach Committee - Denyse Selesnick, Chairperson, brought an example of the bags printed for Earth Day. They have acquired 3,513 emails for their mailing list (without paying for it). 'Tarzana Free Events' received the best response to their message line. The One Generation Senior Symposium is April 20th. 500 seniors expected to attend. She's talking to other NCs to combine support for events. Overall, they are on budget.

Transportation/Mobility Committee – Mark Weiner talked about the various focuses of his committee.

BONC Commission & LANCC: Len Shaffer reported that The Commission is supporting full funding for NCs and Empower LA. They are also supporting elections in 2013. There are new bylaws coming out from LANCC. They are also going to take up a motion about having a non-voting member on city commissions. LANCC sponsors the DWP MOU Committee. He asked for volunteers who want to be involved in learning about what is going on throughout the City.

13. **Board Member Comment** – Len received an email about the EIR coming out on the General Plan. CalTrans wants to team up with NCs for Transportation Week. National Volunteer Recognition Week is coming up mid-April.

14. **Future Agenda Items and Calendar Events:** Listed by Kathy including on April 27th – VANC's Candidates' Forum for run-off candidates.

15. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:42 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-