

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, August 27, 2013
Tarzana Elementary School
5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 by TNC President Kathy Delle Donne with 13 members present. Quorum reached. Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll Call:** Susan Blauner, Kathy Delle Donne, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Varant Marjarian, Max Flehinger, Evan Levi, Eran Heissler, Doug Sarver, Deanna Scott, Len Shaffer, and Esther Wieder. **Absent:** Mathew Austin, Elliot Durant, Paul Lawler, Denyse Selesnick and Sue Weidman. Jon Reich arrived at 7:10pm and Eileen Maronde arrived at 7:15pm.

2. **Welcoming by President** Kathy Delle Donne updated the board on operation "Neighborhood Blitz"- the Mayor's program to repair potholes on Los Angeles streets. Pothole truck will be in Tarzana on September 12th. With Mark Weiner, Transportation Chairperson's help, a list of potholes in the area was compiled for Street Services. There were also a number of persons who have volunteered for Beautification projects, the TNC Facebook page and a TNC newsletter.

3. **Executive Committee Motion: (Delle Donne/Heissler) moved to limit the Board meeting to end by 9:30 pm. All items not covered at Board Meeting will be carried over to the September Board meeting.** Motion carried with one opposed (Garfinkle) and one abstention (Shaffer).

4. **Reports by Public Officials:**

City Attorney Bill Larsen gave updates on different issues involving sober living homes that were dealing drugs and regulations with legalized marijuana stores.

Max Reyes, representative for Mayor Garcetti, introduced himself to the board.

Eric Rodriquez, field deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield, said their website will be up and running shortly. A food drive was to take place for students at a local school. The councilmember is proposing three new resolutions. One would restore virtual participation with City Hall from a remote location, a second resolution would add new departments to the 311 system, and the third would introduce free WiFi for the City of L.A.

5. **Public Comments:**

Marie Ventura, representing LAUSD Board Member, Tamar Galatzan, answered questions about school policies. She spoke about "due process" as it involves teachers suspected of crimes. Contact LAUSD Board Member Tamar Galatzan: 213 241-4588

6. **LADWP Presentation on Recycled Water Program and Groundwater Replenishment Project-** Victoria, from DWP, talked about scams where homeowners receive phone calls about late payments or a knock on the door asking for entrance to a home or yard. She said when they come to your home, be sure to ask for their LADWP picture. She showed the Council how it should appear.

John Hinds talked about rate hikes anticipated from MWD for importing water. He defined recycled water as highly-treated waste water that meets with health and safety standards. Hinds also talked about the potential "Advance Water Purification Facility" in the Sepulveda basin, or aka Donald C. Tillman Reclamation Plant at the Japanese Gardens. The Center will be upgraded to perform advanced treatment of recycled water. The major uses of recycled water are non-portable reuse and ground water replenishment.

Serge Haddad joined in to speak a little more about the importance of the new advance treatment center and how it can help to save water and money. They again noted the necessity of increasing recycled water even if the Bay Delta Twin Tunnels were built. Funding will come from several different sources depending on the final analysis and assessment of the project. A full review at the local, state and federal level is required.

7. Approval of Minutes for July 2013 board meeting **(Heissler/Weidman moved to accept the minutes of the July 2013 board meeting with revisions of the items discussed. Motion carries unanimously.**

8. Approval of Financial statement as of June 30, 2013. 2013. (Levi/Reich) moved that the Financial Statement for June 30, 2013 be accepted by the board. Treasurer Evan Levi stated that \$966.00 in funds were left over from the last year's budget. **(Shaffer/Flehinger) moved to table acceptance of the Financial Report due to a question on a media workshop that had been previously funded by the board. The motion to table carried 9-7-0. (Opposed: Delle Donne, Levi, Marone, Reich, Sarver, Scott, Weider). The Financial Report was tabled until the September board meeting.**

9. Approval of TNC expenditures for July 2013. (Levi/Reich) moved to approve \$937.60 in expenses, which he detailed in his report. Receipts were reviewed by the board. Harvey made a friendly amendment that the board approve the expenses, minus the Apple One secretarial services invoice, until the invoice is submitted and to indicate that it's been paid pending the receipt of the invoice. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution by Budget & Finance Committee (Levi/Scott) moved to approve the Operations budget allocation of \$293.99 for audio equipment for fiscal year 2013-2014. (Amount was originally budgeted in 2012-2013 but the company failed to bill in a timely manner). **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Finance Committee: Animal Welfare: (Levi/Majarian) moved that TNC approve a budget allocation of \$256.00 from the Operations budget for animal welfare animal cage and educational handouts on feral cats. The motion carried unanimously.

12. New funding program for 2013-2014 fiscal year. Kathy reviewed the mandatory training requirements for all TNC board members by Sept. 1, 2013.

13. Key Card Resolution: (Delle Donne/Heissler) that TNC authorize a City Hall garage key card for Kathy Delle Donne and Jon Reich. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Adoption of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan for Tarzana Neighborhood Council. (Delle Donne/Scott moved that TNC adopt the strategic plan submitted to the City. (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved to amend the motion by striking #2: "Big Solutions" part of the Strategic Plan. (Goldberg/Greene) moved another amendment to add specific language on procedures for all items brought before various committees and the Board. After discussion, Harvey withdrew his motion. (Reich/Heissler) moved to table approval of the Strategic Plan to allow Denyse to be present. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Update on the proposed DWP labor contract. None.

16. Proposed Mural Ordinance before the City Council (tentatively scheduled for Wed. Sept. 28th). David Garfinkle explained the proposed ordinance by the City's PLUM Committee regarding murals. There are two versions: one includes all residential properties; the other excludes single family homes. David said a district could be formed to opt-out of the mural ordinance. Another approach would be to set up an "opt-in" version for murals to be allowed. He gave stats on how

other councils have voted. **(Shaffer/Flehinger) moved that TNC Board supports Version "B" with an Opt-in option. The motion carried with one opposed (Maronde).**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.