

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

**Tarzana Elementary School**

**5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. by Kathy Delle Donne, TNC president. **Roll Call:** Mathew Austin, Susan Blauner, Kathy Delle Donne, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Varant Marjarian, Max Flehinger, Evan Levi, Eran Heissler, Jon Reich, Doug Sarver, Deanna Scott, Len Shaffer, Paul Lawler, Denyse Selesnick, Sue Weidman and Esther Wieder. **Absent:** Barry Edelman and Elliot Durant.

2. **Executive Committee Motion: (Delle Donne/Lawler) moved the Executive Committee Resolution to end the Board meeting by 9:30 pm. All items not covered at Board Meeting will be carried over to the October Board meeting. The motion carried with one opposed (Garfinkle) and one abstaining (Majarian).**

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

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins and Watch Commander Lieutenant Kudrow from West Valley LAPD. Crime in the West Valley is down 11.3% since last year; in Tarzana crime is down by 16.9%. Daryl is covering Encino now as temporary Senior Lead Officer. Crime stats: In August there were: 2 robberies, 2 aggravated assaults, 8 burglaries, 7 stolen cars and 9 motor vehicle break-ins as well as 26 thefts on the Boulevard. He suggested stakeholders sign up at "MyLA311" website for notifications.

Eric Rodriguez, field deputy for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, reviewed a motion presented by the Councilman on banning advertising trailers and gave other updates.

**4. Public Comments:**

- Mr. Muller reported noise concerns about a car wash adjacent to his property.
- Katie Kisiel, owner of The Bleecker Street restaurant, asked for support for a fundraising campaign they are holding.

5. **Approval of minutes for July 2013: (Heissler/Blauner) moved that TNC approve the July 23, 2013 board meeting minutes with the revisions as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of minutes for August 2013: (Shaffer/Majarian) moved to table the August board meeting minutes. The motion carried with one opposed (Selesnick).**

6. **Approval of Financial Statement (Treasurer Evan Levi).** Kathy stated that three board members would not be allowed to vote on funding items at this meeting until they complete the Empower LA Funding Training. They are: Joyce, Esther and Paul.

Evan noted that a media training workshop that had been in the previous fiscal year's budget had been cancelled on June 29, 2013, but was rescheduled for November 2013. Len questioned the process of pre-paying for the \$300.00 workshop fee.

- **(Levi/Sarver) moved that TNC approve the financial statement from July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. (Goldberg/Majarian) amended the motion that TNC request a refund from the workshop vendor for \$300.95 with the money returned to DONE/EmpowerLA and that any media workshop rescheduled be funded from the current year's budget. The motion failed: 7-7-2. (Opposed: Austin, Blauner, Delle Donne, Heissler, Levi,**

**Sarver, & Selesnick) and (Abstaining: Reich and Scott). Not voting: Greene, Lawler and Weider.**

- **The board then voted on the main motion by (Levi/Sarver) for approval of the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2013. The motion carried: 10-4-2. (Opposed: Flehinger, Goldberg, Shaffer and Weidman) and (Abstaining: Garfinkle and Majarian). Not voting: Greene, Lawler and Weider.**

**7. Approval of August Expenditures:** (Levi/Maronde) moved that TNC approve TNC expenditures for August 2013. *The motion carried unanimously by the voting members.*

**8. Nestle Ave. Charter School Fair:** (Selesnick) moved the Executive Committee recommendation that the Board allocate \$50.00 from Outreach budget for TNC to participate in the Nestle Ave. Charter School Fair on October 27, 2013. Since the item did not go before the Budget Committee, she withdrew her motion.

**9. Taste of Encino** – Kathy withdrew this item for a vote stating that the budget had already been put forth for an expenditure of \$150 from the Outreach budget to have TNC participate in the annual Taste of Encino event.

**10. \$50,000 Funding for Street Services:** (Delle Donne/Levi) moved, "Resolved that based on the community response to Operation Neighborhood Blitz, TNC request Street Services coordinate four additional days to repair potholes at a cost of \$1100 per day for a total of \$4400." The monies were deposited in the Street Services Account by former Councilman Dennis Zine. **The motion carried: 16-2-0 (Opposed: Reich and Shaffer).**

**11. Appointment of Budget Representative for 2013-2014.** Jon Reich volunteered for the position. (Delle Donne/Heissler) moved to appoint Jon Reich for Budget Rep. **The motion carried.**

**12. Appointment of Second Budget Representative for 2013-2014.** (Majarian/Greene) moved that Harvey Goldberg be appointed as the second Budget Rep. **The motion carried.**

**13. Above Ground Facility Cellular Antennae Pole at Rosita Street & Vanalden Ave. –** (Delle Donne/Blauner) moved the Land Use Committee recommendation that the TNC Board support the neighbors' petition to relocate the existing Verizon pole (on Reseda just west of Van Alden). (Goldberg/Lawler) amended the motion adding that if the pole is relocated, that it be approved by the Land Use Committee and the TNC board. **The motion carried with one abstention. (Majarian).**

**14. Adoption of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan** for Tarzana Neighborhood Council. Denyse reviewed the items she had previously presented in the Strategic Plan, specifically the "Founders' Syndrome issue." The board then reconsidered the motion, tabled last month, by (Shaffer/Flehinger) amending the adoption of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan for Tarzana Neighborhood Council by striking #2 under "Big Solutions." **The motion to amend carried with one abstention (Selesnick).**

(Delle Donne/Scott) moved that TNC adopt the amended Strategic Plan. (Goldberg/Reich ) moved to table the vote on the Strategic Plan to the next meeting's agenda and to list it as the first item on the agenda. **The motion carried 15-4-0. (Opposed: Delle Donne, Lawler, Levi, and Maronde).**

The board then voted on the original motion to table the motion on the Strategic Plan and to carry it over to the first item following Announcements on the next agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

(Shaffer/Heissler) moved to extend the TNC board meeting until 9:45. The motion carried with one opposed (Reich) and one abstention (Levi).

15. **Report on NC Congress** to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Denyse spoke about the importance of attending the NC Congress on Sept. 28, 2013.

16. **CD3 Public Safety Coalition:** A report was given on the CD3 Public Safety Coalition on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Westfield Promenade.

17. **Community Meeting on the Vanalden Tunnel:** A report was given on this meeting on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Tarzana Recreation Center, 5655 Vanalden Ave, by the Transportation/Mobility Committee.

18. **DWP Groundwater Replenishment Project – (Greene/Majarian) moved the Executive Committee recommendation that the TNC Board write a letter of support for the DWP Groundwater Replenishment Project. The motion carried unanimously.**

19. **Committee and Representative Reports:**

**Animal Welfare Committee** – Deanna Scott, Chairperson, gave a report on the spay and neuter program for cats.

**Energy & Environment Committee** – Marina McLeod, Chairperson - No report.

**Farmers' Market** – Warren Holden said there was a problem with the agreement.

**DWP MOU Representative** - Joyce Greene gave a report.

**BONC Commission & LANCC** - Len Shaffer gave a brief report.

20. **Board Member Comments** – Kathy stated that the Encino/Tarzana Patch will be scaling down but a new newspaper is starting.

21. Future Agenda Items were announced.

22. Adjournment at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.