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**Tarzana Neighborhood Council**

**August 26, 2014**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tarzana Elementary School**

1. **Call to Order:** 7 p.m. by Len Shaffer, TNC President.

**Roll Call** by Eran Heissler. Quorum reached with 13 board members: Robin Correll, Reuben Dori, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jonathan Reich, Kenneth Schwartz, Linda Safarian, Len Shaffer, Sukh Singh, Allan Wertheim, and Esther Weider. Welcome and pledge of allegiance.

2. **(Goldberg/Reich) moved to table approval of the July board meeting minutes until the September meeting.** The motion carried.

3. **Remarks by Representatives**:

* LAPD Officer Daryl Scoggins: 33 crimes for Tarzana in July. Break-ins are, again, taking place at homes south of the boulevard. Announcements: Sept. 10 is their CPAP meeting. West Valley LAPD Open House is on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
* Rosalba Gonzalez spoke about a new bill to protect domestic violence victims, a bill to help improve water storage, and SB168 to monitor groundwater.
* Erik Rodriguez, Legislative Deputy at Bob Blumenfield's Office, gave updates on a Bureau of Street Services funding program for CD3. He is leaving this office and introduced Arielle Bernard, the new deputy, who announced a Sept. 9th workshop with Highway Patrol.

4. **DWP Presentation**: Marty Adams, DWP Deputy, Senior Asst. GM, gave a presentation about the $100 million dollar water treatment plant recently put online to improve water quality. As of April 1st, a new disinfecting treatment practice was put into place at the water filtration plant. He explained the processes used to irradiate the water. He said L.A. is importing about 80% of its water now, whereas the norm is 50%. That is a major factor in the rising cost of water on bills. They are now using a 2-tiered system for rates but are looking to go to a 4-tiered system.

5. **Public Comment:**

Mark Beard (?), Congressional candidate for West Hills, made a public statement.

6. **Committee Reports**:

Transportation, Harvey Goldberg gave the Transportation report for Max Flehinger. Among those items, the "Welcome to Tarzana" sign has disappeared.

**(Goldberg/Heissler) moved to permanently postponing motion #11 recommending to adopt a plan for possible action to correct standing water and a cracked sidewalk at 6101 Reseda Blvd. (Palomino's). The motion carried unanimously.**

**Animal Welfare Committee**: Jeff Basker, on the Animal Welfare Committee, talked about how Deanna had rescued 14 feral kittens and gotten them fixed. He volunteers at a City animal shelter once a week working with dogs that are often euthanized. He asked for donations for animal shelter projects.

**Energy & Environment**: Len asked if someone would like to chair this committee.

**Budget Representative:** Harvey and Ken are both Budget Advocates and plans are to attend 2 meetings a month.

**Outreach:** Esther Weider gave the Outreach committee report asking for input on ways to connect with neighbors, including students.

7. **(Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved that TNC approve the preliminary July 2014 financial statements and expenditures for submission to DONE. The motion carried unanimously.**

**8. (Goldberg/Weider) moved, "Recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve reversing unneeded budget expenditures for Operation, Rent in the amount of $7,800 and move it to Unallocated, and**

**"Recommendation from the Budget Committee on the request of the President to approve a permit fee of $720.00 to the City of L.A. billed by AAA Flag & Banner in connection with the 37 previously-installed TNC banners classified as Outreach, Advertising, Banners from Unallocated."**

**Both motions carried unanimously.**

9. **(Goldberg/ ) moved the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve revisions to the Strategic Plan that will be submitted with the 2014-2015 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.**

10. **(Garfinkle/Shaffer) moved, "Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council board approves the Land Use Committee's recommendation supporting the Project Permit Compliance of the master sign program at 18555 Ventura Blvd. with the condition that no rooftop signs be allowed and all present rooftop signs be removed."**

**(Garfinkle/Shaffer) amended the motion adding, "only rooftop signs that have been previously grandfathered be allowed to remain."** He explained that the building's owner has proposed additional signs that are legal according to the Sign Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

**Land Use:** David gave a Land Use report updating the board on all of the relevant issues including proposed revisions to the Baseline Mansionization ordinance and proposed revisions to the Baseline Hillside ordinance.

**DWP MOU:** Joyce reported on a presentation on Recycled Water.

**Ad Hoc Committee:** Len asked for volunteers to form this committee to come up with ways for TNC to provide recommendations to change bylaws, standing rules and for future events.

**11. President's Remarks:** Len acknowledged Harvey for giving input to DONE on ways to be proactive with the new checking account, which DONE has accepted. BONC has finalized the posting policy for NCs. A Code of Conduct policy is also being worked on in regards to bullying.

**12. Board Member Comment:**

David suggested inviting representatives from the Light Rail Line/Orange Rail to address the board as well as those who are opposed to it.

13. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:09 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-