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**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

**1. Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer. Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks and Pledge. Board members present: Ruben Dori, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Linda Safarian, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Sukh Singh, Allan Wertheim, and Esther Wieder. Jonathan Reich arrived at 7:15 & Ornit Toren arrived at 8:48 p.m. Joyce Greene left at 8:05 p.m. & Linda left at Safarian at 8:50 p.m.

2. **Approval of minutes of August 25, 2015 meeting**. (Heissler/Wieder) moved that the minutes of the board meeting of August 25, 2015 be accepted as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ariel of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield’s Office announced TCC’s upcoming Casino Night, the Arts & Cultural Center’s classes in October and LAPD’s presentation in October to engage with the public on hot topics. She also said the Councilmember is working to get a new rate structure instituted for Valley customers of LADWP.

4. **Public Comments**:

Judi Carroll– a stakeholder – reported that she fell on a sidewalk and asked that the sidewalks be better maintained.

Varant Majarian asked the board to take action on a absent board member who has had excessive absences.

Beverly Cernicky of Aura Ave. spoke to the board about an illegal B&B operating next door to her.

5. **Presentation and discussion:** Should street vending be legalized in the city of Los Angeles? Jessica Worth, representing The Coalition to Save Small Business, gave an overview of the issues with street vending. Currently the City does not enforce illegal street vending laws even though it competes with brick and mortar businesses. She recommended that each neighborhood council choose whether they want to create a special sidewalk vending district. The Coalition is advocating that neighborhoods have the ability to opt in if they so choose. She distributed a draft resolution on this.

David Garfinkle gave a detailed report on this issue including the original motion. There are currently 22 CISs that have been issued by NCs on this subject.

6. **Appointment of Jeff Mausner to the Board:** **(Heissler/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee recommendation to appoint Jeff Mausner to the open At Large board position (replacing Alan Adjamian). The motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Trap & Neuter Motion: Motion: (Shaffer/Reich) moved, “To remove from the table Agenda Item 14 from the July 28, 2015 agenda regarding the Trap/Neuter and Release Program. The motion carried with one abstention (Garfinkle).**

8. Committee and other Reports:

* Outreach – Esther announced Movie Night at TCC.
* Transportation – Max gave a report on different traffic-related requests.
* Animal Welfare – Jeff reported on a situation with Rockin’ Rescue, which LA Animal Services was threatening to shut down. They needed a Change of Use permit for their kennels. Jeff was part of a group of volunteers who spoke to the Board of Animal Commissioners to keep the rescue open.

**9. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved that TNC approve the preliminary financial**

**statements as of August 31, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved that TNC approve the August, 2015 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried unanimously.**

**11. (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC approves the Budget Committee recommendation to approve the request from the President for the purchase of an external hard drive for NTE $150.00 to store copies of electronic records and documents. This is to be classified as Operations, General, Miscellaneous from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.**

**12. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC approves the Budget**

 **Committee recommendation to approve the request from VANC to support their two annual functions; a Fall Planning Forum and a Spring Mixer. These were previously budgeted at $200.00 each for a total of $400.00. This request is to authorize payment to a vendor of VANC's choice.” The motion carried unanimously (15 votes).**

13. **Land Use/Bee Keeping Motion:** **(Garfinkle/Shaffer) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committees recommendation to file a CIS supporting CF 12-0785 (Residential Bee Keeping) if amended as follows:**

**1. Hives may consist of no more than three (3) medium boxes on top of one (1) deep box;**

**2. Residential lots consisting of less than 5000 sq ft shall be limited to one hive;**

**3. Residential lots consisting of 5000 to 7500 sq ft shall be limited to two (2) hives;**

**4. Residential lots in excess of 7500 sq ft shall be limited to one hive per 2500 sq ft of lot size.**

**5. No hive may be kept on a residential lot if the hive is within 500 feet of a private or public school for grades K – 6 or any pre-school (pre-K).”**

Sharon Brewer was opposed to this motion. She felt it was dangerous to those who are allergic to bee stings.

**(Mausner/Heissler) moved to amend the motion to establish a prohibition for those who may be allergic to bees to having beekeeping next to them. The motion failed: \_\_\_\_\_ for, 8 opposed, 4 abstentions** (Reuben, Allan, Linda, Jon).

**(Goldberg/Reich) introduced a substitute motion to not file a CIS to support the residential beekeeping motion, but instead to file a CIS opposing beekeeping in a residential zone. The motion carried 12-3-0 (Garfinkle, Shaffer & Wertheim).**

**14.** **Short-Term Rentals**: David presented the motion asking if short-term rentals (less than 30 days) should be permitted with restrictions.

**(Garfinkle/Shaffer) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee recommendation to file a CIS supporting CF 14-1635-S2 if amended to read as follows: Authorizes a host to rent all or part of their primary residence to short-term visitors, permitting someone to rent a spare room, a back house, or even their own home while they are out of town, but in no case shall the home be rented for more than 45 days in any one year. Prohibits hosts from renting units or buildings that are not their primary residence or are units covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), forbidding speculators from creating a syndicate of short term rental properties, and prohibiting the loss of valuable rental housing stock.”**

**(Reich/Goldberg) presented a substitute motion that stated, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee recommendation to file a CIS that authorizes a host to rent all of part of their primary residence to short-term visitors, permitting someone to rent a spare room, a back house, or event their own home when they are out of town, but in no case shall any short-term rental be for more than 45 days in one year.” The motion carried: 13-1-1 (Garfinkle opposed/Shaffer abstained).**

**The board then voted on the motion as amended. The amended motion carried: 13-0-1.**

**15**. **Sign Ordinance: (Garfinkle/Shaffer) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee recommendation to file a CIS supporting Version B of the proposed city wide sign ordinance recommended by the City Planning Department Recommendation Report out beginning at page 9 of the report and set to be heard by the City Planning Commission on September 24, 2015.” The motion carried unanimously.**

David explained that there is a Version A which would allow digital signage in all commercial areas, and would allow amnesty to signs erected without permits or where a permit was violated. Version B would require that billboards without permits be taken down. Land Use voted to support Version B. Shaffer stated that this issue has been going through the courts for years and that Version B was the outcome.

**16. Transportation Ordinance: (Flehinger/Reich) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee recommendation as follows: The LADOT is proposing the conversion of Nestle Ave., between Rosita and Tarzana St., to one-way, northbound only, traffic. Because there has been no input from the community on the issue, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council recommends no change to the current two-way traffic, pending input from the nearby community and the drivers using that street.” The motion carried unanimously.**

**17. Animal Committee Ordinance: (Mausner/Reich) moved, “Resolved, The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Animal Welfare Committee to write a letter requesting Councilmember Blumenfield and Councilmember Koretz to introduce a motion directing the person or persons working on the Trap Neuter Release (TNR) CEQA review to report back to the City Council within 30 days on the status of the injunction against City participation in TNR program.” The motion carried 12-0-1 (Garfinkle abstained).** Jeff said the original motion has not worked and in fact, the number of feral cats has increased.

**18. Election Stipulation Sheet: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the Election Procedures Stipulation Sheet and directs that it be submitted to EmpowerLA with an election date of April 17, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at: a. Primary – Tarzana Child Care Center, 5700 Beckford Ave, Tarzana; b. Secondary – Tarzana Recreation Center, 5655 Vanalden Ave, Tarzana. 4. Election/Outreach contacts will be Eran Heissler and Esther Wieder.” The motion carried.**

**19. President’s Remarks****:** Len announced that Max Flehinger will lead the TNC Speakers Bureau. Other announcements included:

The board has two vacancies now: Paul and Scott’s seats.

He announced:

* September’s VANC and LANCC meetings
* Regional Emergency Preparedness Fair Oct 3, 2015
* The Taste of Encino will be held on Oct 11, 2015
* Regional Budget Day is on Oct 17th at the Braude Center

Len also commented on the EmpowerLA awards held on September 11th and LA Neighborhood Councils Congress on September 26th.

**20. Board Member Comment** – Richard asked about the frequency of emptying a garbage can on Reseda by Vons that is always overflowing.

**22. Adjournment at 9:43 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One