**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING/ SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday March 1, 2017

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC.

**Roll Call:** Guy Bachar, Barry Edelman, Max Felhinger,Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Esther Wieder Quorum reached with 11 board members Terry Saucier arrived at (7:19) and Ruben Dori at (7:24). Welcoming Remarks.

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** Svetlana, Tarzana Field Rep for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield talked about limits on vehicular living. She explained that this measure defines parking restrictions. On March 2, at 6 p.m. there will be a community Fair Housing assessment. METRO is soliciting comments on their proposed budget for 2018. Los Angeles is competing with Paris for the next Olympics. She talked about Measure M – sales tax for transportation – and staffing allocations for public safety issues. She also announced the Blumenfield Bike Ride on April 22, 2017.

Assemblymember Matt Debabnehspoke about Jordan’s Law resulting from a 15-year old student’s attack with the suspects posting it on social media.He spoke about the future of transportation and what efforts are needed to repair freeways and streets. He talked about holding upcoming community meetings on Thursday nights at local restaurants and a Woman’s Health meeting in April.

1. **Public Comments** – None.
2. **Budget Advocate Report** – No report.
3. **Presentation: Prop M –** L.A. City proposition regulating cannabis taxation & enforcement. A spokesperson gave a summary about this proposition saying it requires businesses dealing in cannabis to pay gross receipts tax and sales tax & sets penalties for not obeying regulations.
4. **Presentation: Measure S** – Jay Beaver spoke on behalf of Measure S. and the way it would impact Homeless Housing under HHH. Andrew Krasner spoke against the Measure saying it would offer the ability for developers to build more affordable housing and prevent a further housing crisis. The two then debated different implications of Measure S.
5. **(Shaffer/Wieder) moved approval of the minutes as revised for the January 24, 2017 meeting. The motion carried.**
6. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of January 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried.**
7. **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of Financial Statements as of January 31, 2017. The motion carried.**
8. **(Goldberg/Wieder) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to fund the request from the WH-Tarzana Community Benefit Foundation for a NPG for $1,500 to fund their $250 grants to each of 6 schools in Tarzana that participate in the Art Poster Contest related to Earth Day 2017. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried. 13 yes 0 no**
9. **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to fund the request from the Outreach Committee to increase the budget for Outreach, Events, Earth Day, Poster Paper from $550 to NTE $700 because we anticipate there will be 400 more students than originally projected. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried. 13 yes 0 no**

1. **(Goldberg/Saucier) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to support the request from the Tarzana Elementary School for a NPG for $4,996.70 to fund the renewal of their Accelerated Reading Program for 402 students for the 2017/2018 school year. Funds to come from Unallocated.” Esther Wieder recused herself. The motion carried. 12 yes, 0 no**
2. **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the revised budget for the 2016 – 2017 FY based on the above Budget Committee recommendations.” The motion carried.**
3. **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Public Safety Committee’s motion as follows: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of $192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-18 city budget to cover the cost 4 staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level. The TNC Board further authorizes the President and/or Public Safety Committee Chair to write a letter regarding this motion to the appropriate city authorities.” The motion carried.**
4. **(Flehinger/Wieder) “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s request that the City take action pursuant to the California Vehicle Code to perform the necessary traffic studies on Mecca/Reseda Blvd south from Ventura Blvd to its terminus in order to allow the use of current technology by the Los Angeles Police Department for traffic enforcement on Mecca/Reseda Blvd and further that a letter regarding this motion be written by the Chair of the Transportation Committee to the proper city authorities.”**

**Heissler made a friendly amendment, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s request that the City take action pursuant to the California Vehicle Code to perform the necessary traffic studies on Mecca/Reseda Blvd south from Ventura Blvd to its terminus in order to allow the use of a laser or radar gun by the Los Angeles Police Department for speed enforcement on Mecca/Reseda Blvd and further that a letter regarding this motion be written by the Chair of the Transportation Committee to the proper city authorities.” The amended motion was passed.**

1. **(Flehinger/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC approves the Transportation Committee’s request that a letter be written to El Caballero Country Club requesting they inspect their trees lining Reseda Blvd and take appropriate action to prevent them from falling across Reseda Blvd during future storms Blvd and further that a letter regarding this motion be written by the Chair of the Transportation Committee to the proper parties.” The motion carried.**
2. **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of Jennifer Varela to chair an Ad Hoc committee to address social media. The motion carried.**
3. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of Barry Edelman as Film liaison. The motion carried.**
4. **(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved that the board correct Pam Blattner’s appointment as Homeowner representative. The motion carried.**
5. **Committee and other Reports**

**Outreach** – Esther reported that Earth Day is coming up on 4/18/17. She is still working on getting food trucks.

**Budget** – Harvey talked about spending the $12,000 left in the budget before the end of the fiscal year. Next budget meeting is March 22nd. Len suggested the board look out for any charitable groups that need funding before the end of the fiscal year.

**Transportation** – Max said a Traffic Engineer has been consulted on traffic backups and this person will take a look at it. Also traffic congestion in the Sherman Oaks Hills is causing problems for homeowners. The DOT has come up with 3 plans that would reroute traffic. The Transportation Committee is not taking a stand but suggests anyone with an interest in this can contact Councilman Ryu or the DOT. Speed bumps will be talked about at the next meeting.

**Animal Welfare**:

* Jeff said Rockin’ Rescue finally received the variances it was looking for after over 5,000 people signed petitions.
* They have suggested that the Municipal Code be amended to allow that animal rescues be allowed to operate in commercial zones without a variance. Councilmember Blumenfield has introduced this resolution to the City Council.
* On Feb. 2nd, the City issued an RFP for an animal rescue to operate the abandoned South LA shelter. Three rescues are interested. This could save the lives of hundreds of animals.
* Oscar the Wonder Dog was adopted finally! He’s now living at a rescue on a farm in Oregon.
* L.A. Animal Services has a 5-year plan that they are working on. One of the subcommittees is a no-kill subcommittee, on which Jeff serves.

1. **President’s Remarks:** Len encouraged everyone to vote in the election and to attend VANC’s March 9th Mixer.

**19.** Board Member Comment - None.

**20.** Adjournment: 10:10 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-