

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday March 28, 2017

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium
5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m., TNC President Len Shaffer gave Welcoming Remarks and the board took the pledge. Quorum established with 15 board members. **Roll Call:** Pam Blattner, Elliot Durant, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Jonathan Reich, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Jennifer Varela, Esther Wieder. Bob Shmaeff arrived at 7:12 p.m.

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

Representative for Assembly member Debabneh made an announcement. Svetlana, representing Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, announced there will be a Public Safety Town Hall on April 4, 2017 & April 22, family-friendly bike ride.

Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor, spoke about the new violation for living in one's car within 500' of a school as well as time restrictions/parking restrictions in residential zones.

New LAPD Area Captain Beverly Lewis of the West Valley Division introduced herself. She has replaced Captain Ramirez and is in her 26th year with LAPD. She gave crime info, including that of the "knock-knock" burglaries south of the boulevard. Property crimes are up 8% year-to-date.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins elaborated on his role in the arrest of murder suspects. Crime stats: 3 robberies, 1 aggravated assault, 7 cars stolen, 13 thefts, 14 burglaries & 17 burglary/theft motor vehicles in Tarzana.

3. **Public Comments:**
 - Peter **Jeensalute**, the new executive director of TCC introduced himself. He was formerly on the board of the Reseda NC. He talked about the development of free art programs/classes and introduced Cloe, the instructor. Check out the website for more info.
 - Steven Schwartz, a founder of Tarzana S. Neighborhood Watch, spoke about their outreach on security issues to neighbors. There were 13 complaints filed against a private property (5225 N. Avenida Oriente). He asked TNC to help with this issue.
 - Krickett Jones Halpern thanked the board for providing a grant for the M.A.R.Y. Foundation.

4. **Budget Advocate Report:** No report.

5. **Presentation by Janelle Hamilton** of the External Affairs Division of Los Angeles World Airports - Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). Ms. Hamilton presented information on the 2nd busiest airport in the country and the changes and improvements planned for expansion. They will be building a new facility for all the car rental companies and will incorporate some new concessions at the airport. The completion date is estimated at 2023 at a cost of \$5.5 billion and \$14 B for modernization around the entire airport.

6. **(Heissler/Shmaeff) moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting with corrections. The motion carried.**

7. **(Flehinger/Reich) moved approval of February 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER)." The motion carried.**

8. (Flehinger/Wieder) moved approval of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2017. The motion carried.
9. (Flehinger/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s request to increase the pre authorized purchase of food and/or refreshments for our monthly Board meetings to \$200 from \$150. There is sufficient money in the budget to cover the increased monthly expenditure.” The motion carried.
10. (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to fund the request from the Southern California Preparedness Foundation to support their October 7, 2017 fair by a NPG in the amount of \$850. Our NC will receive an Outreach Booth at the event. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.
11. (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to support request from the Outreach Committee to fund their participation in the May 20, 2017 Senior Symposium sponsored by ONEgeneration at a cost of \$750 which includes a booth, canopy, table, chairs and inclusion of our NC in printed materials. To be classified as Outreach, Events. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.
12. (Flehinger/Durant) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to support the request from the Tarzana Recreation Center to purchase 240 T-Shirts with the Tarzana NC logo and name on the back for their 2017 Summer Camp Program at a cost of NTE \$2,000. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.
13. (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to increase the allocation of \$15,000.00 for the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees approved by the Board at its March 15, 2016 Special Meeting to \$30,000.00 inclusive of the \$9,756.00 held by Million Trees LA (City Plants) from any funds available from FY 2016-17 with any balance to be budgeted from FY 2017-18 funding. To be classified as Community Improvement Project. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried 13-1 (Mausner).

Sharon Brewer asked about the maintenance of any trees that are planted.

14. (Flehinger/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the revised budget for the 2016 – 2017 FY based on the above Budget Committee recommendations.” The motion carried.
15. **Committee and other Reports**
 - Outreach** – Esther talked about the Earth Day celebration on April 8, 10 – 2:30 p.m.
 - Transportation** – Max gave a report that included his committee’s efforts to get DOT to accept a legal speed limit for Reseda Boulevard and his efforts to contact a City Planner to rectify messy traffic for a section of Ventura Boulevard. A letter has been sent about their responsibility to maintain trees to El Caballero Country Club. He’s also working on speed reduction for traffic on Oxnard between Wilbur and Reseda
 - Public Safety** – Elliot talked about meeting with Captain Lewis for traffic safety signage. He gave a Neighborhood Watch report on how community policing helped impound a stolen car.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

Animal Welfare – Jeff talked about his committee’s award received at the VANC banquet. Regarding the abandoned South LA animal shelter, they are waiting for responses to RFPs to improve it for use. He talked about the high attrition rate of volunteers at the animal shelters and about two dogs who were transferred from W. Valley shelter to South shelter who need homes.

DWP MOU – No report but Joyce talked about being the liaison to the City on homeless issues and what their responsibilities are.

Budget Representative Report – No report.

VANCC Report – Len said they had a nice ceremony.

Beautification – Iris said they are interviewing companies to try to get them to maintain trees.

16. **President’s Remarks:** Len encouraged the board to sign up for the EmpowerLA Awards and Dinner 3-30-17.
17. Board Member Comment - None.
Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events
18. **Adjournment** – 9:30 p.m.