**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday December 6, 2017**

**Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium**

**5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order** by Len Shaffer, TNC President, at 7:10 p.m. Roll Call: Pam Blattner, Barrry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, Esther Wieder, and Susan Rogan. Quorum established with 11 board members. Joyce Greene came at 7:18 p.m. Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**:

Svetlana Pravina, field deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield, announced a Holiday Open House. On Jan. 23rd, the Greater L.A. Homeless count will be done at 8 p.m. This is essential for allocating resources. She spoke about legislative updates regarding the cannabis ordinance. Jeff thanked the Council office for sponsoring an ordinance to allow animal rescues in commercial zones.

Ankur Patel, representative for School Board member Scott Schmerelson, introduced himself and his role with this office.

1. **Public Comments** – Scott Tracey Griffin, director of special projects for Edgar Rice. Burroughs Inc. announced that on March 1, 1919, there will be a centennial celebrated for the founding of Tarzana Ranch. He’d like to work with TNC to build the legacy of Tarzana. He shared different historical facts about the foundation which is housed in a bungalow on Ventura Boulevard, just west of Avenida Oriente. More information is available at the Edgar Rice Burroughs Facebook page and Twitter account.
2. **Budget Advocate Report** – No report.
3. **Approval of minutes** of **October 24, 2017**. **(Heissler/Wieder) moved approval of the Oct. 24th minutes with revisions. The motion carried.**
4. **(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved to approve the October 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried.**
5. **(Shaffer/Greene) moved the approval of the Financial Statements as of October 31. 2017. The motion carried.**

1. **4101 Vanalden Ave:** **(Polonsky/Wieder) moved to table this item to the January 2018 meeting. The motion carried.** Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose a 10 ft. 3 inch over height front yard wall (4 – 2) The Executive Committee recommends the TNC Board postpone this matter to the January 2018 meeting as requested by the applicant who will be out of town on December 6, 2017.
2. **(Flehinger/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding approval of the request by the chair of the Events Committee for the following expense for our Earth Day 2018 event: Poster Paper $610. To be classified Outreach Events, Earth Day and come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.**
3. **(Flehinger/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to request that the LADOT place warning signs regarding areas in which the pavement has been raised to a dangerous level by tree roots protruding into the street as the following locations: 4278, 4410 and 4440 Ellenita Dr, 19835 Greenbriar Dr and 4672 Brewster Ave, in Tarzana, 91356. Further resolved that the Transportation Committee chair is authorized to send a letter to LADOT regarding this motion.” The motion carried.** Svetlana added that it is the homeowner’s responsibility to hire a city-approved contractor to clip the tree roots where the trees extend out into the public street. If the homeowner does not choose to do that, they can be subject to a fine.

1. **Committee and other Reports:**

**Event Committee** – Esther announced their first meeting for January and the planning of their first event with the schools.

Outreach – No report.

**Land Use** – David Garfinkle announced the date for the next Land Use meeting.

Budget – No report.

**Transportation** – Max Flehinger reviewed the city’s transportation planning event that he attended which is for planning transportation in So. CA for the next 40 or 50 years. The future involves the moving of people.

* Metro Orange Line: By 2020 they will have all electric cars and stations. He elaborated on other changes coming to the line. Light rail will start in 2051.
* East Valley North/South Corridor – Van Nuys Boulevard will be served by dedicated buses. There will also be trams and light rail transports running down the median so the streets will be reduced to two lanes in each direction. Projects start in 2021.
* Sepulveda Transit Corridor: A tunnel will be dug through the Santa Monica Mountains for this. Phase 1 starts in 2024.
* North Hollywood station connection to Burbank starts in 2022.
* Bicycles and walking: 85% of people who use transit walk there. There is a Bike Share program – there are only 4 places where you can now access the bicycles but it will be expanding.
* Autonomous cars: If this becomes more popular, it will be totally integrated within the city’s transportation system. This will lower the price of Uber as long as it’s an autonomous car. Measure M will be used for funding these initiatives. Go to [www.Metro.net](http://www.Metro.net) for more details.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogan announced that Jan. 10th will be their first meeting at 7 p.m.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare:**

1. Jeff Mausner talked about No Kill L.A. which starts at the shelters on Dec. 31, 2017. That means 90% of all animals will be housed at shelters for adoption. A motion was passed by TNC in September supporting this.
2. The Jefferson Park shelter could open as soon as January 2018.This will have a major impact on the South LA shelter being a No Kill shelter.
3. He talked about the transfer of a dog from the South to the West Valley shelter and that dog’s subsequent adoption.
4. The owner of Rockin’ Rescue is working on the new city ordinance with Jeff to allow animal rescues in commercial areas of the city. This will hopefully lead to more animal rescues.
5. He talked about dog play groups that he’s helped organize to socialize dogs at the shelter in the West Valley.
6. Spay and neutering programs and better enforcement of those rules will help with the overcrowding at the shelters.

DWP MOU – No report.

Budget Representative Report – No report.

**VANC Report** – Len Shaffer said a Planning Panel gave their opinions about various things. He said it was a very interesting event. On March 8th, the Valley Alliance will have their annual get together at CBS Studios on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City.

**Beautification** – Iris Polonsky reviewed what her committee does. She needs members. Banners need to be maintained or replaced. Eran asked about the upkeep of the Welcome to Tarzana sign.

Homeless Representative – Special Report – No report.

1. **President’s Remarks**: Len Shaffer reported:

CIVIC U 2.0 –Jeff will attend on behalf of the TNC on January 8, 22 and 29th and Feb. 5th.

BONC: is putting together a working group to talk about Equity Funding. There will be four meetings in Jan/Feb to come up with recommendations on this topic. Two board members are requested from each NC.

1. **Board Member Comment:**

Iris asked about donating food to support the LAPD and LAFD. Board members suggested doing it through National Night Out under Esther Wieder’s committee.

David Garfinkle asked Len about the process for having an existing neighborhood council subdivide. Len explained that there has to be a majority vote for the subdivision to occur.

Joyce Greene spoke about Allan Wertheim, the late board member who was instrumental in tree planting. She said that a group of people want to purchase a plaque or plant trees in his memory.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ asked Len about his appointment to FilmLA.

1. Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.