**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday June 26, 2018 7:00 PM**

Tarzana Child Cate Center

5700 Beckford Ave.,

Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer, TNC President. Welcoming Remarks and Pledge. Len said there are now 99 NCs around the city. Eran shared that TNC just received a certificate for 15 years as a certified NC.
2. **Roll Call:** Pam Blattner, Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela and Esther Wieder.
3. **Remarks from Public Officials:**

**Svetlana Pravina,** deputy for Councilman Blumenfield, gave an update on a council motion banning the sale and manufacture of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles. She spoke about a new park and watershed protection zone at Victory Park. This is the third park the councilperson has created since coming into office. She talked about the 4th of July event at the park and a community open house for Fire Station 73 on July 9thm as well as a community cleanup that previously took place.

**Daryl Scoggins** – LAPD Senior Lead Scoggins said there were no residential burglaries in May but there was a commercial burglary. Also three robberies, six aggravated assaults (lots of road rage), 21 burglaries, two cars stolen and 22 cars broken into. He also talked about working with Glendale PD on the pursuit that started in Tarzana and ended up at the Glendale Galleria

Betty Wong Oyama from DONE congratulated the board for 15 years of work and talked about Neighborhood Reform.

**4. Public Comments:**

**Glenn Bailey** thanked the board for letting him sit in on the board retreat. On the subject of the future NC elections, he said it might be difficult to schedule locations since the city hasn’t revealed the dates or times yet.

**5. Budget Advocate**: The budget advocate was not present; Glenn Bailey announced there is a new slate of budget advocates.

 **6.   Election of Officers:** Len handed the gavel to David Garfinkle for the elections.

**Esther Wieder nominated the following individuals for the executive board:**

1. President – Len Shaffer.
2. 1st Vice President – Eran Heissler
3. 2nd Vice President – Jeff Mausner
4. Treasurer – Harvey Goldberg
5. Executive Secretary – Max Flehinger

**The motion carried unanimously**. Glenn Bailey referred to the bylaws saying that officer elections need to be at the first meeting following the anniversary of the certification. That was in April 2016 so the anniversary date was April 2018.

 **7. Approval of minutes:**

* **(Heissler/Flehinger) moved to approve the minutes of** **May 15, 2018 at presented. The motion carried unanimously.**
* **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved to accept the minutes of May 16, 2018 with one revision. The motion carried.**
* **(Garfinkle/Goldberg) moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018 at amended.**
* **(Garfinkle/Goldberg) moved to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of 29 2018 meetings. The motion carried.**

**8.   Approval of May 2018 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved that TNC approve the May 2018 expenditures. The motion carried.**

 **9.   Approval of Financial Statements as of May 31, 2018**. **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved that TNC approve the financial statements as of May 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10. (Goldberg/Blattner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding approval of a budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year, including amounts previously approved at the TNC Board meeting on May 22, 2018 (Agenda item 19),. Operations $5,885, Outreach $15,830, Elections $3,000 and NPG’s $3,000 for a total of $ 27,715 as detailed in schedules.”  The motion carried unanimously.**

**11. (Goldberg/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation as follows: For the fiscal year 2018-19, the TNC authorizes its Treasurer or other designee to pay previously budgeted recurring monthly or periodic expenses, in small amounts, defined as those not to exceed $75/day for one item and expense classification category. These expenses include, but are not limited to, copies and postage for committees, Board and committee meetings, officers and committee chairperson expenses and etc., and, refreshments for meetings (other than Board meetings) and etc. The recurring expenses are AppleOne, or other temporary staffing agencies for preparation of minutes or other clerical functions not to exceed ("NTE") $375/meeting, Net Atlantic or other such company for mailing list maintenance and distribution NTE $45/month and The Web Corner or other such company for web site hosting and maintenance NTE $150 for each month’s services and the purchase of food and refreshments for Board meetings from any vendors NTE $200 per meeting.” The motion carried unanimously.**

**12. (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve the Presidents appointment of an ad hoc Elections Committee for the 2019 Elections. Len appointed the Ad Hoc Elections Committee with David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler and Iris Polonsky. The motion carried.**

 **13. (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to allow Jeff Mausner to file CIS at the Boards direction.” The motion carried.**

**14. (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to certify the Tarzana Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of Tarzana Neighborhood Council; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.” The motion carried.**

**15. (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve and submit the 2018-19 Admin Summary Packet.”**

**16. (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the payment of $850.00 previously budgeted to AAA Flags for installation of banners. (Goldberg) added “from the 2018/2019 fiscal year budget.” The motion carried.**

**17. (Garfinkle/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s request to send a letter to the appropriate city authorities, including but not limited to CM Bob Blumenfield, LAPD SLO Daryl Scoggins and Deputy City Atty Raffy Astvasadoorian requesting enforcement of Art1, Section 41.58.1 of LAMC Chapter IV at the following locations: 4706 Viviana Drive and 6029 Melvin Ave in Tarzana.”**

David stated that there are limits on time, noise and traffic obstruction at these two party houses.

* Roy Preminger, a stakeholder, talked about an excessively loud party at 6029 Melvin. The LAPD shut them down and there are records of this.
* Anne Marco says there is a party every week which makes it hard for working people. Sometimes they block people’s driveways with their party vans.
* Eli Maytal lives at 6029 Melvin and gives these parties for kids who have cancer. He has two children and says his house is not a party house.
* Guy Bachar says Eli has had a couple of charity events but not every week. He invests $1,000s of dollars and tries to maintain the events. The parking is something he didn’t know about.
* Corice Farrar talked about the Viviana Drive home which has been rented out through Air BnB for short-term parties. It’s a For Profit situation and is creating a fire hazard as well as a dangerous situation for adjacent residents.
* Ray Bishop spoke about the Melvin parties where his windows were shaking from the volume generated.
* Gilat Rapaport believes that anyone who has a disagreement with the homeowner should just talk to them and they will comply.
* Avi Sinay said that the owner of the house that is holding parties for cancer patients is a decent person who is trying to do the right thing.
* Eileen Rabach said there have been at least four loud parties at the home that does the charity event. She suggested that the owner rent a hall for his parties and not do them at the expense of his neighbors. A person blocked her driveway on one occasion when she was trying to leave for the airport.
* Cheryl Crane said she lives a couple of hundred feet down the hill from one of the party houses and her windows vibrate during their parties.
* Christina Cannarella, a resident of Viviana Drive, said one of their parties went all night until 4:50 a.m. while another party was not as late but still caused problems. She hopes there will be a limitation imposed on how many parties they are allowed to have and advance notice to all the neighbors.

Daryl Scoggins confirmed that one of the homes in question is an Airbnb where the owner doesn’t live there. The police did shut down the party and Daryl explained to the owner that the Airbnb laws were about to change. Raffy then sent the owners a letter that they needed to meet with the police. The owner said she was unaware that there was a party going on at her residence. If the noise is heard 150 feet away, then the party owner can be cited, regardless of the time.

Raffy said the new ordinance is not being used yet because LAPD hasn’t been trained but when it does, it sets the fine. It also sets additional fines for other violations. As far as it being a business in a residential neighborhood, it has to be proven that there is a business that is collecting money. If it is a charitable event, they need a permit from the city (even if it is using someone’s private home). He said it was okay to have a party as long as it is considerate. It happened four times and that was enough to be a problem.

Eran stated that the charity is called “Larger Than Life” and hosts parties for kids who may have terminal cancer. Other members of the board gave comments, both pro and con.

**The motion to send a letter to the appropriate city authorities failed: 12-4-2. (Garfinkle, Blattner, Schwartz & Shaffer voted yes) with two abstentions (Saucier & Silverman).**

**18. (Garfinkle/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s request to file an updated CIS on CF 14-1635-S2 (Short Term Rentals) as follows: 1. 120 day maximum rental period with no administrative process for extensions; 2. Owner must notify abutting owners/occupants of  complaint process including a 24/7 system for complaints; 3. There be a verified process for enforcement of the ordinance; 4. Any city permit must be renewed annually; and 5. Provision for a per night surcharge in addition to any transient bed tax to offset the cost of enforcement.” The motion carried.**

 **19. (Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved; The TNC Board approves the Ad Hoc Self-Assessment Committee’s report.” The motion carried.**

**20.   Committee and other Reports:**

Outreach - Jennifer gave a brief report.

Events – Esther talked about her committee’s discussions for future events.

Land Use - David talked about a synagogue zoned RA on Irwin; he said FUSE is an attempt to coordinate city agencies concerned with traffic.

Budget – July 18th is the next meeting date. Harvey asked committees without a budget to send him their budget requests.

Transportation – Max gave a short version of his report and said he would send a longer version to the board. There is a study about METRO’s future plans: metro.net/sepulvedacorridor

Public Safety – Susan Rogan gave a report about putting up signage in the community. Councilman Blumenfield’s office gave a presentation on supplying bins in City buildings to supplement Emergency Management in the event of a disaster.

Rules - None

Government Action - None

Animal Welfare - Jeff said the Animal Welfare Committee approved the resolution allowing Animal Services to use \_\_\_\_\_\_. He talked about a temporary shelter program for dogs that are part of the overflow expected in July.

DWP MOU - None

Budget Representative Report

VANC Report – Len talked about Councilmember Ryu’s motion.

Beautification - None

Homeless Representative - None

Executive Secretary Report on Attendance – No one is in jeopardy.

Ad Hoc Committee on Self-Assessment – will be done in June.

19. President’s Remarks – None.

20. Board Member Comment – David has prepared a report on significant motions in TNC’s 15 year history.

21. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One