**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

 **Tuesday August 28, 2018**

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks at 7:08 p.m. Roll Call: 18 present:** Pam Blattner, Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Schmaeff, Richard Silverman & Esther Wieder. Jennifer Varela arrived at 8:35 p.m. (Absent: Terry Saucier and Jennifer Varela). Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**DONE Rep. Betty Wong Oyama** announced that BONC certified the 98th NC in the City with another to follow in October. BONC meets Sept. 4th at Sylmar Rec. Center and Sept. 17 at City Hall. TNC’s election has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. The City Clerk will administer the process but not do any outreach. New boundary maps are available as all of the NC’s boundaries have been reexamined.

**Denise, rep for State Senator Stern,** said a bill pertaining to juveniles and firearms, written by the senator, was approved. The senator’s office is now working on ensuring that the Alisa Canyon settlement monies stay local.

**Svetlana Pravina, rep for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, talked about an u**pcoming Jumpstart event, which is a city resource. The Councilmember introduced a motion which would require customers to request plastic utensils at restaurants. She said about 90% of plastics that are thrown away are not recycled. She also spoke about a local cleanup effort.

**LAPD SLO Daryl Scoggins** gave crime stats: 4 aggravated assaults (road rage), 14 burglaries (most commercial on Blvd.). 5 stolen cars, 35 mv thefts, 16 thefts: 80 crimes in Tarzana. Oct. 20 is the West Valley PD Open House. Two Air BnB houses are receiving letters as a follow up to the last TNC meeting. The new ordinance is only being applied to Hollywood right now. The old ordinance still applies and that pertains to loud music.

**3. Public Comments** – **Glenn Bailey** reported that there was an error on the ENS start time for the board meeting. He distributed a bookmark on the Congress of NCs; there is a cap on registrations. Northridge East NC has implemented yard signs for safe streets for about $10 each as signage can’t be affixed to street poles.

**3. Budget Advocate Report: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Budget Advocate,** said the biggest problem is not plastic utensils but cigarette butts. A cheap way to protect cars from being broken into from electronic scanning devices is to put tin foil around your keys and this will prevent thieves from using a signal to break into cars.

 Budget advocates are making appointments with each city department. In January, they will begin with secondary meetings with a draft of their White Paper to be issued before that time to the city officials. She gave the timeframes for their meetings and invited the board and stakeholders to attend.

4. **Speaker: Homeless - Jenny Portillo of CM Blumenfield’s office**. Talked about the Homeless Count. Tarzana has the lowest homeless rate of the 5 districts: 59 individuals in 2018 as compared to 52,000 citywide. Regarding the Parking Motion, this will open up places where the homeless who are living in their cars could park for free and be safe while getting them off of the street. There would be resources provided at these sites by LAHSA. They are also working to better inform homeless about how long they can park on the Green Zone on the street. She talked about transients who suffer from mental illness being outside of this system. There is a proposed bridge housing site in Canoga Park. Once the building is retrofitted, they would look to help those in this district.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report:** Max said one member has 5 absences**.**
2. **Approval of minutes of** **July 24, 2018:** Tabled to next meeting.
3. **MER: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of July 2018 expenditures for submission to the City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Financial Statements: (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved approval of the financial statements as of July 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Homeless Committee allocation: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding Homeless Committee’s request to support Councilmember Blumenfield’s October 2018 Meals for the Homeless by purchasing $200 in meals from a vendor TBD for the homeless who will be attending the Homeless Outreach event. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Homeless and come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **NW Signs:** **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Public Safety Committee to purchase 50 Neighborhood Watch signs from Smart Sign at a cost of NTE $1,300.00. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Neighborhood Watch Signs and come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.**

(Jennifer Varela arrived to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.)

1. **(Goldberg/Silverman) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Animal Welfare Committee to purchase supplies for use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter for an amount NTE $600 from a vendor TBD. Supplies to consist of: horns & whistles, $50 -$70, soft sticks, $50-$70, leashes, $100-120, Martingale collars, $100-$120, items for rabbit and hamster volunteers, $100-$120, treats and other items for cat volunteers $100. To be classified as Outreach, Animal Welfare Committee, Supplies and come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously.**
2. **VANC Funding: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from VANC to support their two 2018-19 FY events. The October 11, 2018 Election Forum and their March 14, 2019 Anniversary Mixer, each in the amount of $250, $500 total, by payment to JCS Catering. To be classified as Outreach, Events, VANC Events and come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Beautiful Committee: (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Beautification Committee to authorize $300 for refreshments and etc. for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the “Welcome to Tarzana” sign. Vendor TBD. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Sign Ceremony and come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Triple A Flag: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve payment of the previously budgeted AAA Flag invoices as follows: $60.00 to AAA Flag & Banner for the City required wind slits for 12 TNC Banners @ $5 per banner.”** **The motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Revised Budget: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 10 through 14 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 to include each of those items.”** **The motion carried unanimously.** Next meeting is Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.
4. **Animal Welfare Committee CIS: (Mausner/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s request to approve the filing of a CIS in support of CF# 18-0538 prohibiting the manufacture and/or sale of fur products in Los Angeles beginning January 1, 2020.” The motion failed: 5-7-7.** (Opposed: Blattner, Schwartz, Wieder, Silverman, Polonsky, Schmaeff & Povar). Abstaining: Garfinkle, Goldberg, Rogen, Flehinger, Shaffer, Lord & Diamond.
5. **Animal Welfare CIS: #2: (Mausner/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s request to approve the filing of a CIS in support of CF# 18-0130 allowing anyone who finds a lost dog or cat to keep the animal at their home while awaiting the owner to claim their lost pet rather than surrendering the dog or cat to a shelter so long as they register the found pet with LA Animal Services.** **The motion carried: 18-0-1** (Garfinkle abstained).
6. **Animal Welfare CIS #3: (Mausner/Greene moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s request to approve the filing of a CIS in support of CF#s 17-1421 S1 and 17-1421 to strengthen laws regarding use of illegal fireworks which results in more dogs and cats that run away from home and end up in shelters causing overcrowding at the shelters.”**

**(Garfinkle/Polonsky) amended the motion to end the sentence after the word “fireworks.”** **Jeff accepted the amendment to his motion.** **The motion carried: 18-0-1** (Silverman abstained).

Glenn Bailey made a public comment that this issue is much bigger than animals being affected. He said LAFD reported 1,000 fires were started on a single day (July 4th) from illegal fireworks.

1. **Animal Welfare CIS #4: (Mausner/Varela) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s request to adopt a resolution requesting the Los Angeles City Council and the California Legislature to pass resolutions opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean government to ban the dog meat trade and to enforce South Korea’s animal cruelty laws.” The motion failed: 8 – 11.**
2. **Animal Welfare CIS #5: (Mausner/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee’s request to approve the filing of a CIS in support of CF# 18-0350 to require housing built with public funds to allow residents to keep pets on the premises.” The motion failed: 4-10-1** (Mausner, Greene, Lord & Shaffer approved). Abstaining: Garfinkle, Varela, Schmaeff, Varela & Diamond.
3. **Electric Scooter Parking: (Flehinger/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s request to file a CIS supporting CF# 17-1125-S3 if amended to 1. Establish rules for the use and parking of electric scooters and for determining liability arising out of their use and 2. Until such rules are established, the City of LA prohibit any increase in the number of electric scooters in the City.” The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Electric Vehicle Stations: (Flehinger/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation Committee’s request to file a CIS supporting CF# 14-0079-S3 if amended as follows: Support the concept of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations on City of LA streets provided that such EV charging stations are not located at any current or future metered parking locations.”**

**(Schmaeff) amended the motion to add “that all such stations have time limits of two hours). The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Committee and other Reports** (General committee reports will be limited to 3 minutes)

**Outreach** - Jennifer announced their next meeting on Sept. 12, 2018.

**Events –** Esther said their next meeting will also be Sept. 12, 2018. A date has been set in October for the Town Hall meeting with the subject to be safety.

**Land Use –** David spoke about a lot split. A 4th meeting was held on the car wash/mixed use project. There were questions about traffic enforcement which is still being explored.

**Transportation –** Max submitted his full report.

**Public Safety** – Susan Lord said they are working with Esther on the Town Hall.

**Animal Welfare** – Air conditioning has been installed at the West. Valley shelter.

**VANC Report –** The Oct. 11th meeting will be focused on elections.

**Beautification** – Iris said the installation for the Welcome sign was delayed. There will be a ribbon cutting in October.

1. **President’s Remarks:** Sept. 29th is the Valley Disaster Preparedness event. TNC has a booth.
2. **Board Member Comment** – None.

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1. **Adjournment** – 10:22 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.