**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday December 11, 2018 7:00 PM

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order at 7:03 p.m**. by Len Shaffer, TNC president. **Roll Call:** Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, and Esther Wieder. Quorum established with 13 board members. Welcoming Remarks and Pledge. Len noted that Betty Wong will be working with TNC again.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** None.
3. **Public Comments** – None.
4. **Budget Advocate Report:** Jeff Mausner said the Budget Advocates are working on the White Paper with recommendations to the City Council/Mayor on the budget for the next fiscal year. He asked for input on the budget. The BAs are conducting a survey, online, to grade services for different city departments.
5. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report**:Max said nobody is in danger of removal with four absences. He will issue a report via email.
6. **Discussion and motion** **- Approval of minutes of** **October 23, 2018 meeting.** Jeff and David added revisions to the minutes. **(Heissler/Garfinkle) moved to approve the motion as corrected. The motion carried.**
7. **Discussion and motion:** **Approval of October 2018 expenditures for submission to City Clerk, MER:** Max gave Harvey Goldberg’s report. **(Flehinger/Shmaeff) moved to accept the MER for October. The motion carried.**
8. **Discussion and motion: (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved to approve the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2018. The motion carried.**

1. **Committee and other Reports**

**Outreach:** Jennifer said the next meeting is Jan. 15th.

**Events:** Earth Day will be held Sat. April 6th at Tarzana Park. Jan. 15th will be the next meeting.

**Land Use:** In his Land Use report, David said he has notified the representatives of the mixed use property on Reseda, n. of the A-16 building, and the property on the north-side of Ventura, west of the shopping center at Tampa (by the Adult Motel). He has not gotten any responses on his requests for them to appear at Land Use but those issues will be discussed at the next meeting, whether they are there or not.

**Transportation:** Brewster tree roots have been ground down and paved over. Max spoke about outstanding projects that still need to be addressed, like asking Metro to install toilets at Metro stops. Speed limit on Reseda Boulevard, south of the boulevard, has been raised from 35 to 40 mph and Victory Blvd. was raised to 45.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said Animal Control’s rescue efforts during the recent fires were a monumental success with no healthy dogs euthanized at the West Valley, despite being overcrowded. A temporary foster care program helped dogs to be moved out of the shelter and the Lancaster State Prison fostered 21 dogs. No kill stats for dogs in Oct: West Valley was 96.4% lives saved, South LA was 86%. All other shelters were above 90%. Stats for cats is much lower. The Jefferson Park animal shelter is up and running rescuing dogs from shelters around the city as well as kittens and cats.

**VANC Report** – Elections were the topic at the recent VANC meeting with new procedures for candidates. There will be a TNC Ad Hoc Committee starting soon.

**Beautification** – Iris said a meeting date is being set for January.

**Homeless Representative** – Susan Lord reported: Temple Judea will have a safe parking lot. There are only 4 officers on the Hope Team for the entire Valley. The best way to get someone off the streets is to call Sanitation which provides homeless residents with a 60 gallon bag to carry their belongings in, then disposes of everything else. Bridge Housing is being proposed in Canoga Park (under Supv. Kuehl) which would allow people to bring their pets and provide long-term housing. CD3’s homeless event was held recently. At this events, homeless were given free flu and hepatitis shots as well as free clothing to get people in the system.

**LADWP MOU**: Len asked for a volunteer to fill this position, vacated by Joyce. Michael Povar volunteered.

1. **Community Plan Motion: (Garfinkle/Wieder) moved, “Encino-Tarzana Community Plan Update:** **“Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation that the Board adopt the following regarding the proposed Encino-Tarzana Community Plan Update:**
2. **Rezoning for RA lots to RE to apply to properties south of Ventura Blvd in Tarzana only,**
3. **Apply the provisions of footnote 6 in the current Encino-Tarzana Community Plan to the area of Tarzana known as Melody Acres only whether those provisions remain as a footnote or are incorporated into the text of the proposed plan.**
4. **Alleys in Tarzana should be paved even in equine areas.**
5. **The Tarzana Neighborhood Council objects to the proposed building heights of ninety (90) and seventy-five (75) feet along Reseda Blvd south of Oxnard Street. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council recommends a height of five (5) stories to a maximum height of 60 feet. (not including architectural and/or mechanical features such as parapets and elevator shafts) on Reseda Blvd from Oxnard Street south to Hatteras Street and forty-five (45) feet from Hatteras Street to the Ventura (101) Freeway.**
6. **The Tarzana Neighborhood Council does not object to a zone overlay of RA to R1 on Donna Ave, and Beckford Ave, north of Ventura Blvd (Amended motion on last page of agenda).”**

David spoke about TNC’s suggestions for the community plan. He said several were misinterpreted. He brought these errors to the attention of those putting the community plan together in early December.

**(Shaffer) moved to revise this motion adding the following: 6. “That we recommend including the area of Tarzana north of Topham Street/Oxnard Street and south of Victory Boulevard in the Encino/Tarzana Plan.” Garfinkle accepted the revision to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Garfinkle proposed a further amendment, removing the word “not” from the 5th point. Len made a further revision to Item 5 to state: **“The Tarzana Neighborhood Council objects to a zone overlay of RA to R1 on Donna Ave. and Beckford Ave, north of Ventura Blvd.”**

**The amendment passed with 3 objections: (Shaffer, Mausner and Polonsky).**

The board then voted on the final motion:

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6. **Include the portion of Tarzana north of Oxnard St and Topham St south of Victory Blvd in the Encino/Tarzana Community Plan.**

**The amended motion carried unanimously.**

1. **(Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Events Committee to fund selected expenses for Earth Day 2019 for NTE $950 as follows: Poster Labels $150 and Poster Paper $800. Vendor TBD. To be classified as Outreach/Events/Earth Day (Specific Expenditure) and come from Unallocated.”**

**The motion carried.**

1. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to reimburse Board member Susan Lord in the amount of $79.39 for the purchase of food and other items for CD3’s Homeless Connect Day. The Board had previously approved $100.00 for support of the event.” The motion carried.**
2. **(Shaffer/Wieder) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to re-confirm the appointment of Jeff Mausner as one of TNC’s Budget Representatives.” The motion carried.**
3. **President’s Remarks:** Len spoke about changes to the rules regarding candidates. The City Clerk is doing more outreach for candidates for NC elections. March 19th is the TNC election. David noted that TNC had the 3rd highest # of candidates in the last election. There are now 99 NCs in the City.
4. **Board Member Comment** - None.
5. **Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events**: Len noted problems with the way committees are listed on the calendar.
6. **Adjournment:** 8:22 pm.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One