**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

 **Tuesday March 26, 2019**

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium

5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC.

**Roll Call:** Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler, Joyce Greene, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Schmaeff, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, and Esther Wieder. Quorum reached with one absent (Goldberg). Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.

1. **Speaker, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield spoke about Community Preparedness and Resiliency saying there’s nothing more important than emergency preparedness.** He talked about the Woolsey fire and how his district was prepared for the evacuees and those needing shelter within an hour after the fires, and how they kept the shelters going during that crisis. He then talked about the resiliency plan his office is preparing to ready communities for the next disaster.

**LAFD Captain Phillips gave some grim stats on the limitations the City will face when a major disaster occurs.** He suggested people prepare by having working smoke detectors in their homes and offices, as well as estate plans in place, should the worst occur. He is asking each NC to participate in focus groups to give input to the LAFD on April 2nd, April 8th and April 15th 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Vicky Jensen, chair, Criminology and Justice Studies Program at CSUN, is partnering with CD3 and LAPD to put together the resiliency plan.**

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

**Daniel Tam, L.A. Sanitation & Environment:** On April 27, 2019, there will be a celebration of Earth Day at Woodley Park and described the events planned.

**Veronica, deputy for CM Blumenfield,** invited everyone to the May 18th Senior Symposium. Blumenfield’s office is making headway in getting some of the older streets paved by entering them into the system with Street Services. Also, they are looking for community cleanup locations because they have received money for this effort from the state. Additionally, there is a new program that provides environmentally – friendly leaf blowers to vendors, replacing polluting gas - powered leaf blowers. See her for more info.

**LAPD Sr. Lead Daryl Scoggins** gave crime stats for February: 6 robberies, 7 aggravated assaults (mostly due to road rage), 9 cars stolen, 7 broken into, 19 thefts, and 28 burglaries in Tarzana. They arrested 4 suspects for break-ins in gated communities near open spaces using videos people’s security systems recorded. He praised Svetlana for her role in working with him.

**DONE Rep Jasmin Elbarbary:** The City is developing NC Resiliency Plans for all 99 NCs. They want all NCs to have a plan in place. She also announced free bus bench advertising for NCs and a new form to utilize this service.

1. **Public Comments: Carolina Goodman, of the League of Women Voters of L.A.,** spoke about their matching funds program and new reforms for candidates running for election.
2. **Budget Advocate Report:** Jeff Mausner emailed a link to the March 16, 2019 Budget Advocates report. He said the city is in a serious financial deficit and yet, each of the city departments are requesting more $$$ to run their departments. There’s talk about hiring a City Manager rather than having elected officials make decisions about cutbacks but the Mayor is opposed to having a City Manager.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report**: Max no one has more than 4 absences.
4. **Minutes – (Heissler/Polonsky) moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 board meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

1. **MER: (Flehinger/Heissler) moved to approve TNC’s February 2019 expenditures for submission to the City Clerk (MER).** The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Financial Statement: (Flehinger/Heissler) moved to approve the Financial Statements of February 28, 2019 as submitted.** The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Committee and other Reports:**

**Outreach** – Jennifer Varela: No report.

**Events** – Esther Wieder announced she needs volunteers to hang posters on April 5th for Earth Day on April 6th.

**Land Use** – David Garfinkle - No report.

**Budget** – Harvey Goldberg - No report.

**Transportation** – Max Flehinger gave his monthly report which stated the speed limit south of Ventura Blvd. has been posted 40 mph and neighborhoods can apply to the LADOT for speed bumps/speed hump but only twice a year and that date is coming up in May.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen – No report.

**Rules** – Len Shaffer - No report.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff Mausner spoke about the overcrowding at the West Valley shelter. There are 139 dogs there now. In anticipation of July 4th fireworks, he asked everyone to share on social media that dogs be kept indoors and secure around that time. The kitten season is starting now and 100s of kittens will be coming into the shelters. They will need people to adopt or foster them. Contact Jeff if you know someone who is interested. Sad news about the shelters’ roosters, hens and pigeons which had to be killed as a result of virulent poultry disease. There is now a state quarantine in L.A. County with all chickens. Finally, the West Valley shelter volunteers did a successful fundraiser for St. Patrick’s Day which got several dogs fostered and one adopted. They are now planning on doing that for each holiday.

**DWP MOU** – Michael Povar gave a report on the future conversions of the power plants to renewable energy.

**Beautification** – Iris Polonsky – There was no meeting in March. She is looking into the bids for banners.

**Homeless Representative** – Susan Lord - The property on Canoga Avenue has been inspected and vetted. If it goes forward, that property will become bridge housing for the area homeless.

**VANC** – Len talked about how productive and enjoyable the VANC event in March was.

1. **Funding: (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget committee’s recommendation regarding the request of M.A.R.Y. Foundation for a $2,000 NPG to help fund their 2019 Art event. Funds t be classified as an NPG and come from the fund “Unallocated.”** The motion carried.unanimously.

Krickett Jones Halpern from the M.A.R.Y. Foundation spoke about this event on Sept. 22, 2019.

1. **Funding: (Flehinger/Diamond) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget committee’s recommendation in regards to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for a $1,000 NPG to support their October 2019 12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Funds to be classified NPG and come from “Unallocated.”** The motion carriedunanimously.

Len said about 6,000 people attended this free event last year.

1. **Funding: Funding: (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Event Committee to fund $750.00 for our participation in the May 18, 2019 Senior Symposium at ONE generation. Funds to be classified as Outreach, Events, Senior Symposium and come from “Unallocated.”** The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Funding: (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget committee’s recommendation** **regarding the request from our president to allocate $53.96 to renew our domain name registration (tarzananc.org) for two years. To be classified as Outreach, Web Site and come from Unallocated.** The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Motion: (Flehinger/Susan Lord) moved, “Based on the approval of the above agenda items, 11 through and including 14, the TNC board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 to include those items.”** The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Transportation: (Flehinger/Diamond) Resolved, the TNC board approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation regarding requesting Caltrans to place notice of freeway exit closures a reasonable distance before the last open off-ramp prior to the one being closed: (i.e. “second exit ahead closed”).** The motion carried unanimously.

**17. (Heissler/Mausner) moved, “Resolved, the TNC approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to pass the following resolution, “Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council strongly and unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism, including the flyers recently posted in Tarzana and other areas of the San Fernando Valley**. **The TNC requests that the LAPD vigorously investigate all anti-Semitic acts taking place in Los Angeles, including the recent acts in Tarzana and other areas of the San Fernando Valley.”**

**Len amended the motion to add additional language:**

**Whereas the Tarzana Neighborhood Council represents all its community members, and**

**Whereas Tarzana is a diverse community composed of many ethnicities, nationalities and religious affiliations, and**

**Whereas the Tarzana Neighborhood Council recognizes that within the Tarzana community there are a significant number of Jewish stakeholders, and**

**Whereas the Tarzana Neighborhood Council is aware of the posting of flyers at several schools in the west San Fernando Valley including Nestle Ave Charter School in Tarzana, and**

**Whereas the Tarzana Neighborhood Council is aware that the posters contain information that is Anti-Semitic and were posted for the purpose of causing distress and fear in Tarzana’s Jewish community, and**

**Whereas the Tarzana Neighborhood Council believes that if it remains silent in the face of these hateful activities it will be to the detriment of all the individual communities that make Tarzana a desirable place to live and work.**

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**(Heissler/Mausner) accepted the amendment.**

Gabrielle Castleberry – Gordon asked if the motion covers anti-Islamic hate crimes.

Terry suggested the verbiage include all hate crimes be investigated.

Jeff stated that Congress has tried to do this, but a member of Congress then made anti-Semitic statements. While he’s not opposed to mentioning other hate crimes, he believes this motion should focus on acts of anti-Semitism.

Pam agreed with Jeff that changing it would water it down.

Joyce recommended including all hate crimes.

**(Schmaeff/Garfinkle) amended the motion to: “Resolved, the TNC approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to pass the following resolution, “Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council strongly and unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism and all hate crimes, including the flyers recently posted in Tarzana and other areas of the San Fernando Valley**. **The TNC requests that the LAPD vigorously investigate all anti-Semitic acts and other hate crimes taking place in Los Angeles, including the recent acts in Tarzana and other areas of the San Fernando Valley.”**

The vote to amend the motion to include the new language carried: 16 – 1 – 2) (Edelman opposed, Shaffer and Greene abstained).

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The amended motion was then approved unanimously .

 **18. President’s Remarks:**

* The TNC election is coming up on May 19th. The candidate forum is April 22, 7 p.m.
* BONC ended its policy on minutes. Some NCs thought they could post recordings.
* City Clerk’s funding policies are slowing down the approval of events.

**19.** **Board Member Comment:**

* Someone asked about the registered candidates.
* Someone else asked if a new PA system could be funded. Len said the current system is six years old. He is going to price a new system.
* Jeff asked for clarification on the BONC minutes policy. Len said there is no policy through BONC, but there is a policy with TNC.

 **20.** **Meeting adjourned: 9:12 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.