**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday June 25, 2019**

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356

**1.** **Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m. by TNC Chairman Len Shaffer. **Roll Call:** Quorum achieved with 13 board members: Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, Scott Diamond, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. Barry Edelman arrived at 7:12 p.m. Welcoming Remarks by Len.

**2. Speaker** – CM Bob Blumenfield thanked the board for the work they do to make the community better.

* He spoke about the escalating fines (up to $8,000) for party houses as a result of his work on a new ordinance. He spoke about Airbnb and short-term rentals. The Council passed some a new regulation (as of July 1st) which limits short-term rentals to one’s primary residence. He noted that often party homes are second residences or income properties.
* Tarzana Crossing got a grant for a crossing at Oxnard and Reseda.
* A letter was approved to try to pressure other countries like Korea and China against using dog meat.
* As far as homelessness, almost 20,000 people were housed by the City last year. An innovative program is coming to Tarzana’s 51 homeless. Providence Tarzana Hospital has started a program that uses patient navigators in the emergency room to redirect them to Tarzana Treatment Center.
* The Councilmember said this program is showing a high success rate to help identify and treat people with addictions. He believes that this pilot program, which he help initiate, will be used at other hospitals throughout the L.A. area.
* He talked about an effort to turn a market rate building into supportive housing. He also spoke about a new site for bridge housing in Canoga Park which will give homeless people a way to get back on their feet.
* He recently suggested exploring a proposal to use five adjacent parking lots for low income housing in Reseda but received a lot of opposition to it.
* He answered questions from board members about the Chilean gang that was committing burglaries and talked about the lack of available and affordable housing: From 2008 to 2013, the price of housing in L.A. went up 84% but income only went up 11%.

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Rep for County Supv. Sheila Kuehl:** The next census will take place in March 2020. She talked about LA Hoff (couldn’t hear) which helps track homeless people for outreach purposes. She also spoke about the Beach Bus (at $1.00 a ride, to cut down on traffic).

**Betty Oyama Wong,** EmpowerLA: Talked about a training at City Hall July 16th and an Ethics Training on July 31st at the Braudy Center. She invited everyone to attend Budget Day and the Congress of NCs.

Jay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, **Senator Jesse Gabriel’s** office: Budget was passed and all bills have moved to Assembly. He spoke about three bills the senator has worked on.

**LAPD Senior Lead Officer Scoggins:** Three more members of the Chilean gang were arrested as a result of a traffic stop. This gang has been involved in local burglaries. Crime is going down. **Crime Stats:** Last month there were: 3 robberies, 5 aggravated assaults, 19 burglaries, 4 cars stolen, 16 cars broken into, and 23 thefts. This amounts to 70 crimes for the month which is less than the West Valley in one week. Officer Scoggins was one of the officers who got Mersa. He plans to go back fulltime by the 4th of July.

He responded to questions about tents and whether they are legal and stated that the Nazi insignia posted on some walls was NOT determined to be a hate crime.

**4. Public Comments:**

Glenn Bailey asked the board to consider using recyclable cups and plates instead of Styrofoam. He also asked the board to print more agendas. He thanked Budget Advocate Jeff Mausner for attending the VANC meeting. Due to the length of that meeting there will be another meeting of VANC scheduled at the end of July.

**5. Budget Advocate Report** – Jeff spoke about Budget Day at City Hall. [www.NCBALA.com](http://www.NCBALA.com).

**6. Presentation: Corinne Ho of the West Valley Neighborhood Council Homeless Alliance** talked about their four informational sessions produced for the community. Michael Benedetto talked about homelessness as being a state of emergency. He said the current programs to address it are not working. While some homeless are alcoholics and drug addicts, many are homeless due to health issues that are not being treated and as a result of their lack of insurance, they are forced out on the street.

**7. Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report:** Max reviewed the requirements of attendance on the TNC board: Five absences and you’re out.

**8. Approval of minutes of May 23, 2019 meeting. (Heissler/Blattner) moved to approve the minutes as revised. The motion carried.**

**9. (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved approval of the May 2019 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried.**

**10. (Flehinger/Wieder) moved approval of Financial Statements as of May 31, 2019. The motion carried.**

**11. (Garfinkle/Epstein) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to communicate with CM Bob Blumenfield, with Officer Scoggins and the City Attorney urging the enforcement of the Party House Ordinance at the residence at 5652 Calvin Ave, Tarzana and to enforce any calls.” The motion carried unanimously.**

Len spoke about reports by neighbors that vehicles are driving up to drop off scantily clad women, that there is a security guard preventing people from entering this property, and that women have been seen running down the street wearing very little clothing.

Officer Scoggins looked up this address and said there were very few reports about this property. A neighbor said that she has called several times about buses parking on side streets to unload people going to this house for parties. \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the City Attorney’s office said a lack of recording of annoyance calls by LAPD could be attributed to the way the call was reported. Len suggested using Officer Scoggin’s email or phone number to report future calls. Officer Scoggins suggested using: 877-ASK-LAPD. He said the owner of the property in question lives next door to that home and had previously kicked out a disruptive tenant. He was not aware of any problems at that address.

**12. (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to join and appoint a representative to the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness.” The motion carried.**

**13. (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to form a new Homeless standing committee.” Len said Joyce and Susan are interested in working on this together. The motion carried.**

**14. (Flehinger/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the addition of the following Operational expenses for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year: Meeting Expense $182.11, Presidents Expenses $40.50 and Staffing and Temporary Help $134.95, a total of $357.56. The total amount to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.**

**15. (Flehinger/Epstein) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda item 14, the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 to include those items.” The motion carried.**

**16. (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation for the adoption of a budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year as follows: Operations $7,050, Outreach $5,530 and Unallocated (to be classified as Operations) $29,420, for a total of $42,000.” The motion carried.**

**17. (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: Recommend the TNC Board approve the Executive Committee’s recommendation for payment of ongoing expenses as follows: For the fiscal year 2019-20, 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.**

**18. (Shaffer/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to adopt the 2019 – 20 Administrative Package.” The motion carried.**

**19. (Garfinkle/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose SB 330.****”**

**(Shaffer) moved to amend it to:** **“Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose SB 330 and further resolves to file a CIS in favor of CF 1900-0002-S102-\_SB330 opposing SB330.”**

Garfinkle agreed to accept the amendment. He asked that letters be sent to State Senator Henry Stern and State Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel. However, Len stated that the TNC could not recommend action to the legislators. The only authority that can be communicated with is the City. He suggested, instead, that people independently request the State legislators support this motion.

**Interpretation of SB330:** David explained that this bill would allow high rise buildings at the expense of single family homes in communities. He said it would take away cities’ ability to legislate land use, housing, and zoning and turn it over to the state.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**20. Committee and other Reports:**

Outreach – Terry invited people to her meeting at 6:30 July 10th.

Events – There hasn’t been a meeting yet.

Land Use:

* David attended a meeting with the Zoning Administration on the Car Wash misuse of property and said things went very smoothly.
* A large orange orchard on Oakdale is to be sold and probably subdivided.
* The mixed use property across from Gelson’s will be starting demolition in a few months.

Transportation – Max said there is still a problem with illegal truck parking. He’s trying to get more action by parking enforcement. Caltrans: Got a phone call re: the request for advance notice of exits. Someone else from Public Affairs said this request is under consideration. Left-turns by Hatteras and Tampa are still a problem.

Public Safety – Wants brochures to hand out. Wants to get a stamp made with TNC’s information. Also looking to get door hangers in the event of an earthquake.

Animal Welfare – Jeff recommended people keep their dogs inside when there are fireworks. West Valley has a temporary foster program for dogs. Jeff is willing to help coordinate this for everyone. Foxtails are still a problem and it is very dangerous for outdoor animals.

Beautification – Iris has been in touch with Caltrans regarding the murals they are looking at initiating under the freeways. Still looking into redesigning banners on light poles.

**21. President’s** Remarks – Len said a new GM would probably be selected for EmpowerLA in August.

**22. Board Member Comment** – Terry said the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance will hold a meeting 6/27/19 to develop sustainability practices for developers.

**23. Adjournment – 9:45 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One