**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 28, 2020

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order at 7:17 p.m**., Welcoming Remarks, pledge and roll call: Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, David Garfinkle, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff, and Esther Wieder. Quorum established with 18 members. (Absent: Scott and Harvey).
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

* Svetlana Pravina, Rep for Councilmember Blumenfield spoke about a panel discussion on legal issues and mindfulness on Feb. 23, 2020; on May 7th, the United Chambers of Commerce is hosting a Women’s Lunch to promote women who are doing special things in the Valley; and a student mentoring program is looking for high school kids who want to intern in filmmaking with “New Filmmakers L.A.”
* The L.A. Department of Sanitation is providing one day a month for people to drop off their bulky items.

**Betty Wong Oyama –** Betty spoke about the upcoming elections, a Data 101 Workshop for board members to be held in Pacoima (date TBA); EmpowerLA celebrating its 20th Anniversary on June 30th in combination with the EmpowerLA awards; a Funding Training on Feb. 11, 202 from 6 – 9 p.m. at City Hall; and an Ethics Training either in Feb. or March in the Valley – date TBA.

**County Supervisors’ Office:**

* (Lee \_\_\_) Rep to County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl talked about a motion approved by the County Supervisors for $65 in state funding to address the homeless crisis. Governor Newsome has approved $650 M already which goes toward interim and supportive housing.
* Another motion addresses manufacturers associated with vaping.

1. **Public Comments** – None.

1. **Presentation: Homelessness Committee** – Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ explained how the Modesto Program on homelessness has been successful: Modesto purchased 700 tents, are large enough to install a bed, and placed them under a freeway with chain-link fences, trash barrels, porta-potties and washers and dryers. Because they are in one spot, it is easier for homeless services to access everyone in a short time, reducing waiting and more effectively targeting mental health and addiction problems. Next, Modesto City Officials made it illegal to sleep on the street and authorized the police to ticket and tow cars of people who didn’t use the services. For the working homeless, they brought in companies that had jobs to offer. They also worked with the Salvation Army which rehabbed a hotel and warehouses to make additional places for people to sleep. They gave everyone a year to use the tents for free and then after a year, removed the tents so people wouldn’t depend upon them long-term. Their solutions costs 1/3 of what it costs in L.A. but is a lot more effective. She estimated that 37% of our city’s homeless are living in their vehicles and there are only 150 safe parking places provided for them overnight. By June 30th there should be 490 safe parking places for these people. In CD3 right now, there are approximately 800 homeless now.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – Jeff Mausner reported that the Budget Advocates will be issuing their White Paper at the beginning of February. Meanwhile, they have shared their ten proposals with the Mayor’s rep. Jeff is working on Animal Services’ and ways to improve that department. He talked about how Animal Services is not providing adequate funding for spaying and neutering and there have been widespread problems with their volunteer programs. Budget Day is June 20, 2020. Everyone, put it on your calendars.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max Flehinger said no one has more than four absences.
4. **Approval of minutes** **of** the **December 10, 2019 meeting. (Heissler/Flehinger) moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.**
5. **Approval of November 2019 expenditures** **for submission to City Clerk (MER): (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved to approve the November 2019 expenditures. The motion carried.**
6. **Approval of December 2019 expenditures** **for submission to City Clerk (MER). (Flehinger/Wieder) moved to approve the December 2019 MER. The motion carried.**

1. **Approval of Financial Statements as of November 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019. (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved to approve both November and December’s financial statements. The motion carried.**
2. **Committee and other Reports**

**Outreach** – **Terry** talked about different efforts her committee is making. Feb. 12th at 6:30 p.m. is the next meeting.

**Events** – **Esther** said April 18th is the date for the event in the park. They are anticipating 1,000 posters from all the schools. The chamber is co-sponsoring and L.A. Conservation Corp. is going to contribute free trees. She asked that more board members participate. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Childcare Center at the Park.

**Land Use – David** talked abouta local resident who is trying to get the Braemar sign fixed.

**Budget –** No report.

**Transportation** – Max has requested LADOT look at Wilber/Collin intersection for a left-hand turn signal.

**Public Safety** - Susan Rogen said they are going to need walkie talkies for emergency preparedness and/or disasters. She also talked about the need to use emergency preparedness links when posting on social media.

**Land Use** – David talked about an upcoming measure that will be discussed at his next meeting.

**Beautification** – Iris talked about donations they received for their clean-up effort from different resources. Barry acknowledged the efforts of Kathy Delle Donne for orchestrating tree plantings on Reseda Boulevard.

**Homelessness Committee** – Susan Lord announced a change in the meeting date to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

**VANC Report** – Len shared a letter that was brought to VANC (See Item 24).

1. **Community Clean Up Funding: (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved**, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Beautification Committee to purchase supplies and promotion expenses for a Tarzana Community Clean up in an amount NTE $100. Vendors TBD. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously**.
2. **Earth Day Funding: (Flehingr/Wieder) moved,** “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Events Committee to approve the following expenses for Earth Day 2020. Awards Ceremony Exp. $100, Banners $380, Bounce/Jumper Rental $300, Event T-Shirts $400, Flyers $500, Poster Labels $150, Poster Paper $800, Hanging Supplies $60, Event Day Supplies $200. Total $2,890. Funds to come from Unallocated. Vendors TBD.”

**Michael Povar wanted to table this motion, however, there was no second.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Pole Banners Funding: (Flehinger/Heissler) moved,** “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Beautification Committee to purchase 110 double hung pole banners, of which 10 will be in reserve, with new banner art design, for a cost of NTE $11,500.00. Vendor Gold Media. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried with one abstention (Povar).**
2. **(Flehinger/Epstein) moved**, “Based on approval of the above agenda items 13, 14 and 15 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 to include those items. The Board further approves all necessary forms and paperwork required to update the budget and directs the Treasurer and/or President to prepare such and to submit it to the City Clerk’s Funding Division.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

16. **Land Use Motion:** **(Garfinkle/Heissler) moved:** Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation regarding the Wish Dish restaurant, 19006 Ventura Blvd as follows: Support the grant of a CUB for the service of a full line of alcoholic beverages and for relief from the Commercial Corner conditions so as to allow hours of service from 8:00 am to 2:00 am daily. (Garfinkle/Heissler) amended this motion adding that “no amplified sound beyond 60 decibels be heard outside the restaurant.” **The motion carried with (Povar opposed) (Shaffer abstaining).**

**17. Land Use Motion: (Garfinkle/Povar) moved,** “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation regarding the gas station at 18466 Burbank Blvd (South/East corner of Reseda and Burbank) as follows: Support the request for a 24 hour automated wash and oppose the grant of a CUB for the sale of beer and wine from the mini-mart.” **Michael \_\_\_\_,** representing the gas station business owner, said they are adding an environmentally-friendly, automatic car wash and asking for limited concessions of beer & wine sales.They have conducted outreach to customers who have responded overwhelmingly to this proposal.

**(Povar/Wieder) moved to amend the motion to approve the request for a 24-hour automated wash and grant the CUB for sale of beer and wine at the mini-mart.” The motion carried: 9 – 7 (2 abstentions: Garfinkle, Greene).**

**The board then approved the amended motion: (12-5). (1 abstention: Greene)**

**18. SB50: (Garfinkle/Epstein) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Land Use committee’s recommendation to reaffirm our support of CF 18-1226 opposing SB50.” The motion carried unanimously.**

**19. Reconsideration Item: (Garfinkle/Shaffer):** Resolved: The TNC Board agrees to a reconsideration of agenda item 11 on the December 10, 2019 Special Meeting agenda. **The motion failed with one abstention (Povar).**

**20. Related to Reconsideration Item above.** “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation that the Board reaffirm its opposition to the project at 18250 Ventura Blvd as currently presented. At the Board’s regular meeting on October 24, 2017 the Board adopted the following motion: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to oppose, as currently presented, the application for a zone change from R1-1 to QC2-1, a general plan amendment, a community plan amendment and a Ventura Plan amendment for five lots, two of which boarder on Ventura Boulevard; demolition of four single family houses between Etiwanda Avenue and Avenida Oriente, and construction of two medical office buildings, one 3950 square feet and one 3900 square feet along with surface parking lots and the conversion of one single family house to a general commercial office building.” **This item was** **removed per the previous item’s vote.**

**22. Transportation Committee: (Flehinger/Lord) moved, “**Resolved: The TNC Board

approves the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to request LADOT to look at the

Intersection of Wilbur Ave and Collins with respect to making left turns in all directions safer,

particularly during the morning heavy traffic period.” The motion carried unanimously.

(**Shaffer) amended the motion to allow the chair of TNC’s Transportation Committee to**

**communicate this issue to LADOT**. **The amendment passed.**

**The amended motion carried unanimously.**

**23. BONC Policies:** Len recused himself from the vote and left the room.

**(Heissler/Lord) moved**: **“Resolved: At the request of the Executive Committee the TNC**

**Board reviews the following proposed policies of the Board of Neighborhood**

**Commissioners:”**

**a. Dispute Resolution Process (12-17-19)**

**b. Leadership Orientation (12-17-19)**

**c. Censure Policy (12-17-19)**

**d. Removal Policy (12-17-19)**

**The board voted on each item separately. The vote was as follows:**

**a. Dispute Resolution Process – the motion passed with one opposed (Mausner).**

**b. Leadership Orientation – the motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Censure Policy – the motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Removal Policy – the motion passed unanimously.**

**24. VANC Letter: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “**Resolved: At the request of the Executive Committee the TNC Board reviews the letter submitted to the VANC on January 9, 2020 and resolves to instruct the TNC VANC representative that it approves/disapproves of said letter.” The majority approved this letter by a straw vote**.**

**25.** **Board Business** -

a. Comment on Board members own activities/brief announcements. None.

b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights. None.

c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting and to request they be considered for the next Board agenda. None.

**26.**  **Adjournment:** 10:25 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-