

Draft of Minute
Tarzana Neighborhood Council
Homelessness Committee Meeting
January 16, 2020
Tarzana Child Care Center
5700 Beckford Ave, Tarzana CA. 91356
Committee Members: Susan Lord, Joyce Greene, Arina Goldring-Ravin

1. **Called to order** by Chair Susan Lord at 7pm
2. **Appointment of new Committee members:** Esther Weider, Michael Povar, Iris Polonsky, Barry Edelman
3. **Appointment of secretary;** Joyce Greene
4. **Public Comments** - none
5. **Approval of minutes** from October 10, 2019 meeting. Meeting for November 21, 2019 was canceled / no meeting was scheduled in December.
6. Item 9 was moved in place of item 6 - **Committee Business** - a. Susan talked about what the TNC EmpowerLA Homelessness. Liaisons have been doing for the past several years. We came to the conclusion that the solutions from the Mayor's office and EmpowerLA are long range goals even though they have begun the process by building **Bridge Homes**. However, they can only accommodate a small number of the large population of homeless persons. So we change our focus to what we can do for Tarzana and our neighboring communities in CD3. And we interacted by talking with the homeless to find out what they needed (at least basic needs). Our next step was finding services that we could bring to them e.g. The Food Pantry in Woodland Hills and Hope of the Valley etc. Then a news article was brought to our attention about Modesto Camping Ground (MCG)
7. Homelessness Solutions. The Committee watched a video and liked what they saw, positive comments were made from all present. The consensus was; it will take a lot from what laws that stand in the way, finding the right property source e.g. lease/rental or find a property doner, to detailing a business plan that would include financing. Susan suggested bringing the idea to the TNC Board then to Blumenfeld's office with hope of calling a Town Hall for all CD3 stakeholders and the press. At the town Hall Blumenfield would present the full idea including white paper, business plan and all. Michael, Irish, Esther all contributed to the order of steps we need to take on getting this idea to TNC and Blumenfield's Bobcats.
8. Date of meetings changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month at the same time
9. Quorum was also changed to 2 members
 - a. **Motion** to adopt Homelessness Committee general goals and objectives, second by Joyce, motion passed
 - b. **Motion** passed to take the suggested use of L.A. Dash for the homeless for free rides to the food pantry to Blumenfield's Bobcat meeting for consensus and resolutions.
10. Publicity; committee discuss the use of the TNC Outreach to advertise on TNC web and social media.
11. **Meeting adjourned.**