**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday February 23, 2021 7:00 PM**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order** at 7:14 p.m. by Len Shaffer, TNC president with welcoming remarks.

**Roll Call** by TNC Secretary Eran Heissler: Quorum achieved with 18 board members. Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Joyce Greene Eran Heissler, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer, and Esther Wieder (Yossi Malka and Ken Schwartz absent).

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**
* **Mirna Ezquivel**, rep for Councilman Bob Blumenfield, said that ground is being broken for the two cabin communities. She also responded to a stakeholder’s concerns about security.
* LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins said crime is down 50.4% and the West Valley has the most reduced crime in the city compared to last year. He said 39 crimes were reported in January, most grand theft auto, burglary and theft in both autos and in stores. LAPD is reorganized the way reported crimes are going to be assigned. Many traffic reports are now being taken online and officers are not going to be responding to non-injury accidents.
* Jeremy from Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel’s Office talked spoke about a variety of policy updates. AB977 refers to homelessness. There is also a bill on Student Public Health. wildfire mitigation and outdoor dining mandates, stimulus payments and emergency relief for students.
* Blake Clayton of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office said L.A. County is in the purple tier and is looking to move into the red tier which will lead to the opening of schools. More vaccines are going to be available soon. The rent moratorium is extended until June 30th, in line with the state’s. Discretionary funds are available for non-profits right now from the Supervisor’s office.
* Michael Woo, City Attorney’s Office said stakeholders can use lacity.org/covid19 to report any vaccination scams, price gouging, identity theft, efforts to jump the line for vaccinations.
* Mikael Lowry, Congressman Brad Sherman’s office, invited everyone to a Town Hall on March 25th.
1. **Public Comments** – Goat Puppet Man made some comments; Daniel Gruen, a candidate for south area representative, introduced himself; Farnad Seraf, a stakeholder, inquired about security around the proposed homeless cabins as they are in a family-oriented neighborhood; Sharon Brewer asked that the cabin communities be an ongoing agenda item.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** Lee Bloomenfield said that by the end of next year, the city will be one billion (B) dollars in the hole. Although all the departments were asked to do a 3% cut, the Mayor’s office did not reduce their own budget. There has been an effort by DONE to disenfranchise the budget advocates and to curtail the use of CItyWatch for communication purposes. DONE is red-lighting deemed approved avenues of expression by the budget advocates and this is of concern to the neighborhood councils.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max gave the update: Four board members have four absences. Five is the limit for being on the board.

**6. Presentation –** Terry Saucier - LA’s Green New Deal: Mayor’s Sustainability Alliance created this program.Terry played a video and explained the tools for free tree giveaways.

**7. Approval of Minutes** – (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of minutes of January 26, 2021 meeting as revised The motion carried unanimously.

Sharon Brewer asked that corrections be read into the record in the future.

**8.** **Expenditure Motion** - (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of January 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously.

 **9. Financial Statement Motion** – (Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved approval of Financial Statements as of January 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Committee and other Reports:**

Budget – Harvey stated that there is around $12K of unspent funds after this meeting. He doesn’t believe TNC will be able to roll over any monies that remain in this budget.

Land Use – No report.

Outreach – Next meeting will take place after the Ad Hoc Elections Committee meets, which would be after March 10th.

Events – No report.

Transportation – There is a new W. Valley Transportation Engineer, Silva Abramian. A new hybrid beacon is about to be installed at Tampa & Hatteras.

Public Safety – No report.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

Animal Welfare – Jeff stated that the West Valley Animal Shelter will reopen on March 14, 2021, largely due to the efforts of TNC and VANC to keep this shelter open. Twelve other NCs supported keeping the West Valley Shelter open as well as Councilmembers Lee and Blumenfield.

Beautification – Iris said permits have been approved for banner locations.

Homelessness – Susan said Hope of the Valley is the proposed administrator of the new cabin communities.

DWP MOU Report – No report.

VANC Report – No report.

COVID-19 Ad Hoc– Additional sources for NPGs are being explored.

Election Committee Ad Hoc – Email blasts have gone out encouraging involvement, meeting the candidates and explaining voting procedures.

**11.** **Reversal of Previously Budgeted Items motion:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve reversal of previously budgeted and not needed items for the current fiscal year; Operations $2,830.00, Outreach $1,750.00 and Elections $3,020.05 for a total of $7,600.05 to be returned to Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

**12.** **NPG Motion**: (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve an NPG request from the Wilbur Charter School for $5,000 to support their music and arts programs. To be classified as NPG Wilbur School. Funds to come from Unallocated.” Dr. Crystal Shirley, principal of Wilbur Charter School, explained the need for the grant. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**13.** **Ad Hoc Expenditure:** (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee regarding the Ad Hoc Election Committee’s request NTE $6,000 to print and mail postcards to all residences and businesses in Tarzana to announce the TNC Election and information as how and when to vote, as well as links for more information. Postcards will also include the TNC logo and website address. To be classified as Election, Postcards. Funds to come from Unallocated. Vendor TBD.”

 Pam Blattner spoke on this issue stating with she received an updated quote from Trident Communications and with the postage, printing and mailing it would be approximately $4500.00 for 13K postcards. Harvey suggested revising that to “up to $5,000.00.” Len suggested “not to exceed $6,000.00” The motion was revised to include “Using Trident Communications in the amount not to exceed $6,000 to print and mail postcards.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

**14.** **Revised Budget:** (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021 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.**

**15. Auto Racing Elimination Motion:** (Flehinger/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Transportation Committee to support the effort by the community to eliminate the auto racing and other illegal activity that occurs at night at the top (south end) of Vanalden, including action by the LAPD, the LADOT, and any other appropriate agencies and authorize the Transportation Committee Chair to make contact with the appropriate agencies.”

 Mathew Brooks from the upper Braemar section spoke about the issues that have arisen from auto racing. They are looking for increased police patrols, hardscaping and traffic abatement measures as well as efforts to eliminate fireworks and street racing. Matt Kaufman, resident, had a Mini Cooper with four teenagers flip over in his yard on Dec.12, 2020. Steven Lamb lives near where the gatherings occur on Vanalden and they are seeking help to control these gatherings. Mirna spoke to this issue as to the limitations and tools they have to address this. She said it is a top priority at the moment however, she stopped short of saying what they can do. She will give an update at the next board meeting. Max suggested getting rumblestrips since he now has the DOT’s attention. Len suggested individual emails and phone calls to the Councilmember’s office would be much more effective. Max reiterated that efforts should be made to reach out to both the DOT and the Council Office. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**16. (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “**Resolved: The TNC Board approves a motion to consider the following motion that was tabled at the December 8, 2020 meeting: Should the TNC Board take a position regarding the proposed bus shelters and consider filing a CIS in support of CF 20-1536.” **The motion carried 17-1 with one opposed (Epstein).**

**17.** **Bus Shelter Motion:** Resolved: Should the TNC Board take a position regarding the proposed bus shelters and consider filing a CIS in support of CF 20-1536. (Flehinger/Epstein) moved to table this motion until the RFP by the Bureau of Street Services has been researched and considered. **The motion to table carried with 11 in favor, 4 opposed: (Garfinkle, Cromwell, Greene & Schmaeff) and three abstentions: (Polonsky, Lord & Diamond).**

**18. Rules Committee Motion #1:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Rules Committee to enact a new standing rule as follows: Standing Rule -Public Comment –Time limitations. Public comment by any one individual, exclusive of General Public Comment shall be limited to a total of six (6) minutes per meeting and no more than two (2) minutes per agenda item. Public comment on any agenda item shall be allocated in one (1) minute increments. In no event shall time be allocated for less than one (1) full minute. The above time limitations are subject to adjustment by the presiding officer in conformity with the Brown Act.”

**The motion carried: 10 in favor, six opposed (Garfinkle, Heissler, Mausner, Lord, Schmaeff and Epstein) and one abstention (Rogen).**

**18. Rules Committee Motion #2:** (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Rules Committee to enact a standing rule establishing a Multiple Agenda Items Comment item for Board meeting agendas as follows: Standing Rule – Public Comment – Multiple Agenda Items Comment Multiple Agenda Items Comment (15 minutes) - Comments by members of the public who want to speak on more than one agenda item for up to five (5) minutes at one time, exclusive of General Public Comments can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than five minutes. The above time limitations are subject to adjustment by the presiding officer in conformity with the Brown Act.”

 **(Garfinkle/Greene) moved to table this motion until the next board meeting. The motion to table failed: 16 – 2 (Garfinkle & Greene).**

 Sharon Brewer stated that the only limitation the board should make is if people are not speaking on topic, rather than basing it on time limits.

 Richard Hoff stated that he previously sued the city in a case he referenced “Richard Hoff vs. DONE” (Case # 20STL06608) and said if this is passed, he would sue the city and board members, individually, if this is passed.

 **The motion failed: 14 – 1 abstention (Polonsky) and 3 in favor. (Shaffer, Goldberg & Flehinger).**

**19. TNC Bylaws:** **(Goldberg/Wieder) moved to table this until the next meeting**. Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation ratify the changes to the TNC bylaws to conform to recent city council action regarding voting age, board member age and stakeholder definition. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**20.** **Candidates Night**: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “The TNC will schedule a candidate’s night prior to April 5, 2021. **The motion carried unanimously 17-0. (Wieder left the meeting at 10:34 p.m.).**

**21. Board Business**

a. Comment on Board members own activities/brief announcements.

b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

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.

**22. Adjournment:** (Flehinger/Polonsky) moved to adjourn at 10:46 p.m.