**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday March 23, 2021**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Meeting called to order** by TNC President Len Shaffer at 7:13 p.m. Len gave the welcoming remarks. Recording Secretary Eran Heissler called the role and quorum was established with 19 board members: Pam Blattner, Devin Cromwell, Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Garfinkle, Yossi Malta, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen (left at 8:55 p.m.), Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff, Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder (Absent: Ken Schwartz).
2. **Reports from Public Officials:**

**County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office,** Blake Clayton said there would be telebriefings coming up on 3/25 on Early Childhood Education from 3 – 4 p.m. and from 4-5 p.m. and another on 3/26 on Interim Housing and Homeless Shelters. He also gave an update on Covid-19 restrictions.

**Mayor’s Office,** Vahid Khorsand, talked about his efforts with getting the West Valley Animal Shelter reopened on behalf of TNC.

**Council Office (CD3) Rep.** Mirna Esquival said there would be an application deadline of March 30th for rental relief, which will be done on a lottery basis. Street sweeping is starting up again, biweekly, as opposed to weekly due to budget cuts. LAHSA is now storing the homeless’ s personal items.

**DONE Rep,** Adrianna Gabrera introduced herself. She is the new DONE rep replacing Betty Wong Oyama. DONE is going through some structural changes. Semme Park has moved on to a new role in the City. Adrianna talked about her background in community outreach and offered to do some work on behalf of TNC. She also encouraged everyone to register for the May 4th election for which the Encino/Tarzana Branch Library will host the ballot box.

**Office of City Attorney:** Michael Liu said the courts are resuming trials.

1. **Public Comments**: None.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** The budget advocate was not present but his report can be found on the TNC website. Jeff added the federal government is making a large infusion of billions of dollars into the City so that will, hopefully, help.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report:** Max said only one member has five absences and another has four.

**6. Minutes –** (Heissler/Epstein) moved approval of the minutes as amended for the February 23, 2021 board meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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**7. Committee and other Reports**:

**Budget –** Harvey said there will be $7,000 - $7,500 left in the current budget if the motion for Hope of the Valley is passed this evening. It will be a “use it or lose it” proposition in that no monies will transfer to next year’s budget.

**Land Use** – David said there will be discussion on the Mikvah project at the next Land Use meeting on 4/19/21.

**Outreach** – Terry said her committee is helping with the Election Ad Hoc Committee.

**Events** – Esther said there’s nothing going on with the schools. She will check with One Generation about the event in June.

**Transportation** – Max talked about a proposal for using bollards to cut down on street racing by Corbin and Van Alden.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen said it was pretty quiet other than an issue on Amigo with an FBI investigation.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said the W. Valley Animal Shelter opened in March but the public is still not allowed into any of the six city shelters but appointments can be made for adoptions. There are animals now being housed at the W. Valley shelter.

**Beautification –** Iris said the banners are getting ready to be produced.

**Homelessness** – Joyce said the cabin communities are expected to be completed by May 4th on Topham. It only takes 12 days to build them. Each will have electrical and air conditioning but not plumbing.

**Election Committee Ad Hoc** – Terry asked that everyone share info about how to get ballots and vote. She will find out whether they have access to all the ballot boxes. They are sharing info on social media now. Pam talked about a postcard that will be mailed out to stakeholders with all the information they need to know. Glenn Bailey stated that the list of ballot boxes is on the City Clerk’s website.

**8. Expenditures:** (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of February 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). **The motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Financial Statement:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2021. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Hope of the Valley:** (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve an NPG request from Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission for $5,000 to purchase bedding materials and supplies for their Tiny Home Village in Tarzana. To be classified as NPG Hope of the Valley. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

**11. Revised Budget**: (Goldberg/Greene) 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.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

**12.** **CIS: Proposed Zoning Ordinance:** **(Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved:** **The TNC Board approves the filing of a CIS regarding CF-12-0460-S4 and CPC-2016-3182-CA the subject matter of both being a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 1 and adding Chapter 1A to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures.”**

Jeff said this is a major rewrite of the Zoning Code. He called it as “disastrous decision on the part of the Planning Department.”

Stakeholder Derek Portas stated that this is a very troubling motion. He asked what the point is of notifying those impacted by a project if they have no voice? Where are there Brown Act rights? Is there a First Amendment right being denied here?

Len suggested amending the ordinance to read: “**CIS: Proposed Zoning Ordinance:** **(Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved:** **The TNC Board approves the filing of a CIS regarding CF-12-0460-S4 and CPC-2016-3182-CA objecting to the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 1 and adding Chapter 1A to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures.”**

David accepted Len’s amendment with the following words added to the motion: **“CIS: Proposed Zoning Ordinance:** **(Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved:** **The TNC Board approves the filing of a CIS regarding CF-12-0460-S4 and CPC-2016-3182-CA objecting to the proposed Ordinance because of its lack of public participation, amending Chapter 1 and adding Chapter 1A to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures.”**

**The motion passed with one opposed (Cromwell).**

**(Shaffer/Cromwell) later made a motion to reconsider this motion after reading a response from Bonnie Kim, the planner who is overseeing this ordinance. After brief discussion, Len withdrew his motion. The original vote stands.**

**13. Bylaws Motion:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to ratify the changes to the TNC bylaws to conform with recent city council action regarding voting age, board member age and stakeholder definition.” **The motion carried unanimously.**

**14. Candidates Night:** (Heissler/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves reconsideration of item 20 from the February 23, 2021 agenda: Should the TNC schedule a candidate’s night prior to April 5, 2021.”

**(Polonsky) moved to amend the motion to schedule the Candidates Night for April 7th.**

**The amendment passed unanimously. The amended motion then passed unanimously.**

**15. Support of Council File:** (Shaffer/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF-21-0041 citing AB 2553 which allows local agencies to construct shelters as long as they meet the guidelines of Appendix “O” of the CBC (California Building Code) which would expedite and reduce the cost of building temporary shelters for homeless persons.”

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**16.** Homeless Camping Ban: (Shaffer/Cromwell) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF-20-1376 which directs the City Attorney to draft legislation that would repeal and replace LA Municipal Code Section 41.18 which would allow the City Council, by resolution to ban camping and other activities in certain areas and within 500 feet of homeless shelters.”

**(Mausner/Greene) moved to amend this motion stating, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF-20-1376 which directs the City Attorney to draft legislation that would repeal and replace LA Municipal Code Section 41.18 which would allow the City Council, by resolution to ban camping and other activities in certain areas and within one mile of homeless shelters.”** The motion failed: 4 – 14. (Voting for were Jeff, Pam, Barry & Esther).

**The original motion then carried unanimously.**

**17**. Board Business - None.

**18**. Adjournment at 10:03 p.m.

**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One**