**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday June 22, 2021**

**VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING**

1. **Call to Order**: At 7:12 p.m. by Len Shaffer, TNC President. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Pam Blattner, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Isabel Gerhardt, Daniel Gruen, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michon Rickman, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff and Esther Wieder. **Quorum achieved with 17 board members.** Absent: Devon Cromwell, Harvey Goldberg and Joyce Greene.

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

**LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins** said burglaries of autos are up again and suggested everyone lock their cars and hide their possessions. The police station is open again to the public. There will be a National Night out with a movie on the first Tuesday of August. Daryl said TNC should plan to have a booth there. He talked about the ongoing theft of catalytic converters, statewide, especially Toyota Prius’s. LAPD will be holding an event where they etch people’s catalytic converters with the LAPD logo and the owner’s license plate so they can establish when recovered converters have been stolen. To make an appointment, call Daryl at: 818 374-7632.

**Blake Clayton, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office** spoke about upcoming presentations on the latest Covid regulations. He announced commercial and residential mortgage rent extensions and regulations for masking at all indoor functions in L.A. County.

**Michael Liu, City Attorney’s Office**, updated the board on party house activity. He asked that everyone report all incidents to the non-emergency ASK LAPD phone so they can track these situations.

**Adriana Cabrera, EmpowerLA Rep**., talked about funding procedures and trainings on financial procedures. June 30th is the deadline for submitting possible topics for the Congress of Neighborhoods. Call: 213 473-7469 for any questions.

1. **Public Comments**:

**Hydee Feldstein Soto**, candidate for L.A. City Attorney, introduced herself. She is a lawyer in private practice for more than 40 years.

**John Hails** spoke about candidates running for various positions.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** - **Glenn Bailey**, made a variety of

announcements on trainings. Len talked further about the Congress of NCs. It will be virtual.

**5. Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – None yet.

**6. Presentation: David Barrett of MySafeLA** – Illegal fireworks. Speaker is commander for MySafeLA covering the State of CA. Members are firefighters, EMTs and paramedics who fill in gaps where fire departments are not able to provide needed services due to budget constraints. Funding comes through federal, state and local grants. They do educational trainings on CPR: [www.mysafela.org](http://www.mysafela.org). He spoke about how it is very difficult to curtail illegal fireworks as sheriffs and police need to actually see fireworks being discharged. Only 18% of those cited are ever convicted and it is only a misdemeanor. Mysafela is the point of mitigation for fireworks in the City of L.A. They are trying to get clarity on safe and sane fireworks (which don’t fly and don’t explode), and looking to get more assistance in the confiscation and removal of illegal fireworks.

**7. Approval of Minutes** – (Shaffer/Heissler) moved to table approval of minutes of May 22, 2021 meeting in order to denote those board members who were not eligible to vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – No report. Harvey was not present.

**Land Use** – No report.

**Outreach** – Terry said their meeting was focused on outreach for the OneGeneration Senior Symposium and identifying potential partners to collaborate with.

**Events** – Esther said they are planning the Senior Symposium event and are trying to build a relationship with TCC.

**Transportation –** Max talked about the DOT’s mitigation efforts to control wild driving at the top of Vanalden. Bollards will be installed in the center to confine traffic to one lane in each direction. A stop sign will be installed at Charles and Vanalden, and there may also be a possible speed table study done afterward. Regarding accidents at Lindley and Burbank, where the gas company has been doing construction, this situation has been reported to LAPD Traffic, to the DOT and the Council Office.

**Public Safety:** Susan Rogen and Len referenced an upcoming presentation on Emergency Preparedness.

**Rules** – No report.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare –** Jeff said that during fireworks season, any loose dogs can be brought to the shelters for microchip scanning. The W. Valley Animal Shelter is operating under Covid rules right now. Adoptions are by appointment only. No word on who will serve as the new GM of Animal Services following Brenda Barnett’s retirement. Watch out for coyotes if you have small animals outside.

**Beautification** – Iris – No report.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord – They have elected to provide curtains for the tiny homes in Tarzana. Each tiny home has four windows. They have ordered 600 curtain rods and are looking for donated fabric.

**DWP MOU Report** – No rep right now.

**VANC Report** – Len attended and said it was an interesting meeting. [commission@empowerla.org](mailto:commission@empowerla.org) is looking for recommendations on their social media policy.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry spoke about a workshop on rebates and other sustainable energy incentives.

**9.** **Budget: (Flehinger/Schmaeff) moved approval of May 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried with 14 votes**. Three members were ineligible to vote: Gruen, Gerhardt and Rickman. (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).

**10. Financial Statement (Flehinger/Lord) moved approval of Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021.** **The motion carried with 14 votes**. Three members were ineligible to vote: Gruen, Gerhardt and Rickman. (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).

**11.** **Conditional Use Permit:** **Resolved: (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Land Use Committee to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a rooftop cellular antennas and associated support equipment at 18133 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana CA 91356 (N/W corner of Ventura Blvd and Lindley Ave). All antennas, equipment boxes, other support items and screening to be substantially as shown on the site plan dated 11/13/20 unless otherwise specified.”** The location is a rooftop of a medical building at Lindley and Ventura.

**Jeff Mausner recused himself. The motion carried with 16 votes.** (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).

**12. CIS Opposing Standardized Election Criteria: (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS disapproving CF-21-0407. The CF motion seeks to restrict the method by which the members of a neighborhood council are chosen in violation of Charter Section 904 (f) and to force standardized election criteria on neighborhood councils.”**

Len explained that this motion was introduced by Councilmember Rodriguez to standardize the way NC’s can elect their boards. In the motion, she called out the STNC (Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council) which is in her district. VANC has opposed this motion and so have other NCs in the City.

Glenn Bailey added that six days before she introduced this motion, CM Rodriguez was the featured speaker at VANC meeting but never disclosed that this motion was forthcoming, nor did she seek input on it from VANC members. He called her lack of disclosure and presentation to VANC “disingenuous.”

**The motion carried with 16 votes, one opposed (Clark). (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).**

**13.** **Fireworks Complaints App for Faster Response**: **(Shaffer/Mausner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS supporting CF 21-0531 directing the Fire and Police Departments, with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency and the City Attorney's Office, to report on the County of San Bernardino's model of tracking and responding to fireworks complaints received through a mobile application, and on the feasibility of implementing a similar program in the City of Los Angeles.”**

**The motion carried unanimously with 17 votes.** (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).

**14. Resignation: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the resignation of Board member Rick Brown based on his email dated May 20, 2021 and to thank him for participating in the 2021 elections as a candidate.”**

**The motion carried unanimously with 17 votes.** (Absent were: Goldberg, Cromwell and Greene).

**15. Grievance Panel:** Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of two Grievance Panel volunteers. Adriana Cabrera, EmpowerLA rep, explained how the regional Grievance Panels work. Len explained more about what a grievance is and why there would be a grievance process. Susan Rogen said she would like more information about what this requires. Tabled to next meeting.

**16. Literacy Liaison:** Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of Data Literacy liaisons. Tabled to the next meeting.

**17**. **Board Business** - Comments from board members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.

**Jeff Mausner** asked the new board members to send him an email with how they want their name to appear on their board badges.

**Barry Edelman** asked Len abouta noisy construction project on Oxnard Street that has upset neighbors. He also asked about how to get graffiti tagging removed on Clark and Reseda. He has contacted various entities but no one was able to help.

**David Garfinkle** said that at his Land Use meeting there was a lot of conflict and misinformation about a project proposed for 5822 Melvin. This item was moved to the next Land Use meeting for a further report.

**Len** thanked **Susan Rogen** for attending a meeting with Councilmember Blumenfield about Emergency Preparedness and with a rep from the Neighborhood Team Program who will be coming to talk with them about providing emergency supplies to CERTs.

**Emergency Preparedness Alliance takes place once a month on a Saturday** from **10 a.m. – noon.** The upcoming meeting will feature a talk about the use of CERT radio broadcasts during an emergency.

**Jeff** thanked **Len** for all the work he does on Emergency Preparedness.

**Susan** noted that the June 13th issue of L.A. Times gives a breakdown of emergency preparedness supplies to have on hand.

**Len** talked about the series “Unshaken” which the L.A. Times is co-sponsoring.

**18. Adjournment:** 9:28 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One