**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday August 24, 2021**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.** **Roll Call:** Quorum established with 18 board members with 2 absent. **Present:** Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, (David Garfinkle arrived late,) Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, , Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder. **Absent:** Pam Blattner and Michon Rickman.
2. **Welcoming remarks by Len.**

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials.**

**Blake Clayton, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office** talked about a telebriefing on schools K-12 to cover masking and regulations for Chambers of Commerce. An L.A. Renters’ Rights webinar will be held on Sept. 9th at 6:30 p.m. He reiterated mask mandates for students when indoors, for anyone in an indoor location and at mega events.

**Mirna Ezquivel, Councilmember Blumenfield’s Office**: The Council voted 12-1 to oppose SB9 and 11 – 2 to oppose SB10. The Councilmember was part of that opposition vote on both. He also seconded a motion to have DOT and Bureau of Street Services and LAPD Street Racing division work together to identity and prevent street racing. For Corbin underpass cleanup: Under 4118, the Council has to approve this but since it is a priority street, they can work on cleaning up of the Corbin underpass in September or soon after.

Regarding the Greenbriar median, it would be up to Urban Forestry to maintain it if the money originally allocated for it has run out. Len pointed out that where the trees are is part of L.A. City property.

* Michelle Hales asked about parking tickets, which Mirna said are being enforced now.
* Angela Shelly, stakeholder by Greenbriar and Van Alden, hired a certified arborist to report on the trees condition saying the trees are a fire hazard as the water system has been inoperable for several years. Dead junipers need to be removed.

Board members reported a lot of trash from the homeless on both sides of Ventura Blvd.

**Adriana Cabrera, EmpowerLA Rep,** thanked the board for their patience with her being out. She has lost several family members to Covid. She asked TNC to appoint board members to attend Civic University and the Congress of Neighborhoods. Board members who are interested in taking the Planning 101 training can do so until October 1st. If there is a need for any bylaw amendments, be sure to leave several months’ time as this process needs several levels of approval.

**Daryl Scoggins, LAPD Senior Lead Officer**, thanked the board for their support with National Night Out. He talked about the success of their catalytic converter engraving event where they engraved 62 cars with owners’ information. He also suggested putting special screws on license plates so they can’t be removed. The West Valley is down 10.2% in crime. Tarzana area is down 15.7% except for burglaries. (4 in the last month south of Ventura). An arrest was made of a suspect who was found responsible for many of the commercial burglaries. He asked people to not leave their keys in their cars for any amount of time.

1. **Public Comments:**

Angela Shelly again asked for the Greenbriar median be looked at and that action be taken to get the trees watered as they are a fire hazard to the neighborhood.

Mr. Hales talk about the Council File regarding PLUM projects which removes NCs from being able to give input on projects in their area. He pointed out that EmpowerLA’s GM Raquel Beltrans has been mum on this subject despite 6 projects being approved around the city without any notifications to their NCs.

Chris \_\_\_\_\_ - A stakeholder said he appreciated the efforts of the board members.

Jennifer \_\_\_\_ of Shirley Avenue thanked the board for their work.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – Glenn Bailey talked about Budget Day online. From all reports, it went well. 261 people registered which was higher than in person attendance for this event.
2. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max said there are no attendance problems.
3. **Presentation: Anais Medina Diaz & Wesley Collins** **– LA County Vector Control:** Presentation was on mosquito abatement: 1) controlling open water areas, 2) notifications on where there is disease and, 3) outreach to individuals with issues. Prevention is the key to their efforts. Stagnant water is a problem more than water that is moving, as in a swimming pool with motion. Vector Control lays mosquito traps all around the city to track disease. Mosquitos are known to kill over 1M people per year (particularly the W. Nile Virus).

The mosquito has four life stages, 3 in the water. The female is the one that bites. She then lays up to 350 eggs in standing water or on the side of containers. In 5-7 days, her life cycle is complete. The native mosquito is most active between dusk and dawn. They are the ones that transmit diseases, more so than the Invasive Asian mosquito (ankle biter). This mosquito can transmit heartworm to dogs and cats as well as many other diseases.

The W. Nile virus is all over L.A. County now. It is a bird virus that is transmitted to humans. One person in 5 will develop symptoms. Anyone over 50 or with a weakened immune system is most susceptible. There are no vaccines to prevent being bit so wear a repellent or protective clothing if you are out in the evening. Mosquitos can breed in as little as a spoonful of water. If you know of a body of water or a pool with stagnant water that could be a source of breeding, call it in to Vector Control. Due to the breeding patterns of mosquitos, we will have to change our watering procedures. If you are being bitten, it is a good indication that your yard has a problem with water.

She recommended mosquito bit (?) to be placed in rain barrels or to turn over flower pots that you don’t use so no water collects. They have something called Mosquito Watch that helps share information to neighbors as it is a shared responsibility. Wear EPA-approved mosquito repellent when going outdoors (and spray on your clothing). DEET is really good. Eran suggested calling: 562-944-9656 to report neighborhood problems.

Goat Puppet made a comment.

1. **July Minutes** – (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the revised minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting. **The motion carried 17-1 (Bob Schmaeff abstained**).

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier and Esther Wieder.

**9. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – There are still funds available to committees for spending. Contact Harvey will any projects you have. Sept. 22nd is the next meeting.

**Land Use** – David presented his motions.

**Outreach** – Terry will be holding a meeting on Sept. 9th at 6:30 to look at the NC revised Digital Media policy.

**Events** – Esther hasn’t planned anything yet.

**Transportation** – Max said efforts to reduce speeding are helping at the top of Van Alden however there are noise issues from people partying in the park. He talked about other improvements for traffic, a cleanup at the Etiwanda tunnel, a suggestion that police patrol the two tunnels, and said the former request for a sound wall extension by the 101 freeway seems to be a dead issue.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen said that Vector Control did a good job and responded to her request immediately.

Rules – no report.

Government Action – no report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff talked about the rules and regulations at the shelters. Animal Services is waiting on opening the shelters during the week without appointments. More volunteers are needed at all the shelters. Contact Jeff if you know someone who wants to volunteer.

**Beautification** – Iris said they are not doing any street clean-ups due to Covid-19.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord said they will be installing the last of the curtains in the cabins for the homeless. She thanked Iris and Devon for their help.

**DWP MOU Report** – This position is vacant.

**VANC Report** – Len said the new GM of Animal Services was introduced. There was discussion about a revised Code of Conduct.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry said the Tree Committee is holding a meeting this Saturday.

1. **MER Approval:** (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of July 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

1. **Financial Statements Approval:** (Goldberg/Lord) moved approval of Financial Statements as of July 31, 2021. **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

1. **Revision of Budget/Rollover:** (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Budget Committee as follows: Revision of budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year to include the City Clerk authorized rollover of $139.48 from fiscal 2020-21. Revised budget as follows: Revenues $32,139.48; Expenses: Operations (including Unallocated) $28,009.48 and Outreach $4,130.00.”

**The motion carried unanimously: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder

1. **Revised Budget/Approval of Agenda Items**: (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda item(s) the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2022 to include those item(s). 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: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

1. **Land Use Motion:** (Garfinkle/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to support the project at 5442 Yolanda Ave (Tel Aviv Restaurant) with the following hours; Sunday – Thursday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM; Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Saturday 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM with the condition that appropriate barriers will enclose the patio area in accordance with LA City and ABC requirements. The applicant states there will not be alcohol served without food. Further that there will only be background music inside the restaurant with none on the patio.” **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

**15. Land Use Motion:** (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to object to the STAP shelter designs for the following reasons:

1. Failure to consult with neighborhood councils regarding the shelter locations,

2. Neither proposed shelter gives adequate protection from the weather & sun,

3. Generally, we object to collection of electronic data by the shelters as proposed,

4. Generally, we object to the digital displays attached to the shelters.

Therefore, we recommend the city explore a simpler and more utilitarian design.”

**The motion carried 16 – 1 - 1. (Gruen opposed, Shaffer abstained).**

Board members voting for this motion were: Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

Goat Puppet made a public comment.

**16. Land Use Motion:** (Garfinkle/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to reiterate our support for CF-21-0002-S18 and CF-21-0002-S21 opposing SB9 and SB10. (See Agenda item 16 for January 26, 2021).” **The motion carried 15 -2 -1. (Gruen & Gerhardt opposed, Shaffer abstained).**

Board members voting for this motion were: Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder.

Goat Puppet commented.

**17. Data Literacy liaisons:** Len asked if anyone was interested in this position. Terry asked him to send her specific information on what was required. No vote was taken.

**18. Civic University: (Shaffer/Mausner) moved,** “Resolved the TNC approves the appointment of additional Civic U representatives, including Susan Lord and Harvey Goldberg. **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0.**

Board members voting for this motion were: Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Daniel Gruen, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Schmaeff and Esther Wieder

**19**. **Board Business:**

* + Jeff has name badges for board members.
  + Len said he will be ordering business cards when he gets more information.
  + Devon commended Joyce and Susan Lord for their hard work on the cabin communities.

**Youth Alliance** – Len said this is a new position. Age is 14 – 24.

**LGBT+ Alliance** – Valley Alliance is looking for stakeholders or board members for this new position.

**Code of Conduct**: There will be several meetings for NC members to comment on this issue. There’s a lot of controversy on this issue.

**20.** **Meeting** **Adjourned** at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One