**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday September 28, 2021**

**VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING**

1. **Call to Order at 7 p.m.** **Roll Call:** Quorum established with 17 board members: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Daniel Gruen, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michon Rickman, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucer, Len Shaffer, and Bob Schmaeff. Three absent: Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell and Esther Wieder. Pam arrived at 7:26 p.m.

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

**Myrna Gutierrez, L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.** Covid-19 – Pfizer booster shots are available for those over 65, people immune-compromised and for health care workers and teachers. Guests arriving at bars and wineries in CA will need to show proof of vaccination, as well as those attending mega events in early October. Supervisor Kuehl has a discretionary grant available for non-profits. Myrna explained how it works.

**Daryl Scoggins, LAPD Senior Lead Officer,** explained what they need to do before clearing homeless from an area. Tarzana is down 17.1% in crime, which is the lowest in the area. But Tarzana is up in commercial and residential burglaries (north of the boulevard) and grand theft auto.

**3.** **Presentation: Neighborhood Team Program** – **Patrick Botz-Forbes, LAFD Cert Central Bureau Director.** Their end goal is to develop self-sufficient neighborhood CERT teams who can respond to their own neighborhoods, helping one another survive any major disasters. He explained how in an emergency, stocks of gas, food and other necessities will be depleted almost instantly. The “Big One” would be an earthquake that starts at the Salton Sea and goes all the way to Bakersfield. According to stats, 90% of those who are injured will be rescued by volunteers/bystanders, not emergency personnel. He explained how to get trained. They are organizing drills all around the city. The first is Oct. 3rd. The drills will continue quarterly. They are looking for NCs to sponsor their sessions. He said the response from NCs so far has been “rather poor.”

**4.** **Public Comments** – Mr. Kahn: On Amigo Ave. by Portola Middle School, there is a proposal to start a sober house. Neighbors are concerned.

**5.** **Budget Advocate/Representative Report, Lee Blumenfeld, Region 3.** The minutes from Budget Day sessions, held August 21, 2021, are up on BudgetAdvocates.org. Lee said there is an opening for a budget advocate in Region 3.

**6. Executive Secretary’s** **Attendance Report:** Max reported nobody has four absences.

**7. Minutes:** (Flehinger/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2021 board meeting, as revised. **The motion carried 17-0-1 (Pam Blattner abstaining).**

**8. Committee and other Reports:**

**Budget**: Harvey stated there is $23K available for the remainder of the year.

**Land Use**: David spoke about the TNC having taken a position on the proposed mikvah on Mecca. That proposal will come before the City Council on Oct. 5th.

**Outreach** – Terry said they looked at the draft Community Digital Communication Policy and outlined their recommendations.

**Transportation** – Max gave his report (separate attachment). Mr. Kahn asked about getting a traffic beacon on Amigo Avenue across from the Hypnosis Institute.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said that on Sept. 21, his committee formed a subcommittee to look at providing water to wildlife in the hills. This may prevent coyotes from coming into the area. A resident of South Korean has suggested a national ban on dog meat in that country. Volunteers are coming back to the animal shelters in L.A. but there is a need for more volunteers. Jeff moderated a workshop with Dana Stangel about what NCs have done for animal welfare.

**Beautification** – Iris is considering having a meeting in October.

**Homelessness** – Joyce said CarePlus has been reinstated and she will create a work order for the removal of items in the Yolanda tunnel. Susan Lord said they are gathering Xmas decorations now for the homeless community to brighten it for residents.

**DWP MOU Report** – Len said there is a need for this position to be filled as liaison to DWP.

**VANC Report** – Len said the highlight of the last meeting was Mr. Deleon speaking, mostly about his campaign. Councilmember Rodriguez was expected to attend but didn’t show up. Glenn Bailey said the meetings are all recorded and available to listen to from the link he created on the LANC website under “NC Alliances.”

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry said there is a big push for Cool Blocks, LA to reduce the carbon footprint and preserve water in individual neighborhoods.

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

 **10. Approval of Financial Statements:** (Goldberg/Greene) moved approval of Financial Statements as of August 31, 2021. **The motion carried unanimously.** (Susan Rogen did not vote as she left the meeting at 8:25).

**11.** **This item was tabled until the next meeting by Harvey**. Discussion and possible motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Budget Committee to support the request from Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission for an NPG for $822.00 for the purchase of curtain rods for their Tiny Home Village in Tarzana. To be classified as NPG, Hope of the Valley, funds to come from Unallocated. The motion to table carried unanimously.

**12. This item was tabled until the next meeting by Harvey**. Discussion and motion: 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.

**13. Cloud Storage Motion:** (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to form an Ad Hoc Committee on cloud storage and document retention.” **The motion carried unanimously, 17-0-0.**

Mr. Kahn said he would like to assist this committee.

**14. Govt. Action Committee:** (Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to confirm the appointment of a chair of the Government Action Committee. **Len will chair this committee. The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**15.** **Code of Conduct:** (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint an Ad Hoc committee to review the proposed Code of Conduct revision.” **Len said that three board members will serve on this ad hoc committee: Max Flehinger, Isabel Frost Gerhardt and Susan Rogen. The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**16.** **Website Maintenance:** (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board re-affirms the service agreement as outlined on page 2 of the December 5, 2019 Website Development agreement with The WebCorner.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**17. Executive Committee:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to adopt the following motion:

**Whereas**, the median at the base of Greenbriar Drive was installed by the developer of the Braemar Homes in Tarzana and,

**Whereas**, the median was dedicated to the City of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles accepted the dedication and agreed to properly maintain the median, and,

**Wherea**s, the watering of the median by the City of Los Angeles was substantially sporadic and suspended over the last five (5) years and the sprinkler system not properly maintained, and,

**Whereas**, most of the junipers in the median have died and the 50+ year old pine trees are in a state of stress and represent a possible fire hazard due to lack of watering, and,

**Whereas**, the community has been working with the Council Office’s last two Tarzana Representatives to resolve the problems, and,

**Whereas**, the Braemar Community has raised funding, commissioned and installed a new Community sign on their portion of the median to identify the Community,

**Now therefore** be it resolved that, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council requests

that Councilmember Blumenfield become actively involved with his staff in ensuring that the

Greenbriar Median is properly maintained on a continuing and ongoing basis including

properly watering the median, repairing and replacing sprinklers, replacing dead or dying

junipers and properly maintaining or replacing pine trees.”

**The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

Stakeholder Angela Shelley spoke about having raised $12K from organized neighbors for a

new sign. David Primble worked with her on this project. She learned that the water was

turned off and that is why the trees have not been watered. She suggested that it will take the

Councilmember’s involvement to turn this situation around.

**18**. **Board Business:**

* AB361 was signed by the governor and Len said it will allow NCs to continue to meet

remotely.

* David spoke about TNC supporting the city’s position opposing SB10. He said the city is

exploring now how to solve the problem that SB 9 and 10 presents. Len said this issue would have to go to a general election and be passed to oppose both bills. Discussion followed by the board about the ramifications of SB9 and 10.

**19. Adjournment:** 9:38 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One