**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday October 26, 2021**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.** **Welcoming Remarks** by Len Shaffer, TNC President: Roll Call by Jeff Mausner. **Quorum established with 14 board members:** Matthew Clark, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Devon Cromwell, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, and Esther Wieder. **Six absent**: Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Joyce Greene, Daniel Gruen, Michon Rickman, and Bob Shmaeff. (Pam Blattner arrived at 7:37 p.m. Eran left at 9:00 - 7 a.m. in Israel). Max left at 9:34 p.m. and Iris left at 9:59 p.m.
2. **Presentation: NCSA – Cool Blocks Program**: Andy Schraeder from Councilmember Paul Koretz’s office spoke about this program which comes out of the NC Sustainability Alliance. In Cool Blocks, one neighbor coordinates this program for their neighbors in the areas of waste management, energy efficiency and emergency preparedness. This program was piloted in 2016. By working together, neighbors can get through different crises better and no one is left out on their own. There are now 170 Cool Blocks throughout the city. Andy noted that L.A. just won the Best Cool City Challenge which comes with $1MM to help support this program. A motion was approved by the City Council requesting that each NC district form at least two Cool Block programs. There will be a Cool Blocks Café held on Nov. 1, 2021. See: [www.ncsa.la](http://www.ncsa.la) for more info.
3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**Congressman Brad Sherman** from Sherman Oaks, who has represented his area for the past 25 years, spoke about different bills. He was supported by John Alford from his office’s constituents’ service. On Nov. 16th at 7 p.m., he’ll hold a Town Hall meeting. Call his office with any concerns: (818) 501-9200. The following board members asked questions:

**Jeff Mauser** asked the congressman to support the bill opposing dog meat consumption in Korea. The congressman said he has always opposed dog meat consumption and also horse meat consumption in the U.S.

**Isabelle Frost Gerhardt** asked about extending the Family Leave bill from four to six weeks.

**Susan Rogen** asked why bank rates and saving rates are not rising with the cost of living.

**Susan Lord** asked whether taxes and realized gains could be used for paying for the program that he spoke about.

**Terry Saucier** thanked the congressman for his support with the gas leak at Aliso Canyon. He said stronger regulations will be coming soon at the federal level regarding gas leaks.

**Harvey Goldberg** noted that the IRS has cut back on audits and asked what is going on in Congress. The congressman spoke about having served on the board of equalization and being a CPA and a lawyer before going into politics. He spoke about enforcing the taxation laws to raise revenue to pay for needed programs.

**Blake Clayton from Supv. Sheila Kuehl’s office** said telebriefings were set up opening restrictions for amusement and theme parks; restaurants; long-term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities; senior centers and senior service facilities; and schools K-12. He also spoke about the need to show proof of vaccination. On Nov. 4th, proof of full vaccination will be needed to enter facilities and restaurants. Regarding the homeless encampment by Etiwanda and Burbank, Blake said he was hoping in the next month or two, that the shelter in place order would be lifted that restricts cleaning up these areas. Pam Blattner asked what the target date is at the county level to remove mask requirements. Blake promised to share that info when he further researched it.

**Erin Schneider Seinfeld, the new Mayoral rep,** gave the following updates: Safe Pass L.A. launches on Nov. 8th, which requires proof of vaccination. Enforcement of this ordinance begins on Nov. 29, 2021. However, a patron can be exempt if they show they are entitled to reasonable accommodations through self-attestation. If they are found exempt, they can use the facilities’ outdoor area. See: **Safepassla.org** for more info. Secondly, she talked about the emergency rental assistance program which provides rent relief to residents and landlords. Those who are eligible receive 100% of rent payments and utilities dating back to 2020 (if impacted by Covid-19). See: **Housingiskey.com** for more info. Third, the application portal has opened for small businesses to request relief from the American Rescue Plan. See: **Comebackcheckla.com** for more info. Erin also shared an update from the W. Valley Animal Shelter on diseases found there.

**Michael Liu, City Attorney’s Office,** spoke about prosecuting cases that deal with quality-of-life issues, i.e.: party houses, prostitution, noise, trespassing and things of that nature. He spoke about the ease of access ordinance (sidewalks/right of ways) which he is focused on now. Stakeholder David Cohen asked about sober living homes in residential neighborhoods.

1. **Public Comments** – None.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – No report.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max said no board member has more than 3 absences.

**7. (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes as corrected of the Sept. 28, 2021 board meeting. The motion carried with one abstention (Cromwell).**

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – Harvey said the budget committee will meet Dec. 8th next month; get any items to Harvey by Dec. 1st.

**Land Use** – David said Land Use has voted to support the redistricting proposal regarding the southern rim of the Valley. This is based on a study by the Sherman Oaks homeowners’ association. Land Use also approved gathering signatures against SB 9 and 10, specifically pertaining to the City of L.A. And finally, Land Use approved the idea of a Thai Restaurant’s application to serve alcohol, although the hours are still undecided.

Len said there was a hearing by the Zoning administration about the Mikvah allowing access from Reseda Blvd. for parking.

**Outreach** – Terry said they looked at the July edition of the Digital Communication Policy that the city presented and the committee had some concerns. She asked that the motion on this be postponed until she can see the most up-to-date version.

**Events** – Esther said TNC was invited by the Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce to join their Fall Family Festival on October 31, 2021 from 11 to 2 p.m. with a free booth and table. Esther will provide the arts and crafts.

**Transportation** – Neighbors are asking for several different methods from LADOT to end the speeding on Van Alden and Reseda. Max gave his report which detailed several different traffic safety issues.

**Public Safety** – Susan Rogen thanked Isabelle and Max for their work on the Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Committee.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said there is a severe outbreak of canine influenza (kennel cough) at the W. Valley Shelter. Volunteers are working with the dogs to quarantine. He recommended the Bordetella vaccine. Avoid contact with other dogs until this resolves. This is very contagious. On another note, Jeff is optimistic that dog meat will be completely banned in S. Korea in the near future.

**Beautification** – Iris congratulated Isabella about organizing a neighborhood clean-up.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord said they have collected holiday decorations for the homeless cabins.

**DWP MOU Report** – Len asked for a volunteer for this position.

**VANC Report** – No report.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry said the Cool Blocks meeting is on Nov. 1st at 6 p.m. [www.ncsa.la](http://www.ncsa.la) website.

**9.** **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of the September 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously (15-0-0).**

 **10. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of Financial Statements as of September 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously (15-0-0).**

**11. (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “****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 carried unanimously (15-0-0).**

**12. (Goldberg/Lord) 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 (15-0-0).**

**13.** **(Saucier/Polonsky) moved to postpone this motion:** Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to file a CIS with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners regarding the proposed Social Media Policy as posted in the supporting documents. **The motion carried unanimously (15-0-0).**

**14. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee for the TNC to sponsor a Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) session and explore the possibility of an NPG for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) bin.”** **The motion carried unanimously (15-0-0).**

* Eran Heissler left the meeting. -

**15.** **(Flehinger/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of Transportation Committee that the TNC Board request CM Blumenfield to introduce a motion requiring all future residential and commercial property developments which have parking include charging facilities for electric vehicles.” The motion was approved: 13-0-0. (Mausner recused himself).**

**16.** **(Flehinger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of Transportation Committee that the TNC Board refine its recommendation regarding the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) by recommending specific shelter designs and shelter location in Tarzana.”**

 **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved to table this motion. The motion carried: 13-1-0. (Garfinkle opposed).**

 Max Flehinger left the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

**17.**  **(Goldberg/Mausner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in CF- 20-0668 and with the L A City Redistricting Commission as follows:**

 **Whereas** in the early 1990s the Tarzana community’s original northern boundary at Victory Blvd. was restored, and

 **Whereas** until the 2011 redistricting the Tarzana community was divided between two City council districts, and

 **Whereas** during this entire time the Tarzana community has been divided between the Encino/Tarzana and the Reseda/West Van Nuys Community Plans, and

 **Whereas**, in its March 2019 report the City Planning Department is recommending that the proposed Encino/Tarzana Community Plan northern boundary be moved to Victory Blvd to allow Tarzana to be included in only one community plan,

 **Now therefor**, **the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the L.A. City Redistricting Commission’s action that allows the Tarzana Community to be wholly contained within the new Council District 3.”**

 **The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.**

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

Isabelle said neighbors are fed up with dog poop by the DWP open lots where people run their dogs. She asked for the dog back dispensers.

Len asked if the board would agree to a meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in December for a Special Meeting – Dec. 14th. Len thanked Iris and Susan for their help with the range of the radios for emergency preparedness.

**19**. **Adjournment: 10:10 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One