**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday January 25, 2022**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order:**  Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks **Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.** **Welcoming**

**Remarks** by Len Shaffer, TNC President: Roll Call by Jeff Mausner. **Quorum established with 18 board members:** Pam Blattner, Matthew Clark, Devon Cromwell, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Daniel Gruen, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, and Esther Wieder. (Bob Shmaeff arrived at 8:27 p.m., Daniel Gruen left at 10 p.m.) **Two absent**: Michon Rickman and Bob Shmaeff.

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

**Nathan Romine, caseworker for Council District 3,** said the councilmember is pushing for more work by Urban Forestry and he spoke about the medium at Greenbriar. The site was inspected. It’s a matter of funding as to whether more work will be done. Regarding street racing, the councilmember has allocated $100K for a special task force to work on that matter with LAPD. He is also working on securing speed tables for the top of Van Alden. There was a request for help with the Van Alden caves and Yolanda tunnel. Ordinance 41.18 was amended to prohibit sitting, sleeping and lying in the public way. There are 25 sites to which this ordinance applies. They are now working on enforcement of that ordinance across the district. They are waiting for aluminum signs to be put up with the language on it. Nathan works on Homeless Outreach & Homeless Encampments at the office and said anyone with any issues on these matters could contact him directly.

**Blake Clayton, deputy for Supv. Sheila Kuehl’s** office, talked about rent protection. He’s hearing from landlords that their tenants who are working are not paying them rent. The Covid numbers are starting to go down but until it’s 1,000 cases per day, not much will change with the safety precautions. Regarding encampments at Etiwanda/Burbank, he reported that there was a fire. He hopes they can work with some of the individuals there and clean up the areas once Covid restrictions are lifted.

**Julien Antelin, DONE rep**, spoke about the current trainings being offered and the requirements for board members. In December, the City Council approved newly-revised district maps. City Clerk is hosting funding trainings on NPGs (neighborhood purposes grant) in Jan-Feb 2022. He spoke about the need for approving the TNC bylaws.

1. **Public Comments**:

**Cathy Sertis**, former volunteer at the West Valley shelter, said the new GM says there is no more money for spay and neuter surgery by mobile vans. She would like TNC to consider offering funding for this purpose.

**Daniel Gruen** asked about a pavement problem and was referred to Street Services.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** Jeff reported that on Jan. 29, 2022 at 10

a.m. there is a Town Hall with the GM of DONE concerning this year’s budget.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Report:** Max did not have a report due to his surgery. Max said he would have a report next month.
2. **Candidates** **Presentation:** for the open At-Large Board seat.

* Chris Ahuja has worked with the Sustainability Alliance. He’s been a Tarzana resident since 2003. He’s a business man and is taking a course through the University of Cambridge, England.
* Yossi Malka spoke from Mexico where he was leading a Kosher cruise. He’s been part of TNC before. He is a former chaplain (rabbi) with LAPD.
* David Kon, participated with the Ad Hoc Budget Committee but was not present for this meeting.

**7. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved approval of the minutes of December 14, 2021 meeting as revised. The motion carried: 16-0 - 3 (Pam, Bob & Isabelle abstained)**

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – Harvey said there is about $23K left in the budget. He thought there would be a $10K rollover if the monies are not used. Currently, the TNC gets $32K for the year. 2/16/22 is the date for the next Budget Committee meeting.

**Land Use** – David reported that Columbia College on Oxnard is set to become a storage site and there’s a proposal to change an R-1 property to subdivide it for three homes at 19300 Hatteras.

**Outreach** – Terry reported that at their January meeting they discussed outreach events including the Native Plant Day, February 13th at TCC.

**Events** – Esther said April 30, 2022 is the date for the next Earth Day. It will be held out doors. On Feb. 13, 2022, thy will have a table at the TCC Native Plant Day.

**Transportation** – Max talked about the wild driving on Van Alden and the efforts to get a speed table. DOT has put reflectors by the “S” curve. The tunnel is an ongoing problem.

**Public Safety –** Susan Rogen talked about having booths for this committee. She thought the speed table would be a good idea for Van Alden.

**Rules** – No report.

**Government Action** – Jeff said canine influenza has improved but it’s still a good idea for dogs to get the vaccine. He noted that spaying/neutering is key to preserving a “no kill” shelter but there is never enough funding for free or low-cost vouchers. Female cats can breed three times a year and dogs can breed twice a year. There will be a request coming up for TNC to provide money toward spay and neutering.

**Animal Welfare** – Terry reported on awareness campaigns for public education.

**Beautification** – Iris reported they had a guest from L.A. Planning, Courtney Shoenwald. There was a survey circulated about the Ventura/Cahuenga corridor. She discussed the motions passed at her last meeting.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord said a meeting was to take place with the councilmember and Hope of the Valley at the Tiny Cabins on 1/27, 7 p.m., as a result of community backlash.

**DWP MOU Report** – Len asked for a volunteer to attend these virtual meetings.

**VANC Report** – Len said Karen Bass was at the last VANC meeting. She spoke about her upcoming campaign. The meeting abruptly ended at 8 p.m. with no notice.

**NCSA Liaison –** Terry said these meetings take place monthly. www.Ncsa.la

**Ad Hoc Record Retention Committee** – Harvey spoke about the meeting at which they decided where they will store their records.

**9.**  **(Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved approval of December 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**10. (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of Financial Statements as of December 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**11. (Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee regarding the request from the Beautification Committee to increase the budget for Outreach, Advertising, Banners, Repairs by $790.00 to $2,290.00. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

**The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**12. (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, ”Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Beautification Committee’s request for the payment of the Gold Metropolitan Media invoice in the amount of $790.00 for removal, repair and replacement of damaged banners. Funds to come from Outreach, Advertising, Banners, Repair.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**13. (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee regarding the request from the Outreach Committee to purchase 500 brochures promoting the TNC for NTE $200.00. Funds to be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Brochures, and funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**14.** **(Goldberg/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee regarding the request from the Events Committee to purchase 26 pads of poster paper for the Earth Day Poster Contest for NTE $450.00. Funds to be classified as Outreach, Events, Earth Day, Poster Paper and funds to come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 19-0-0.**

**15. (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: 19-0-0.**

**16.** **(Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed TNC Bylaws amendments as posted on the website and further directs that they be published pursuant to the TNC Bylaws, and that final approval be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting.”** <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/board>

Len explained the definition of “stakeholder” has been updated so candidates must qualify

based on those specifications. Susan Lord said she had an issue with Article 5, Section 6

regarding vacancies. **(Saucier/Lord) moved to strike the sentence that “the Executive**

**Committee may make a recommendation to the board regarding the applicants.”**

**The motion carried: 8 yes, 7 no, 3 abstained. (See votes next page)**

**Yes:** (Terry, David, Devon, Susan R. , Susan L., Isabel, Barry and Iris.)

**No:** (Pam, Harvey, Eran, Joyce, Max, Len and Bob.)

**Abstained:** (Wieder, Clark, Mausner)

**(Shaffer/Flehinger) then moved, “Resolved: The TNC board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed TNC Bylaws amendments as posted on the website, as amended, and further directs that they be published pursuant to the TNC Bylaws, and that final approval be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting.”**

(Goldberg) moved to amend the motion adding it be place on the agenda of the next regular meeting, 30 days after the day it was posted. (The amendment was not accepted).

**(Mausner) moved to amend the language to: “…and that final approval be placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.” The amendment was accepted.**

Stakeholder John Hale spoke saying he was interested in another board position that came up two months before the vote. He described a document that candidates had to fill out that may alleviate the need for the executive board to approve a candidate.

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**The motion carried: 17 – 1 – 0 . (Heissler opposed)**

**17. (Flehinger/Shmaeff) moved to table this motion:** “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to adopt the proposed training standing rule as posted on the website.”

**The motion passed: 17-0-1 (Garfinkle abstained).**

<https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/board>

**18.** **(Heissler/Lord) moved to table this motion**: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of a candidate to fill the vacant At Large Representative position. The Executive Committee voted to recommend the appointment of Yossi Malka by a vote of 3 yes, 0 no and 2 abstained.” **The motion passed: 13-4-1.**

**Yes:** Terry, David, Pam, Eran, Susan R., Esther, Max, Jeff, Barry, Iris, Susan L. & Bob.

**No:** Harvey, Devon, Isabel and Len.

**Abstained:** Joyce.

The board took a straw vote and decided to put the 3 candidates names on the next agenda for a vote.

**19**. Board Business: None.

**20**. Adjournment at 10:53 p.m. Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.