**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AMENDED AGENDA**

**Tuesday March, 22, 2022**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. TNC President Len Shaffer opened the meeting. Roll Call was taken by Eran Heissler with a quorum of 17. Attending were: Christopher Ahuja, Pam Blattner, Matthew Clark, Devon Cromwell, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michon Rickman, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen (left at 9:15 p.m.), Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff and Esther Wieder (who left at 9 p.m.). Barry Edelman and Harvey Goldberg arrived at 8 p.m. (Absent: Daniel Gruen and Isabel Frost Gerhardt). Len made welcoming remarks.
2. **LADWP Reseda Blvd Mainline Project:** Michael Ventry, Community Affairs Liaison, LADWP introduced the presentation by Project Manager Denise Abondez on the replacement of 5,670’ of water pipes to replace the 90-year-old aging system on Reseda Blvd. and its feeders to the large medical facilities in the area. The project will install earthquake resistant pipes that are fire resistant and more flexible and will improve the reliability and capacity of the water flow. A Japanese-based company which has been installing these pipes for the past 40 years has reported that there have been no issues with them. The projected start date is May 2022 and the end date is June 2023. The construction will be taking place at nighttime and possibly weekends. Terry McCorkle, liaison from DWP to Councilman Blumenfield’s office, talked about how they do their outreach on projects of this size and said they would support nighttime work on Ventura Boulevard.

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

**Blake Clayton, Supv. Kuehl’s office**, talked about the revised health orders and about the program which will offer elementary school children access to money for a savings account. This program is supported by L.A. County, City, LAUSD and Citbank).

**Joe Gonsalez, EmpowerLA,** said thePolitical & Advocacy Workshop is now being offered online; several city officials will host a virtual town hall about how to submit Community Impact Statements; they are looking for input on improving elections; NC Funding Trainings are coming up; and the bylaw amendments are due April 1st.

**LAPD Sr. Lead Daryl Scoggins gave the following report:** LAPD W. Valley has lost Capt. Grimes and his replacement, Capt. Espinoza, who was appointed Chief of Police in Montebello. Two new captains are coming in now. Crime is up in Tarzana by 20%, particularly with catalytic converter thefts; LAPD will be offering free etchings on catalytic converters soon. Robberies are also up – all over the city. Encino’s crime rate is up by 41.5%. There were 120 reported crimes over the first quarter of W. Valley this year.

His advice to avoid being a target of theft: Put your cell phone down when you are walking and pay attention to your surroundings. More info is available on Tarzana North and Tarzana South LAPD pages.

* Goat Puppet spoke about the crime rate going up.
* Michelle Hales asked Daryl about people parking in no parking zones.
* Iris Polonsky’s husband spoke about a noise issue with a neighbor.

1. **Public Comments:** Goat Puppet complained about his time being cut off.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** No report.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Report**: Max said there is one member with 5 absences. Six absences means automatic dismissal from the board. Max updated the board on who has taken the trainings.

**7. Approval of minutes** of February 22, 2022 meeting. Tabled.

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – Harvey said there is $16,000 - $17,000 left in the current budget. He requested items for budgeting for this year be sent to him by April 13th.

**Land Use** – David was expecting a rep for the lot behind the corner of Ventura and Avenida Oriente to attend to respond to ongoing problems there.

**Outreach** – Terry spoke about the two events in April: April 23, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Earth Day Clean Ventura Boulevard. They are looking for 128 volunteers to clean up the boulevard all across the valley. Volunteers are being assigned specific areas.

On April 30, the Earth Day event is taking place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. “Go Wild, Create Habitat” is the theme.

Events – No report.

**Transportation** – Max talked about the Yolanda tunnel being cleaned; the Van Alden tunnel was recently cleared of transient and trash and locked. He talked about pavement problems that have not been resolved. The state is allowing more leeway in cities setting speed limits so the L.A. City Council has reduced the speed limits on different streets by 5 mph. Corbin was repaved but a crosswalk was removed in the process by Calvin. And finally, the pavement by Corbin Canyon needs paving.

Public Safety – No report.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff included this with his motions.

**Beautification** – Iris said they have lost more banners to the wind. She heard from a stakeholder in the north area who wants trash cans by the Etiwanda tunnel.

**Homelessness –** Susan Lord said they are waiting for supplies for their planters.

**DWP MOU Report** – Len announced an advocate is needed for this position.

**VANC Report** – Len said the Valley Alliance had Chief Moore as a speaker and Len talked about the defeat of the city’s digital media policy.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry spoke about two motions that the alliance passed: 1) to have the city report back in 120 days on strategies for achieving zero emissions and 2) to have the Dept. of Building & Safety come up with a plan to require zero emotion by Jan. 2023.

Ad Hoc Record Retention Committee – No report.

**9.** **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Approval of February 2022 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER).” The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0. (Christopher ineligible).**

**10. (Goldberg/Lord) moved, “Approval of Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0. (Christopher ineligible).**

**11. (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee approving the NPG request for $1,000 from ONEgeneration to support their 13th annual Senior Symposium. The TNC will be represented at the event with a table. Funds to come from Unallocated.”** This event will happen on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

**The motion passed unanimously: 17-0-0 (Christopher ineligible, Michon not available).**

**12. (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee approving the request from Woodland Hills-Tarzana Community Benefit Foundation for an NPG for $1,250 for a $250 grant for each of the 5 schools in Tarzana participating in the April 2022 Earth Day Poster Contest. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

**The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0. (Christopher ineligible).**

**13. (Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee to approve the request from the Events Committee for the following expenses for the Earth Day 2022. Award Certificates $80.00, Banners $317.55, Bouncy/Jumper Rental $425.00, Event T-Shirts $286.10, Flyers $464.39, Poster Labels $80.00, Supplies on-site (table cloths, water, etc.) $200.00. Total $1853.04. Funds to come from Outreach, Events, Earth Day.” The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0. (Christopher ineligible).**

**14. (Goldberg/Shmaeff) 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: 18-0-0. (Christopher ineligible).**

**15.** **(Mausner/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the request of the Animal Welfare Committee that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board send a letter to Councilmember Bob Blumenfield asking him to introduce a Resolution in City Council to support AB 1881, the Dog and Cat Bill of Rights.”** [Link](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1881#:~:text=AB%201881%2C%20as%20introduced%2C%20Santiago.%20Animal%20welfare%3A%20Dog,to%20abuse%20or%20neglect%20an%20animal%2C%20as%20specified) to AB 1881. **The motion carried: 10- 2 (opposed: Blattner & Cromwell) – 5 (abstaining: Garfinkle, Goldberg, Greene, Flehinger and Lord).**

**16.**  **(Mausner/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the request of the Animal Welfare Committee that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board submit a resolution to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners proposing a program for issuance of vouchers for training of dogs adopted from the shelters, the money for the vouchers to come from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.”** Jeff explained that the vouchers would be similar to a spay & neuter voucher. There is no value for the voucher outside of free training. Michelle of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, comments on this program.

(Goldberg) tried to submit an amendment removing the phrase that the money for the vouchers was to come from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund. There was no second on this amendment.

**The original motion carried:** **10 – 2 (opposed: Garfinkle & Goldberg) – 4 (abstaining: Green, Flehinger, Polonsky & Shmaeff).**

**17. (Garfinkle/Cromwell) moved, “The TNC Board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to approve CPC-2021-9031-VZC-CU-SPR (18618 Oxnard Street - Columbia College), to demolish a portion of an existing bldg., remodel the existing interior with an approximate 5,000 sq ft addition and propose a 51,540 sq ft 44.4 ft high bldg. to the south of existing bldg. for self-storage.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0.**

**18. (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executve Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS in support of CF 22-0269 directing various city agencies to ensure Los Angeles is in compliance with sanctions imposed by the United States government against individuals, organizations, and entities associated with the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine. Author CM Bob Blumenfield.” The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0.**

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

Len said the bylaws were sent in with the board vote. BONC reviewed and redefined their

study of social distancing. Len said they would continue meeting virtually for the time

meeting.

Devon is moving out of Tarzana on May 1st so this was his last TNC meeting.

Len talked about the uniqueness of the Neighborhood Council System in Los Angeles and

how other states and countries are following the lead of this system.

**20**. Adjournment @ 10:07 p.m.

**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.**