**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday September 28, 2022 7:00 PM**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

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1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 p.m. **Roll Call:** Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Isabel Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer & Esther Wieder. (Absent: Pam Blattner, Susan Lord, Bob Shmaeff). Quorum was established with 14 board members.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**Sarah Martin, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel’s office,** talked about several upcoming events: On Dec. 13th at 3:30 p.m. at the W. Valley Food Pantry there will be a drive-by toy drive (located at Prince of Peace Church). At the Town Center 5, Encino there will be a screening of Gabby Gifford’s “Won’t Back Down.” On Oct. 3rd at 11 a.m. at the Encino-Tarzana Library, there will be a Non-profit Security Grant Workshop. And on Nov. 3rd at 11 a.m., a “Senior Scam Stalker” event at One Generation Senior Center in Tarzana.

**Blake Clayton, County Supr. Sheila Kuehl’s office** reported the following: The L.A. River Grand Opening is being planned for November; The supervisor has put forward a motion setting requirements for employers on Monkeypox sick leave and time off for employees; Masking is no longer required on mass transit vehicles; and a workshop on Employment Law Training for Small Businesses is being offered on Oct. 6th at 5 p.m.

1. **Public Comments** – None.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – No report.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Report –** Iris said two board members are in jeopardy for attendance requirements and one member has not updated their ethics requirements. Len stated that Pam Blattner has contacted him to resign from the board. That item will be on the next agenda.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes of the August 23**,** 2022 board meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously, 14-0-0.**

**7. Committee and other Reports**:

**Budget** – Harvey announced that Oct. 19th is the date for the next Budget Committee meeting.

**Land Use** – David said a Town Hall is planned for November with TPOA.

**Outreach** – Terry said she and Esther held a meeting on Sept. 1st and received great suggestions on how to improve Earth Day next year. Len suggested they coordinate with Harvey on behalf of the Ad Hoc Election Committee.

Events – No report.

**Transportation** – Susan Rogen talked about a traffic advisory pertaining to the closing of the 101 freeway. She talked about repairs scheduled for Tampa, an encampment on Etiwanda, lighting in the tunnel and various other subjects. The StreetsLA website has more information.

**Public Safety** – Susan said there will be an Emergency Preparedness Fair held sometime in February 2023 in concert with the Woodland Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff is working on getting volunteers reinstated at the Animal Shelters and retaining the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter by the City as a municipal shelter. Jeff spoke with the United National Association in September on animal issues.

**Beautification** – Iris said new banners have been ordered and she is waiting for more info on them. Barry is trying to get graffiti cleaned up at different locations by the 101 freeway. Harvey reported on the reason why the water was turned off on the median of Greenbriar which caused the tree to die. Now, $15K has been allocated to the Council office to relandscape the median where the trees have died.

**Homelessness** – Joyce asked board members to report any new encampments to her or Susan Lord so her committee can help remove them. Barry then informed her of a couple of encampments.

**DWP MOU Report –** Terry volunteered to be an alternate for this commitment.

**VANC Report** – Len said Jill Banks Barad has retired as VANC chair. Linda Gravani from Lake Balboa has taken on this role.

NCSA Liaison – No report.

**8.** **Budget Committee, Expenditures:** (Goldman/Wieder) moved approval of August 2022 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and the Financial Statement as of August 31, 2022. **The motion was approved unanimously, 14-0-0.**

**9.** **Budget Committee Revision of Budget:** (Goldman/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to adopt a revised budget for FYE June 30, 2023 to include the rollover of accrued expenses as of June 30, 2022 in the amount of $6,455.13.” **The motion was approved unanimously, 14-0-0.**

**Consent Calendar:**

**Agenda items 10 through and including item 14 may be adopted by consent unless discussion of a particular item is requested by a Board member. These items were approved unanimously 14-0-0 as a group consent calendar:**

**10.** **Discussion and motion**: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to appoint Board Member Chris Ahuja the Alternate NCSA Representative.

**11.** **Discussion and motion**: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to create an Instagram account.

**12.** **Discussion and motion**: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to adopt a dedicated Social Media email as follows: [tarzananc@gmail.com](mailto:tarzananc@gmail.com)

**13**. **Discussion and motion**: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to appoint administrators of the TNC social media accounts as follows: Terry Saucier: Website; Chris Ahuja: Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor; Leonard Shaffer: Newsletter: Leonard Shaffer, as current TNC President and Eran Heissler, as current 1st VP: TNC Social Media email, [tarzananc@gmail.com](mailto:tarzananc@gmail.com)

**14. Discussion and motion**: As recommended by the Executive Committee the TNC board passes the following motion: Resolved, pursuant to Bylaws Art VI Sec2 D the Executive Secretary is requested to provide each month, via email to all board members the current attendance record of board members.

**End consent calendar**

**15. Social Media Policy**: (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendations for the assigning authority to the appointed administrators to post, edit and generally administer the TNC’s social media content in a manner that is consistent with keeping the community aware of TNC activities and with the activities of other governmental and non-governmental organizations that may have an impact on or be of interest to the TNC stakeholders. Further, that the Social Media Administrators be prepared to report on their activities at each meeting of the TNC Board where such reports are listed on the agenda.” **The motion carried unanimously 14-0-0.**

**16.** **VANC LA 100 Motion**: *Jeff Mausner recused himself for this motion due to a conflict of interest as an owner of shares of the public utility.*(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to send a letter to the DWP supporting the VANC LA100 motion: The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) the use of the ratepayer categories used in the ‘Water and Power Associates’ recommendation letter of June 30, 2022 for the purpose of projecting rate increases from the LA100 Power System program for each year into the future where rates are forecast. See examples set forth in the attached ‘Water and Power Associates’ letter.”

Tony Wilkinson explained the Governor’s initiative to reach 100% renewable energy by 2035, which he noted would be more costly. As a result, the motion asks for specific information for rate payers on how much rates would increase and to provide new info every year.

Len revised the motion adding the words “of the categories” to read:   
“See the examples of the categories set forth in the attached Water and Power Associates’ letter.” **The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0 (1 recusal, Mauser).**

Tony invited the board members to attend the LADWP MOU meetings on the first Saturday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**17.** **Land Use Motion:** (Heissler/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of Leonard Shaffer as interim Land Use Committee Chair.” **The motion passed unanimously: 14-0-0.**

David added that he has long-term health issues as a result of getting Covid-19. Len suggested someone consider joining this committee. Isabel volunteered to help with this.

**18**. **Board Business** – Len stated that there are currently 4 board openings. If these are not filled within 60 days of advertising, they become At Large seats until the next election. This does not include Pam Blattner’s seat. There was also a request to Chris to create a new account for TNC on Instagram to attract younger people.

**19. Adjournment: 9:12 p.m.** Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.