**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday April 25, 2023**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

**5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order by TNC President Len Shaffer** at 7:10 p.m. Welcoming Remarks by Len regarding the running of the meeting. **Roll Call by Eran Heissler:** Attending were: Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, and Bob Shmaeff. Absent were: David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene and Esther Wieder. Quorum of 10 was established with 12 board members.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins** gave March stats on crime for Tarzana: one robbery, 9 aggravated assaults, 19 burglaries (11 south of the Blvd.), 7 cars stolen, 14 cars broken into and 15 plain thefts.YTD: Crime is up for aggravated assaults & burglaries. Second Tuesday in June is the next Neighborhood Watch meeting. Daryl will be attending National Police Week in Washington, DC so no meeting in May.

**Safi Lodin,** **Deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield’s Office:** Councilmember Blumenfield is looking at making underpasses by the 101 freeway ADA compatible which has pushed back getting lights in the tunnel by the 101 freeway. Community Mental Health Awareness Fair will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at One Generation. LAPD Operations is holding a Community Police Academy for the public to see how they interact with individuals. No date was given for this event. The budget is being worked on by the Councilmembers with an increase in funding proposed for LAPD to $18.5M. Fire danger zones are extended into the flatlands as overgrown vegetation is a problem this year. Enforcement for clearing your property starts May 1st.

**Empower LA Rep Joel Gonsalez** announced the openings on the TNC board for the NC election. There is a new interim General Manager for EmpowerLA: Vanessa Serrano. He also mentioned filings for CIS’s.

**Jeff Mausner** noted that TNC President Len Shaffer received a certificate of appreciation from the CA Legislature for the safety and well being of our stakeholders with his Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Preparedness meetings.

1. **Public Comments:**

Reina Martinez complained about trash at a nearby business, smoke from smokers and people making false claims about accidents for insurance. She has notified the police but needs assistance for ongoing problems.

Sharon Brewer presented suggestions about ways to improve the meeting.

Glenn Bailey, speaking as an individual, said the LANCC meeting with feature Mayor Karen Bass on May 6, 2023, virtually. He explained SB411 which now goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill relates to NCs meeting being held virtually. It requires a 2/3’s vote to pass.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** Glenn Bailey talked about the Budget Advocates’ written report that has been sent to NCs around the City. The April report included the City’s financial status report, the Controller’s forecast for income for the City, and the Mayor’s proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The NCs will continue to get $32,000 a year with a $10,000 rollover back to the City. Councilmember Blumenfield is now chairing the Finance and Budget Committee. The City Council public hearing is May 17th or 18th. There is still a vacancy for a Region 3 Budget Rep. Saturday, June 17th is the date for the virtual Budget Day.
2. **Clerk’s Office Election Representative Report**: No report.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris Polonsky said two board members have 4 absences; everyone is within the 6 absence limit.
4. **(Heissler/Shmaeff) moved that the minutes be approved as revised the March 28, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.**

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – Eran gave this report on behalf of Harvey Goldberg. After this meeting, the estimate for funds remaining for this fiscal year is approximately $21,000. The fiscal years ends June 30th. If another $11K is not spent by the approved time, $10K will be rolled over to the City. Any items to be approved by the Budget Committee must be on the May 17th Budget Committee agenda. June 20th is the last day to use the NC credit card for funding items under $1000.

**Land Use** – No meeting was held this month. Len said there are a number of projects coming up in Tarzana so meetings will resume on May 16, 2023. Someone asked if there is any information about a business leasing property by the Whole Foods. Eran said that there is a light on sometimes at night and people are moving things in and out. Len said he would get more information.

**Outreach** – Terry talked about Earth Day and its success. The OneGeneration Senior Symposium is May 20th and the election is coming up. Len read a thank you note from W. Hills/Warner Center Chamber for TNC’s Earth Day event.

Events – No report.

Transportation – No report.

Public Safety – No report.

Rules – No report.

Government Action – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff talked about a meeting at the dog park last week where everyone recognized that the current plan has problems. Jeff said there are foxtails growing at the dog park that need to be removed. A terminated volunteer was reinstalled after mediation. The shelters are overcrowded and more volunteers are needed. They are waiting for the new GM to be appointed to Animal Services and their budget to be approved.

Beautification – No report.

Homelessness – Susan Lord said they met and decided to hold another meeting on June 20th.

DWP MOU Report – No report.

**VANC Report** – Len said there were two speakers – City Attorney Heidi Feldstein Soto and Chair of the Ethics Commission Jeffrey Daar. He said it was an interesting meeting. Len said there is a recording of the presentation that the City Attorney gave.

**LANCC Report** – Len said his takeaway was the committee working on the Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights to promote more independence for NCs. They also talked about giving NCs the ability to voice who becomes General Manager and the ability to overrule motions made by EmpowerLA.

**NCSA Liaison** – Christopher said the last meeting focused on the Sepulveda Basin. There is a virtual workshop on April 27 at 6 p.m. on the Climate Emergency and planning for the next Congress of NCs.

**Ad Hoc VNY** –Chris Ahua spoke about the EIR and transparency

**10. (Heissler/Lord) moved approval of the March 2023 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and the Financial Statement as of March 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.**

**11.** **(Heissler/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from ONEgeneration and approved by the TNC Outreach Committee for an NPG for $1,000 to support their 14th Annual Senior Symposium on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.**

**12.** **(Heissler/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Homelessness Committee to purchase needed items to support the Tiny Homes community in Tarzana in the amount not to exceed $1,835. To be classified as Community Improvement Projects, Tiny Homes. Funds to come from Unallocated. Items include Outdoor Storage Shed NTE $1,200, Outdoor Movie Projector NTE $230, Tarp (to be used as a screen) NTE $40, Shower Shoes (Flip Flops) NTE $240 and Storage Containers $125.”** **The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.**

Sharon Brewer asked how this qualified for Community Improvement. Len replied to her questions noting that it would get homeless off the streets and keep them safe.

**13.** **(Heissler/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2023 to include the above items 11 and 12 and 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 12-0-0.**

**14.** **(Shaffer/Clark) moved, “****Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation, based on the request of the Ad Hoc VNY Committee to file a CIS supporting CF 22-1489 that directs the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to report by on the following: List of Projects and Awards; Community Engagement; Compliance with the 2005 VNY Master Plan; Environmental Impacts; and Proposal for Future Community Engagement. And further that all VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings are recorded and available for the public on LAWA’s website within 60 days.”**

Iris spoke about planes flying over her home at 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. which fly low and shake her house.

**The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.**

**15.** **(Shaffer/Clark) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation, based on the request of the Ad Hoc VNY Committee to file a CIS supporting CF 22-1125 requesting a report back on what actions the City can take to address the increase in scheduled charter operations at Van Nuys Airport and to file a supporting document regarding the proposed Bonseph Helimet lease.” The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.**

Brian Patton spoke about LAWA initiating the closure of Whiteman Airport and that small, private flights would take up some of the space in the expansion of Van Nuys Airport. This would displace Home Depot to Balboa and Devonshire.

Sharon Brewer was at a meeting of Woodland Hills/Warner Center where a speaker talked about all of the hidden things happening with this issue.

Glenn asked if the Balboa NC was notified about discussion on this issue as it is in their area. Len said he had not thought to notify them.

**16**. **Board Business** - Susan Rogen asked about the transparency and accountability for voting on SB411. Glenn Bailey said people have to send a letter using the portal one week in advance to speak on the bill.

Jeff asked if TNC submitted a letter to the committee.

Len talked about being invited to become the vice chair of the steering committee for the Los Angeles Mitigation Hazard Report. He declined but said NCs will have a seat at the table to make recommendations. Meetings will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

Isabel asked if NC money could be used to improve the shade at the parks swings for kids. Len suggested she talk with Michon.

Terry said the Chamber is holding an 2nd Annual Valley Asian Cultural Festival at Pierce College on May 6th.

**17**. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

* Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -