**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday May 23, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

**Candidates’ Statements prior to the opening of the meeting.**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:39 p.m. Welcoming Remarks by Len regarding the running of the meeting. **Roll Call by Jeff Mausner:** Attending were: Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Absent were:** David Garfinkle, Isabel Frost Gerhardt, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Rogen, and Bob Shmaeff. **Quorum of 10 was established with 10 board members.**
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** Empower LA Rep Joel Gonsalez said there is a link to a tracker, Congress of NCs is on Sept. 23, 2023, CIS’s can be submitted now through the portal, he reviewed the City’s funding deadlines and announced the date of June 18, 2023 for the TNC election. Documentation is required. Barry noted that some elderly residents had previously had a difficult time requesting physical ballots. There was discussion among the board members on the process for receiving a mail-in ballot.
3. **Public Comments**: None.

**4.** **Budget Advocate/Representative Report**: Adriana De la cruz gave a report for Glenn Bailey. This included their White Paper report and ways to deal with the unhoused individuals. Budgetadvocates.org is their website. June 17, 2023 is Budget Day to be held virtually this year.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris Polonsky said one person has experienced enough absences to be in jeopardy. Members who have missed 6 meetings are automatically removed.
2. **Minutes Approval: (Goldberg/Lord) moved approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2023 board meeting.** Sharon Brewer stated that votes need to be broken down by individual board members.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**6. Committee and other Reports**:

**Budget** – Harvey Goldberg stated that the next meeting will be June 21, 2023. He will address the preliminary budget for the 23/24 fiscal year for TNC. Requests must be made for funding by June 14, 2023. $12,500 will remain in the budget after tonight if all items are approved at this meeting. Of that, $10,000 will need to be rolled over to the City.

**7.** **Approval of** **Expenditures/MER Report/Financial Statement: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Approval of April 2023 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and the Financial Statement as of April 30, 2023.”**

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**8.**  **Congress of NCs Funding Item: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Congress of Neighborhoods to support their 2023 Congress. Suggested funding amount $1,500. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Congress of Neighborhoods. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

Adriana De la cruz, who holds an organizational role with the Congress, noted that NCs are being asked to contributed more funding this year due to the fact that it is in-person. The Congress will be on the 3rd floor at City Hall.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**9. Additional Congress Funding Request: (Shaffer/Lord) moved,** **“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to increase the Congress of Neighborhoods support for their 2023 Congress by the amount of $2000.00 for a total of amount of $3500.00. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Congress of Neighborhoods. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

(Goldberg) requested a revision to this motion as the following: **“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to increase the Congress of Neighborhoods support for their 2023 Congress by the amount of $2500.00 for a total of amount of $4000.00. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Congress of Neighborhoods. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

Adriana De la cruz added that this year’s Congress provides value to board members and stakeholder with an Exhibitor Fair and different workshops.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**10.** **Live Meeting Technology Purchase: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget and Executive Committee’s recommendations to approve the request to expand our live meeting technology to include equipment to permit remote access to our live meetings for participants and guests, both for viewing and comments, via Zoom and/or other technology at a cost not to exceed $1,500. Specific items to include but are not limited to a laptop computer, a microphone and mixer output to computer interface and any necessary adaptors and cables. Vendors to be determined. No individual item to exceed $1,000. To be classified as Operations, General, Meeting Expense. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

Len explained that if it receives approval, AB41-11, which is Senator Portantino’s motion, will allow NCs in the City of L.A. to hold virtual meetings. This bill has passed the House and is going for a vote in the Senate now.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ asked about the purchase of a laptop. Len said this would help to bring stakeholders in for any presentations.
* Varant Majarian asked whether this purchase is planned for the board or stakeholders. Len stated that it would be for stakeholders.
* Goat Puppet made a statement saying it would be a waste of money.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**11.** **Pop Up Tents Purchase: (Goldberg/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Outreach Committee to purchase two (2) 10x10 foot pop up tents with our name, logo and LA City Seal from World’s Greatest Promotional Stuff or similar vendor. Cost NTE $1,800. Tents to be used at events and similar occasions. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Pop up Tents. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

* Len researched this company online and felt that this would not be a good purchase.
* (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) asked if he should recuse himself from this vote. (Len, I’m not sure if he recused himself because the vote was still 10-0-0.)
* Terry spoke in favor of this purchase.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**13.** **Name Plates Purchase: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to increase in the budget to purchase nameplates, business cards and name tags for Board members who currently don’t have them or need more and are running unopposed for reelection to the Board. Increase the budget by $300 to $650 for the current year. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Name Plates-Business Cards-Name Tags. Funds to come from Unallocated.”**

Iris asked about whether all the candidates would be getting name plates. Len said he would not place the order until the election results are certified.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**12.** **Tarzana Elementary School:** **Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Tarzana Elementary School for an NPG for $1,998 to fund their 2023-24 school year Accelerated Reader Program. Funds to come from Unallocated.**

(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved to postpone this item until the next board meeting as one of the board members would need to recuse herself and that would leave the board without a quorum.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

**15** **Revised Budget: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved “Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 to include the above items 9 through 14 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.”**

Sharon Brewer asked what amount would remain in the budget after this meeting since a previous motion’s financing amount was increased. Harvey stated that expenditures were increased by $500.00, however $2,000 remains unspent.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

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**16.** **Starbucks 19439 Ventura Blvd DIR-2023-1466-SPP:** **(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “****Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the request for changes to Starbucks as outlined in the above application as follows: Expand the interior space by 362 sq ft at the south elevation facing Ventura Blvd; relocate the walk-up window and menu board; add an entrance door to the customer restroom; and add a new outdoor patio. The purpose of the changes is to accommodate the increase in preparation of orders received for pickup.”**

Public comment by Goat Puppet.

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** none. **Abstaining:** None.

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**17.**  **Land Use Motion: 18505-18519 Ventura Blvd (N/W corner Reseda/Ventura) ZA-1997-220-CUZ-PA2. (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to support the request for changes to the original conditions as follows: Review and remove or amend Condition 9 that prohibits alcohol sales to allow the sale of alcohol throughout the center; to review and amend Condition 10 (b) limiting the center hours from 6:00 AM to midnight to 6:00 AM to 2:00 AM as opposed to the requested hours of 24/7.”**

* Varant Majarian asked if this motion was for a singular business or the entire shopping center.
* Len said it is for the entire shopping center. Varant then pointed out that the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf is on that corner and the motion should be amended. Varant also suggested some gates be installed to keep the homeless out. Len stated that he thinks there are current violations going on there.
* Jeff asked about the distance to residential properties, which Len said is less than 500’.
* Goat Puppet made a negative comment about this shopping center.
* Susan Lord felt the time of this motion should be even earlier.

**The motion carried 8-2-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO**: Iris Polonsky and Susan Lord, **Abstaining:** None.

**18.**  **Executive Committee Motion: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to hold a special meeting on July 10, 2023 to install the new Board members, elect Board officers, and appoint committee chairs.”**

**The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.** **Voting YES:** Christopher Ahuja, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mausner, Esther Wieder, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier and Len Shaffer. **Voting NO:** None. **Abstaining:** None.

**19.**  **Refreshments Funding Motion:** Len introduced this motion with a comment asking if the board felt it should be taken up. **“Resolved: The Executive Committee requests that the TNC Board decide if the TNC should resume supplying refreshments at our meetings.** “

Terry spoke against providing refreshments at in-person meetings.

Matthew and Christopher agreed with Terry.

No action taken on this motion.

**20**. **Board Business**: Quorum was lost at 9:18 p.m.

**21**. **Adjournment** at 9:18 p.m.

* Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -