**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday July 25, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:12 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC, Roll Call: **Attending were:** Christopher Ahuja, Sylvia Bedrosian (left at 8 p.m.), Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Bruno Hernandez, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Lord, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff (left at 8:10 p.m.), Len Shaffer and Esther Wieder. **Absent were:** Harvey Goldberg, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, and Paul Radenberg.

**Quorum was established with 15 board members. (Required quorum is 10)**

**Welcoming Remarks by Len Shaffer.**

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

Mayor’s Office Rep, Erin Seinfeld gave an update for the new board members and reviewed the Emergency Declaration by the Mayor on homelessness, the Inside Safe Program and affordable housing. As chair of the Metro board, Mayor Bass also has introduced safety programs to make city transportation safer.

**Joel Gonsalez** **– Project Coordinator for Empower LA** said it is bylaws season right now. He referenced different amendments, including that by Senator Portantino, which were to be voted on at the Senate. Len asked Joel to list the officers of TNC on the City’s website.

1. **Presentation**: None.
2. **Public Comments** – Stakeholder Varant Majarian asked that the Council Office send a rep to the meeting.
3. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** Len spoke about the email he received from the Budget Advocate.
4. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris explained the policy for attendance.
5. **Minutes Approval:** **(Heissler/Wieder) moved approval of minutes of the June 25, 2023 meeting and the July 10, 2023 Special meeting as revised. The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0.**

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – No report.

**Land Use** – Len gave an overview of the City’s General Plan which covers zoning and the delays regarding the Community Plan, which affects TNC’s zoning laws: SB9 and SB10 (also SB4).

**Outreach** – Terry invited everyone to their event on August 1st, National Night Out was to take place. Meetings are always the 2nd Thursday of the month. Sept. 14th is their next meeting. Send Terry any events to post on their website and social media.

**Events** – Esther said she combines her meetings with Terry’s committee. If people want to suggest any ideas, email or text her so she can put it on the agenda.

**Transportation** – Susan Rogen announced that her meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. She also chairs Public Safety.

**Public Safety** – Susan said they will be posting emergency and preparedness contact #s on the website so everyone can easily access them. They also discussed the lack of city officials at their meetings. The Councilmember will attend TNC’s board meeting on October 24th. Susan suggested calls be made to “311” for large branches falling down.

Varant Majarian called in a report of high weeds and wanted to know when Street Services was going to address it.

**Rules** – Bylaws will be addressed in the near future. Len said the board has until April 2024 to address this.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said the new GM at Animal Services, Stacy Gains, is holding meetings with volunteers and staff and listening to recommendations of how to make things better. But the shelters are still overcrowded and not doing well. There is a foster care program, Four Days for Life, which is addressed on the Animal Services website. This could save more dogs’ lives. There are also positive developments in South Korea to ban the sale of dog meat. This new bill assists dog farmers in new occupations to reduce the opposition to previous bills. There is an effort to line up Korean celebrities to support this new bill.

**Beautification** – Iris said they have not met recently.

**Homelessness** – Joyce reported on the increase of homeless in the Valley. Susan Lord said they have been putting flyers out to tell people how to report homeless encampments.

Varant talked about a homeless encampment where people are littering and it is making business owners very upset (Caballero Creek). Joyce said that she and Susan are following up on each situation that is reported to them.

Barry Edelman suggested reporting it to the City and getting a control number, so you can reference it and find out when the problem has been addressed. Joyce said the City is working on their responsiveness and have to the first of October to address issues presented to the Response Team.

**DWP MOU Report** – No report.

**VANC Report** – Included in the Land Use report.

**LANCC Report** – Len said a Bill of Rights is being prepared by members of LANCC because it is felt that NCs are not being treated right by the City.

**NCSA Liaison** – Chris Ahuja said there was discussion about what to do at the Congress of NCs. They will hold a workshop at the Congress on Sept. 23, 2023.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – This relates to the Van Nuys Airport. Mattew Clark said they met around July 4th. There is an amended CIS for VN Airport.

1. **Discussion and Motion: (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation and for this meeting only to suspends the Committee Jurisdiction standing rule to consider a Budget item.” The motion passed unanimously. 15-0-0.**
2. **Discussion and motion:** **(Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation and approves the June 2023 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER).** **The motion passed unanimously. 14-0-0.**
3. **Discussion and motion:** **(Shaffer/Wieder) moved approval of Chris Ahuja as Government Action Committee Chair. The motion passed unanimously. 14-0-0.**
4. **Discussion and motion: (Shaffer/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board accepts the resignation of Lisa Davis.** **The motion passed unanimously. 13-0-0.**

13. **Discussion and motion: (Shaffer/Ahuja) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board accepts the resignation of Helane Kramer.” The motion carried unanimously. 13-0-0.**

Len said there are now openings on the board for 3 positions, Home Owners, Renters, and Business Rep.

1. **Discussion and motion: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of 2 Budget Representatives, Matthew Clark and Jeff Mausner.” The motion carried unanimously. 13-0-0.**
2. **Discussion: California Brown Act (Heissler/\_\_\_\_\_\_) to postpone the California Brown Act discussion until the next board meeting in August. The motion carried unanimously. 13-0-0.** Len asked the board to review this document before the next meeting.
3. **Board Business** – Invitations will be going out for the Congress of NCs very soon. Len encouraged everyone to attend, in person, at City Hall. Len recommended you preregister for it. On August 31st, EmpowerLA will hold a workshop for newer board members. Terry attends the DWP MOU committee meetings and asked for someone to share this commitment.

**17**. Adjournment at 8:42 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -