**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday September 26, 2023**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

**1. Call to Order** at 7:18 p.m., Welcoming remarks by TNC President Len Shaffer.  **Roll Call:** Sylvia Bedrossian, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Leon Antonia Gonzalez, Eran Heissler, Bruno Hernandez, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Pam Majumdar, Iris Polonsky, Paul Radenberg, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, Bob Smaeff, Esther Wieder, Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen. **Quota of 10 established with 16 board members**. (Faryl Arbeitman and Duncan MacIntosh were added to the board later bringing the number of board members present to 18).

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

**LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins** reported the **crime stats from 8-1-23 to 8-31-23:** There was one homicide but it was in Reseda on the Busway. In Tarzana, there were: 3 robberies, 11 aggravated assaults, 25 burglaries, 10 cars stolen, 5 cars broken into and 2 plain thefts. Total = 57 crimes for the month. W. Valley was down 6.2% in crimes compared to last year while Tarzana was down 1.4%. For all non-violent crimes, police must release those who they arrested after writing up their report.

**Joel Gonsalez** **– Project Coordinator for Empower LA**: Bill for SB\_\_\_ is sitting on the governor’s desk and he hasn’t signed it; the Congress of Neighborhoods had a good showing; bylaws season is open and voting will be taking place. He reminded the board not to express any political views.

(Eran Heissler and Jeff Mausner left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.)

1. **Public Comments**

* David Hymen is a member of APIC, a nonprofit 501C3. He invited the board and stakeholders to their event on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Temple Ahavat Shalom.
* Varant Majerian asked for support for Sr. Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins.
* Reseda stakeholder Gholamreza Ghamami complained about a noise problem with his neighbors late in the night.
* Sharon Brewer spoke about the Insto Via Inc. building on Oxnard is up for sale. She also reported problems with parking at the Islamic Center and threats being made there.
* Mark Martin, a stakeholder, is concerned about the intersection at Burbank and Yolanda by the post office. He was struck by a car there last year while walking on a crosswalk and his wife was almost hit. He thinks better signage is needed as there are a lot of pedestrians there.

1. **Election of New Board Members:** Both Business Representative candidate Duncan MacIntosh and Homeowner Representative candidate Faryl Arbeitman introduced themselves. The board then voted to elect them to the board.

**The motion carried unanimously for Duncan MacIntosh with 16 votes.** Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen.

**The motion carried unanimously for Faryl Arbeitman with 16 votes.** Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen.

Len suggested they both read Robert’s Rules of Order and review the Brown Act. Len will hold a separate meeting to discuss both and how they apply to the TNC board.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – No report.
2. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Len stated that no one had more than two absences. If you have more than six absences in a 12-month period, you can be removed from the board.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – **Approval of minutes of the July 25 and August 22, 2023 meetings. (Mausner made a correction to the minutes.) Heissler/Lord moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 as corrected. The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0).** Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen.

**Heissler/Lord moved to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen).

**8.      Committee and other Reports**

**Budget**– the next meeting is Oct. 10, 2023. If anyone wants an item on the agenda for this meeting, get it to Harvey a week in advance. Meetings are usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**Land Use** – No report.

**Outreach** – Terry said they didn’t hold a meeting last month. There will be a meeting this month on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the current location. Board members on a committee are welcome to send her their agenda to promote.

**Events**– Esther asked the new board members to join her committee and Terry’s. On Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. there is a Native Plant Event at TCC on Ventura Blvd.

**Transportation**– No report.

**Public Safety** – No report.

**Rules** – Len talked about what this committee does.

**Government Action** – Len said this was a small meeting. Chris was absent but will explain what issues are going on in the city that TNC might want to weigh-in on.

**Animal Welfare** – Next meeting is on Oct. 11th at 7 p.m. at the Tarzana Childcare Center. There is an emergency going on with severe overcrowding in the shelters and they are killing healthy dogs. The City is consideration a moratorium on breeding permits but that won’t deal fully with the overcrowding in the shelters. Jeff then reviewed the resolutions and community impact statements that he will bring to TNC next month:

1. Having the City increase spay/neuter funding
2. Increasing payment to veterinarians who accept the vouchers.
3. Increasing the # of free and discount vouchers available.
4. Creating a mail campaign re: these vouchers and make clear that spay and neuter laws be pursued more vigorously.
5. Having the City fine those who do not neuter or spay their pets. Jeff talked about the cost effectiveness of these motions.
6. Bringing the Northeast Animal Shelter and the shelter on Jefferson Blvd. into use to help with overcrowding.

**Beautification** – No report.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord said they didn’t hold a meeting last month. She is trying to find out what the governor is doing with the homeless community.

**DWP MOU Report**  - No report.

**VANC Report** – Len attended the meeting and said several speakers did not show up. But the BONC commissioner was there.

**LANCC Report** – No report.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry gave the report of what took place at the Congress.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – No report.

1. **Approval of MER:** **(Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the August 2023 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and the financial statements for August 2023.” The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0. (**Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen. Duncan MacIntosh and Faryl Arbeitman ineligible to vote.)
2. **Motion to Increase an Expenditure: (Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to increase the budget for the purchase of an equipment storage cabinet from $500.00 to $522.30 (actual cost with tax). An increase of $22.30. To be classified as Operations, General, Office Expenses. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0. (**Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen. Duncan MacIntosh and Faryl Arbeitman ineligible to vote.)
3. **Discussion regarding the $10,000.00 rollover from FY 2022 – 2023 to FY 2023 – 2024 funds.**Harvey confirmed that last year, $3,199.94 was left unspent in TNC’s budget and $10,000 was rolled over to this year, so $42,000 is now available in the budget to spend.
4. **Revised Budget Motion: (Goldberg/Bedrossian) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024 to include the above items 10 and 11 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: 16-0-0. (**Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen. Duncan MacIntosh and Faryl Arbeitman ineligible to vote.)
5. **Executive Committee Motions: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to appoint representatives to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Len and Jeff), the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (Len and Jeff) and the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA). (Terry and Chris). The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen).
6. **Discussion and motion: Code of Conduct** – **(Heissler/Clark) moved that TNC recommend approve the Code of Conduct and file an amendment and a CIS with BONC on this document.** Len explained what the Code of Conduct is for and what changes were recommended by the City. The wording is now being reviewed by BONC and may make changes. (Len recused himself from this motion). **The motion carried: 9-6-2.** (For: Saucier, Heissler, Radenberg, Wieder, Mausner, Clark, Edelman, Polonsky, and Shmaeff) (Opposed: Hernandez, Goldberg, Bedrossian, Gonzalez, Lord and Mujumdar) (MacIntosh, Arbeitman abstained.) (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene & Susan Rogen).

Len said there will be another opportunity to review this at the November board meeting.

1. **Holiday Food Drive: (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to have a Holiday food drive at the TNCs October and November/December meetings to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the West Valley Food Pantry.” The motion carried unanimously: 18-0-0** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Joyce Greene and Susan Rogen).
2. **Board Business**: Terry noted that it was great seeing a full board present. Len will put together a gathering to review the Brown Act/Robert’s Rules of Order.

* **Adjournment:** 8:53 p.m. / Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -