**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday February 27, 2024**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:04p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer. **Roll Call:** **Quorum established with 17 board members**. Faryl Arbeitman, Sylvia Bedrossian, Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Bruno Hernandez, Susan Lord, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Paul Radenberg, Susan Rogen, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff, and Esther Wider. (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.) **Welcoming Remarks by Len Shaffer**.
2. **Remarks By Representatives Of Public Officials**: EmpowerLA Advocate Joel Gonzalez reported that board members must complete the new Gender Bias, Code of Conduct, Finance and Ethics trainings by late May or early June. March is Women’s History Month – On March 28th there will be an event at City Hall honoring exemplary women leaders in the NC system. Each NC needs to appoint a Homelessness Liaison rep going forward. Len announced that TNC already has two liaisons.
3. **Public Comments**: Hadid, a stakeholder, who lives at 6001 Shirley Ave. by Oxnard, spoke about a stormwater/flooding issue on his street because there are no sewers and a lake has formed in front of his house. There are also problems with people doing donuts on the street. He asked for help with these issues.
4. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** On behalf of Glenn Baily, Len noted that a report was received but it was not available for the meeting.
5. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris said one board member has 4 absences. Six absences in a 12-month period removes you from the board.
6. **Approval of Minutes: (Heissler/Wieder) moved approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2024 Special meeting as revised. The motion was approved unanimously: 17-0-0** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**7. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget** – March 20, 2024 is the date for the next Budget Committee meeting. After this date, there will be about $25,000 left to spend. Monies not spent by the end of May will be given back to the City except for the $10,000 rollover.

**Land Use** – Len stated that someone tried to get the Land Use Committee to reverse its decision about the proposed cell tower for the mosque on Lindley. The next Land Use meeting will be on March 19th.

**Outreach/Events –** Esther said the committee will stay on Zoom due to better participation. This year’s event planning for Earth Day is going smoothly but more volunteers are needed who can stay for the whole event. March 11 at 5:30 pm is the next date for this committee.

**Transportation & Public Safety –** No meeting was held in February. Susan spoke about two pending projects: a crosswalk for Tampa/Hatteras and a roundabout south of Reseda.

**Rules** – No report.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare –** Jeff spoke about the Community Impact Statement to amend the law to allow apartment dwellers to keep their pets if they got them during Covid. He noted that those who need this protection must present a specific letter to their landlord. Jeff talked about the successful ban on dogmeat in S. Korea and the impact it is having worldwide. He was interviewed by Mathew Clark on his podcast about this ban. The City animal shelters are overcrowded with dogs right now. Animal Services is working on increasing spaying and neutering services and the shelters are trying to increase fostering and adoptions. He encouraged board members to fostering a dog as it will help free up some space and save some dogs’ lives. The Budget Advocates’ report for the Department of Animal Services has been completed and includes a request for more funding for all of these services.

**Beautification** – Iris said the Councilmember’s office approved the light pole banner budget for next year.

**Homelessness** – Joyce talked about an encampment that was removed and someone else sleeping under a bridge by Van Alden. Len also mentioned a woman living in her SUV by the El Cab Country Club who might need homelessness services.

**DWP MOU Report –** Len asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for this position.

**VANC Report** – The Valley Alliance had someone from United Neighbors speaking on the housing element. A new map was promised and Len said the discussion was interesting.

**LANCC Report** – No report.

**NCSA Liaison** – No report.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – Someone (a man) said he heard that there hasn’t been any movement on this. A woman added that Lake Balboa NC is very active on this issue.

**8. (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the January 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024.” The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0 (MacIntosh ineligible).** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**9. (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Outreach/Events Committee to purchase a booth at the ONEgeneration May 18, 2024 Senior Symposium for $1,000. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Senior Symposium. Funds to come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0 (MacIntosh ineligible).** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**10.** **(Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve request from the Outreach/Events Committee to purchase a booth at the West Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair in April 2024 for $500. To be classified as Outreach, Events, West Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0 (MacIntosh ineligible).** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**11.** **(Goldberg/Lord) moved,** **“Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Homelessness Committee to purchase the following equipment for the Tiny Homes Community in Tarzana at a total cost NTE $1,920.00 from vendors TBD. 2 Canopies NTE $500, 2 Enclosed Bulletin Boards NTE $300, Speaker System NTE $190 and 4 Storage Racks NTE $930. To be classified as Community Improvement Projects, Tiny Homes, Equipment. Funds to come from Unallocated.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0 (MacIntosh ineligible).** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**12. (Goldberg/Greene) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024 to include the above items 9, 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 (MacIntosh ineligible).** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**13. (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the TNC Board confirm its intent that in conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and the LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, standing committees may, from time to time, meet virtually.”** **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0** (Absent: Christopher Ahuja, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Pam Majumdar and Terry Saucier.)

**14**. **Board Business:**

* Len explained EmpowerLA’s rules regarding holding meetings either as a hybrid format or totally as a virtual meeting.
* Regarding the new Code of Conduct training, Len said the new training will need to be taken in late May or early June. This includes committee members who are not on the board.
* Len wants to hold a session to explain the Brown Act and how it affects board members.
* Barry asked who is in charge of getting the lights fixed by the bikeway. Susan Rogen said it will take a long time to replace the copper wiring.
* Len said BONC is working on a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Los Angeles. There will be a public comment period after it comes out.
* DWP is changing the way they put in underground lines. Len explained how this will work.

 **15.**. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One