**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

SPECIAL MEETING

**Tuesday April 30, 2024 7:00 PM**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:09 p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer. Roll Call by Recording Secretary Eran Heissler: Quorum established with 14 board members. **Present:** Leonard Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Iris Polonsky, Paul Radenberg, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Susan Rogen, Barry Edelman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Duncan MacIntosh and Faryl Arbeitman. **Absent:** Christopher Ahuja, Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, Bruno Hernandez, Bob Shmaeff (arrived at 7:17 p.m.) and Esther Wieder.
2. **Welcoming Remarks**: Len announced that the Mayor has appointed a new general manager for EmpowerLA by the name of Carmen Chang. Len added that LAPD Sr.Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins will be participating in a bike ride for fallen officers.
3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**: West Valley Area Representative for the Mayor’s Office, David Bright, introduced himself. [David.Bright@lacity.org](mailto:David.Bright@lacity.org). He spoke about the budget that Mayor Karen Bass has proposed. Further discussion ensued about what to do about late night noise, homelessness, RVs parked on the road, and whether the federal government is providing assistance to get the unhoused, housed.

A stakeholder, Daniel Rivera, addressed David about issues with homelessness. He said he was trying to video a group of 20 homeless but was chased away.

1. **Public Comments:** Sharon Brewer said there was a problem with cars stopping in traffic on Reseda Blvd. to attend an event at the senior center on Friday.
2. **Budget Advocate:** Sharon Brewer stated that the Budget Advocates have presented their report to the City’s Budget Committee. Budget Day is June 15, 2024 at City Hall.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris Polonsky reported that one person has missed 6 meetings and another person has missed 5 meetings within 12 months. She also updated the board on who needs to complete trainings.
4. **Approval of minutes of the March 26, 2024** (Heissler/Lord) moved approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2024 board meeting as revised. The motion passed unanimously: 15-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, MacIntosh and Arbeitman.

**8. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget –** Harvey reported that if all the requests for funding are approved, the remaining amount in the TNC budget will be $11,800. Anything in excess of $10,000 will be lost at the end of the fiscal year due to the rollover back to the City. May 22, 2024 will be the last meeting to submit budget requests. In June, he will put together the budget for the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2024.

**Land Use** – No report.

**Outreach** – Len commended Terry on the success of Earth Day. Terry then went on to thank everyone who helped out on the event saying that everyone had fun.

**Events** – No report.

**Transportation** – There was no meeting last month and Susan will not be able to attend for the next two months due to family travels. Len suggested scheduling her meetings via Zoom.

**Public Safety** – No report.

**Rules** – No report.

**Government Action** – Len hopes to get this committee back again.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said the budget for Animal Services is being cut instead of increased. He predicts this will be hard to improve conditions for spaying and neutering and the shelters will continue to be overcrowded. The good new is that emergency funding has been provided for an addl. 120 staff. This unanimously passed the City Council. Also, on April 9th, the Breeder License Moratorium passed City Council. New breeder licenses will be suspended as of May 27th. 1,479 dogs are now housed at the City’s six animal shelters. They are now at 201% of capacity. Jeff has been appointed to the GM’s Advisory Board. He has been meeting with GM Staci Gains for the past few months. There is a new Spay/Neuter and Illegal Animal Task Force to cite backyard breeders. RACO (Reserve Animal Control Officers) is coming back and will be made up of volunteers. A major part of their job will be to enforce spay/neuter laws. On April 14th, there was a very successful dog adoption event at the Park in which ten dogs were adopted. Jeff cautioned everyone to watch out for foxtails as they are now everywhere and very destructive to outdoor animals.

**Beautification** – Iris has been approached by different representatives for a potential clean up in the TNC area. There is an upcoming event at Pan Pacific Park on May 21 at 10 a.m. Contact her for more details.

**Homelessness** – Susan Lord said some people have been put into bridge housing from the Tiny Homes. However, there are feelings of contentiousness between the residents of the Tiny Homes and neighbors who don’t want them there. This is a citywide problem. She suggested having a Town Hall to see if a solution can be found. But she added that the Tiny Homes are attracting homeless who bring other issues into the neighborhoods, including selling drugs there and attracting seedy types of people. Harvey suggested facilitating a meeting with Councilmember Blumenfield, the residents of the Tiny Homes and neighbors to try to reach a solution. There was discussion about the parents of the Discovery School not dropping off their kids where they are supposed to due to complaints about the residents of the Tiny Homes, and this is causing issues with cars blocking the roadway and residents’ driveways. Sharon Brewer asked about whether there are cameras installed to monitor the Tiny Homes.

**DWP MOU Report -** Terry is looking for someone to share this commitment with her. Len spoke about the salary that the new GM of DWP.

**VANC Report –** Len talked about an interesting presentation that took place at their last meeting. SkyRail has a Sepulveda Pass transit plan for an all-electric monorail.

**LANCC Report** – Len said this meeting was not very exciting.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry said a vote was taken to support a ban of artificial turf. A plastic reduction plan has been put together by 20 different organizations and that was the plan approved by NCSA and presented to the city.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – No report.

9. **MER Approval**: (Goldberg/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the March 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of March 31, 2024.”

The motion passed unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Outreach Budget Request**: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Outreach Committee to purchase 1,000 reusable shopping tote bags with TNC logo and website for $1.49/each plus print setup, shipping and tax. Total cost NTE $1,850.00. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, General Promo Items. Funds to come from Unallocated.)”

Jeff Mausner suggested ordering more bags as there is money left in the budget. Since there was no interest in supporting his motion revision, he withdrew his motion.

The motion passed unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Beautification Committee Budget Request**: (Goldberg/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Beautification Committee to purchase 50 (25 pairs) banners for installation on light poles in Tarzana from Gold Metropolitan Media at a total cost of $5,629.38. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Banners. Funds to come from Unallocated.”

Goldberg/Rogen then amended the motion adding, “In addition to $200 for the repair of 14

banners (7 pair) and $660 to install the 14 repaired banners and 4 new banners in inventory and $990 for 12 months of service to maintain these banners and all others that are currently in place. The total cost NTE $7,500.00. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Banners. Funds to come from Unallocated.”

The motion to amend passed unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

The amended motion then was approved unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Zoom Budget Request:** (Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve request from the request from our President to purchase two (2) Zoom licenses to facilitate Zoom meetings at a cost of $220/each. Total cost NTE $490. To be classified as Operations, General, Meeting Expenses. Funds to come from Unallocated.”

The motion was approved unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Revised Budget Motion:** (Shaffer/Shmaeff) 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 was approved unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Land Use Recommendation:** (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS support of CF 23-0623 (ED 1 ordinance) if amended in part but not limited to the following:

1. Limit the number of waivers and off menu incentives to a total of 6;

2. Require 15-foot rear yard setback to allow for trees and storm water capture;

3. Prevent conversion of non-residential spaces to market rate units pre or post-development;

4. Protect R-1 and more restrictive single-family zones, HPOZ, and Historic Districts in their entirety;

5. Ensure that properties adjoining substandard streets or in high fire zones do not qualify for ED 1 fast track approval:

6. Require ED 1 projects meet the minimum Tier 2 TOC distance to transit to qualifications.

7. Specify the projects under ED 1 that do not meet the above requirements go through the normal discretionary approval process.

The motion was approved unanimously: 14-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, and Arbeitman. (MacIntosh ineligible).

1. **Executive Committee Motion:** (Shaffer/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS supporting CF 23-1023 as amended by the City Council’s Energy and Environment Committee relating to delay of approvals by the LADWP of 100% affordable housing including how new power infrastructure is paid for by the first and subsequent developments.”

The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0.with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, Arbeitman and MacIntosh.

**16.** **Resignation:** (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to accept the resignation of Board member Pam Majundar. Len reported that March 26, 2024, he received a letter announcing the resignation of Pam Majundar as she is moving out of state.” The motion passed unanimously: 15-0-0 with those in favor: Heissler, Shaffer, Mausner, Goldberg, Polonsky, Radenberg, Clark, Lord, Saucier, Rogen, Edelman, Shmaeff, Gonzalez, MacIntosh and Arbeitman.

**17.Board Business** – Unidentified board member addressed Andrew who commended him for his heartfelt public comments. Len said TNC held a Town Meeting several years ago at which the public got to express their feelings about homelessness. He talked about how things have deteriorated over the years and how affordable housing could help with these issues. Susan Rogen said she spoke with the Councilmember’s office about what could be done.

**18.**. **Adjournment** at 9:24 p.m.

**-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-**