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**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday May 28, 2024**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** by TNC President Len Shaffer at 7:14 p.m.

Roll Call by Recording Secretary Eran Heissler: Quorum established with 16 board members. **Present:** Christopher Ahuja, Sylvia Bedrossian, Leonard Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Iris Polonsky, Paul Radenberg, Matthew Clark, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Susan Rogen, Barry Edelman, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Bob Shmaeff and Esther Wieder. **Absent:** Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.

1. **Welcoming Remarks** by Len Shaffer and discussion of the rules of the meeting.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**:

Ryan Valencia, Deputy Represent for Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. He brought a plaque and public commendation to honor Jeff Mausner for his contributions to animal rights. Jeff said after working on banning the dog meat trade in S. Korea (saving the lives of about 1MM a year), his efforts will be focused on Vietnam.

Joel Gonzalez for EmpowerLA, the new GM is Carmen Chiang. The EmpowerLA emails are getting a lot of spam and they are working on fixing this by next month. June 3, 2024 is the deadline for the required trainings for board and committee members. Zoom licenses are now available for the NCs to go virtual.

1. **Presentation: Cancelled**. Len informed the board that a hearing was previously held on this. RDC Collective Corp. (“RDC”), a medical and adult-use cannabis retailer located at 18448 W. Oxnard St.
2. **Public Comments** – A resident of Tarzana (could not hear her name) who complained about noise since 2020 (drumming sessions). She approached the neighbor but was met with hostility.
3. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report**: Len said he has not seen a report in May. Budget Day is June 15, 2024 at City Hall.
4. **Executive Secretary’s Report:**  Iris reported that two board members have 5 absences. One member exceeded those absences. She also updated the board on where they stood on trainings. Len added that as of June 3, 2024, if you haven’t taken the code of conduct training, you can be suspended from participating on the board.

**8.** **Minutes of Special Board Meeting**: (Heissler/Macintosh) moved approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2024 Special Meeting with noted revisions. **The motion carried unanimously: 16-0-0. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**9. Committee and other Reports:**

**Budget** – The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be Monday, June 17, 2024. Let him know by June 12th if they have an item on the agenda. If everything is approved at this meeting, $6,400 will be let in the budget and that can be rolled over to the next fiscal year.

**Land Use** – No Land Use Committee meeting this month but in June, it will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. There will be a presentation regarding the latest proposed Community Plan for Tarzana. Paul asked whether Trader Joe’s is going in to replace where Whole Foods was located. Terry asked about a bill to sell an ADU as a condo.

**Outreach** – Terry talked about the new bags and gave a report on the Earth Day certificates.

**Events** – Esther said they had a great event at One Generation. She thanked everyone who participated.

**Transportation** – Susan said they did not have a meeting in May. She will hold her next meeting on June 17th before the Budget Committee.

**Public Safety** – Susan is reading up on Realtime Crime Centers which is a computer aided dispatch center. Cities that have it have cut their crime by 40%. It involved video streaming. Glendale has it in place. So does Beverly Hills.

**Rules** – Len may be calling for a meeting and asked if anyone has any changes to the bylaws.

**Government Action** – No meeting.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff says the Animal Services Dept. got less than they got last year; the proposed amount did not go through. Not adequately funding spay and neuter is pennywise and pound foolish.

The breeder permit moratorium passed City Council and was signed by the Mayor. It went into effect yesterday but more Animal Control officers are needed to enforce this.

**Beautification** – Iris said banners will be going up very soon. There was a Beautification conference but she wasn’t able to go. She will try to hold a meeting in July.

**Homelessness** – No meeting was held in May

**DWP MOU Report** – No report.

**VANC Report** – The Valley Alliance had the Emergency Preparedness G.M., Carol Parks, come to the meeting. They were looking to add 3 new positions which they did not get.

**LANCC Report** – Len said a motion was discussed requesting that the confirmation for the new GM for EmpowerLA should be delayed for 30 days so the NCs around the City could interview her, since she is lacking in experience. This did not happen. The City Council approved her right away and there was a lot of contention over this. Her main employment has been with immigrant groups’ that are nonprofits and working on President Barack Obama’s presidential campaign.

**NCSA Liaison –** Chris is no longer serving on this committee. Terry would like to give a presentation on the hazards and proposed ban of artificial turf.

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**10. April Expenditures & MER:** (Goldberg/Lord) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the April 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of April 30, 2024.” **The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**11. NPG for $3,000:** (Goldberg/ Ahuja) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Tarzana Community and Cultural Center for an NPG for $3,000.00 to support their student summer program. To be classified as NPG, Tarzana Community and Cultural Center. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously: 14-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Iris Polonsky recused herself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.** (Len helped negotiate the purchase the property for this. Because he had been involved there more than ten years ago, he wanted everyone to know about this.)

**12. NPG for $1,998.93:** (Goldberg/Clark) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from In Defense of Animals for an NPG for $1,998.93 for the purchase of supplies for the West Valley Animal Shelter. To be classified as NPG, In Defense of Animals. Funds to come from Unallocated**.” The motion carried unanimously: 14-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Jeff Mausner recused himself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**13. Purchase Sound System for $600.00:** (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from our President to purchase a new Fender Passport 2 sound system to replace our existing 18-year-old system that requires repair. Total cost NTE $600.00, vendor TBD. To be classified as Operations, General, Sound Equipment. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

14. **NPG for $2,047.95:** (Goldberg/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from Tarzana Elementary School for an NPG for $2,047.95 to fund the Renaissance Star Reading Program for the 2024-25 school year. To be classified as NPG, Tarzana Elementary School Reading Program. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Iris Polonsky recused herself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**15. Contribution of $500.00 for Budget Day:** (Goldberg/Ahuja) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve a contribution of $500.00 to the Neighborhood Council Budget Day. To be classified as Operations, General, Board Retreat and Training, Budget Day. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Iris Polonsky recused herself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**16. Contribution of $1,000 to Congress of NCs:** (Goldberg/Lord) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve a contribution of $1,000.00 to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods. To be classified as Operations, General, Board Retreat and Training, Congress of Neighborhoods. Funds to come from Unallocated.” **The motion carried unanimously: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Iris Polonsky recused herself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

**17. Banners for Light Poles:** (Goldberg/Macintosh) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts

the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve the request from the Beautification Committee previously submitted to the Budget Committee to purchase 50 (25 pairs) banners for installation on light poles in Tarzana from Gold Metropolitan Media at a cost of $5,629.38, and $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 carried unanimously: 15-0-0.**

**Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Iris Polonsky recused herself. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

 **18. Budget Amendment**: (Goldberg/Edelman) 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, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, to the extent not previously budgeted 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: 15-0-0. Ineligible: Bob Shmaeff. Absent: Faryl Arbeitman, Leon Antonio Gonzalez and Bruno Hernandez.**

Harvey said that in the future, multiple items to be voted on that are not controversial may be grouped together as a consent item.

 **19**. **Board Business:** Duncan talked about replacing artificial turf with horse manure and compost. He handed out 50 samples of this at the Earth Day event. He has gotten agreement from Sanitation on a donation of these materials as a community resource for homeowners and landscapers. He was looking for a way to do a motion on this.

Len recommended everyone attend Budget Day on June 15th. On June 4th, BONC is holding a meeting in Encino at the Park just west of Balboa at 6 p.m.

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**19.**. Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.