**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday April 22, 2025**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer. Roll Call: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer. **Quorum established with 12 board members**. Welcoming Remarks by Len. Absent: Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, and Bob Shmaeff. (Eran stated that Susan Lord and Paul Radenberg have left the board).
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**:

**Safi Lodin**, Councilmember Blumenfield’s Field Deputy: about 1,600 workers will be laid off from the city’s departments due to the budget deficit. The councilmember introduced two motions: 1. to convert all of the Orange Line’s lights in the district to solar panels (just for CD3) and 2., to obtain funding for 60 license plate reader cameras. There is a new vendor who can provide a more high-tech 360 view. These have the capability to use as evidence after a crime has been committed. The $1.1 M cost for the cameras is going before the City Council.

Eran asked about the roundabout for Reseda Boulevard: Safi said updates on the design are moving forward. Regarding changing the times for parking by the end of Reseda Blvd. by Braemar CC, a petition needs to be completed by nearby property owners.

**Dee Abrams, Field Deputy for Supervisor Horwath’s office**, replacing Daniel. The FEMA debris removal is moving forward. They are working to secure authorization to restore the beaches. LA Board of Supervisors approved Supv. Horvath’s motion to reconfigure Homeless Services to one unified county department with the goal of improving accountability and efficiency. Stage 3 is focused on integrating public health, mental health and public homeless services. July 1, 2025 is the deadline to start this process with July 1, 2026 to have the new department completed. Supv. Horvath is working on opportunities to increase women in construction with METRO.

**Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate** (didn’t hear her name): April 26th is Service Day, LA; community cleanups will take place across Los Angeles; Homeless Liaison meeting, April 30th, 6 p.m. (virtually) to share information; 101 Workshops are set up for certified candidates running for the NC elections.

* Duncan is doing a project with the USDA for greening the cities. He asked if the people doing these projects, NRSA of the USDA, could be integrated into these events.
* Harvey asked about the city’s budget. She confirmed the $25K allocation for the NCs. While there are certain departments expected to be consolidated (Len said there were four departments), EmpowerLA is not one of the them.

1. **Public Comments**:

* John Rollins is a candidate for the L.A. City Council. He is a Tarzana stakeholder. He has an MBA from USC. He is a volunteer in the community doing cleanups and wants accountability for homelessness, public safety and street improvements.
* Barri Worth Gervan is a candidate for the L.A. City Council. She has nearly two decades of experience in public service. She is also a stakeholder and wants to improve the economic vitality for the city and is interested in making the government work better. She works for Supervisor Horvath.
* Tim Gaspar is a candidate for the L.A. City Council. He was raised in the Valley and had an insurance agency. He is on the board of the West Valley YMCA, Discovery Cube, Metro YMCA, CSUN, etc. His priorities are to get back to a clean and safe environment for families to walk and get ice cream without having to worry about being accosted. He is also a proponent of supporting small businesses.
* Anna Measles asked whether the ballot for the TNC election will require postage. After being told it would, she did not think seniors would want to pay for their own postage.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report**: Glenn Bailey, representing Region 3, and co-chair of the Budget Advocates, said individuals and organizations can file a comment regarding the proposed budget (CF25-06-00). For more info: CEO.lacity.org. The city may ask for any monies not used by NCs in the fiscal year to be rolled over to the city. NC Budget Advocates will be giving a presentation next Monday at City Hall to present their White Paper and recommendations. Budget Day at City Hall is Saturday, June 21st. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Breakfast is included.

**7:58 p.m. Meeting recessed to allow TNC Candidates to introduce themselves.**

**8:05 p.m. Meeting resumed.**

1. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris said Paul Radenberg has missed six meeting and will be dismissed from the TNC board.
2. **Approval of minutes of the TNC March 25, 2025 board meeting**. (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes as revised. **The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.**

Voting Yea: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

Absent: Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, and Bob Shmaeff.

**Committee and other Reports**

**7. Executive Committee**

**a. Motion regarding support of SB79: (Shaffer/MacIntosh) moved**: “Resolved: the TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS supporting CF 25-0002-S19 as follows:

SB79 expands the area around transit for the construction of six to seven story apartments in all zones, extending it to a full one-half mile. Although SB79 begins by referring to fixed rail lines, further on in the proposed legislation it expands to include busways and other bus corridors by the citation of Public Resources Code Sec 21155. When defining major transit stops Section 21155 states ”A major transit stop is as defined in Section 21064.3, except that, for purposes of this section, it also includes major transit stops that are included in the applicable regional transportation plan. For purposes of this section, a high-quality transit corridor means a corridor with fixed route bus service with service intervals no longer than 15 minutes during peak commute hours”. It also includes buses that use “ transit priority lanes for some or all of the route”. .There are several bus lines throughout the valley and greater Los Angeles that fit within this definition.

Projects that are proposed pursuant to SB79 would qualify for ministerial approval. Although the bill cites height of 75 feet, 65 feet and 55 feet projects could qualify for density bonuses allowing structures perhaps as tall as 105 feet.

All of this ignores the underlying zoning. Any land within a one-half mile radius, residential, industrial or commercial is fair game for development. Valley residents have just been involved in a major effort to preserve single family residential areas. Their efforts helped with the development of the recently adopted Housing Element of the General Plan. SB79 would render much of this hard work null and void.

**The motion carried unanimously: 12-0-0.**

Voting Yea: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, and Bob Shmaeff.

b. **Budget item / Refreshments:** (Goldberg/Mausner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board supports the Executive Committee’s recommendation to support the Joint South Valley Neighborhood Councils meeting on May 31st (Town Hall) by purchasing refreshments not to exceed $200.00. Funds to come from Meetings, Refreshments.

* Len stated that there will be a Valley Alliance of NCs Brown Acted - posted meeting for all 17 NCs in the Valley regarding this at the Encino Community Center on May 31st on Balboa Blvd. from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
* Glenn Bailey said the Encino NC Budget Committee is asking for $100 for refreshments but is looking to bump it up to $250.00.
* Anna Measles said the VANC meeting would be coming up before the Canoga Park NC meeting and therefore, could not be posted in time to get on their agenda.

**The motion carried unanimously:**

Voting Yea: Voting Yea: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

Absent: Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, and Bob Shmaeff.

Ineligible: Duncan MacIntosh

Opposed: None.

**8.** **Budget:** Expenditures need to be sent to Harvey by May 14th when he has to post the next Budget Committee agenda. Presently, he estimates $10K - $11K may be unspent at the end of this fiscal year. Jeff suggested anyone who needs a name badge/name plate to order them now.

1. **MER Vote**: (Goldberg/Polonsky): “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the March 2025 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025.”

**The motion carried unanimously:**

Voting Yea: Voting Yea: Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

Absent: Sylvia Bedrossian, Joyce Greene, and Bob Shmaeff.

Ineligible: Duncan MacIntosh

Opposed: None.

**10. Outreach:** Terry thanked everyone whoshowed up to help with the Earth Day event and poster contest. This was the 12th annual event with lots of amazing sponsors. She also talked about the Disaster Preparedness Fair. Iris thanked Terry for her work on Earth Day. The next tabling event will be held at One Generation: May 17th, 9 a.m. – noon.

11. **Events:** A new chairperson is needed. Len said there will be an orientation after the election to show new board members how they can get involved.

**12. Transportation/Public Safety:** Susan talked about the upcoming vote for license plate readers which she has been lobbying for.

**13. Animal Welfare:** Jeff talked about overcrowding at the city animal shelters: (at 122% capacity for dogs); increasing programs for spaying and neutering is the answer. The budget for the next year includes cuts of $9MM from the requested amount by budget advocates while the Mayor’s budget will cut the food supply for the shelters in half. The Sister City Project has not been scheduled for a vote before the City Council. CM Blumenfield introduced the motion 2/21/25. CIS has been filed to CF 25-0193. VANC unanimously supported a resolution to support this file. This motion will not cost the city anything. Jeff says the Mayor is holding up the vote on this.

**14. Beautification:** Iris said they have lost a lot of banners due to wind damage. She is looking to reorder them.

**15.** **Homelessness:** No report.

**16. Rules:** No report.

**17. Government Action:** No report.

**18. Ad Hoc VNY:** No report.

**19. Ad Hoc Elections:** No report.

**20. NCSA:** Terry stated that there is a hold on the city’s brush clearing recommendations to the fire areas where it was suggested that trees be cut down.

**21. VANC:** Len reported on the recent meeting’s speakers.Funding was the topic.

**22**. **LANCC:** Len was not there. Glenn said the meeting was recorded. They did a presentation on the Needs Assessment and the NC funding. The work group has launched and the first meeting was held last night. There will be five more meetings. Send any suggestions on ways to improve the city budget to VANC.

**23. DWP MOU:** No report.

**24**. **Board Business:** A Town Hall will be held on May 31st from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. sponsored by VANC. All 17 Valley NCs are invited.

**25.**  **Adjournment**: 8:58 p.m.

- Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -