**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday June 24, 2025**

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** at 7:11 p.m. by **TNC President Len Shaffer**. **Roll Call**: **Quorum established with 14 board members.** Attending were: Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer. Welcoming Remarks by Len.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

The rep for Congressman Sherman announced they will be holding a Town Hall at Canoga Park High School on Saturday, July 12, 2025. It is going to live stream. They have 940 RSVPs.

**Katie Abrams, L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath’s field deputy**, spoke about the Sepulveda Corridor / Metro Line alternative routes with upcoming meetings in July and August at the Rec. Center. Len suggested they have a stop at the underground station at UCLA.

The supervisor’s office is partnering with Childcare Center for a July 19th event. The supervisor attended the LA City Water Resiliency Summit and she will issue recommendations for their plan. Katie talked about the ICE raids and how the supervisor is responding to that situation.

**Safi Lodin**, Councilmember Blumenfield’s Field Deputy, stated: the lighting issue by the Orange Line bus station is expected to be resolved next month. License plate readers are also scheduled to start next month. They are working with Topanga and West Valley Division to ensure the 60 cameras they are going to be using at different locations are supported. The city budget will require layoffs of many city employees and there is no telling how it will affect city services. The July 4th extravaganza is scheduled at Warner Park with fireworks at 9 p.m.

1. **Public Comments:**

Glenn Bailey, speaking as an individual, spoke about the informative presentation on SB79 at the last VANC meeting. VANC will hold a wrap up session on the election process at the end of July where you can express any concerns or issues you have.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:** Len spoke about BudgetDay and Glenn, who also was representing, thanked everyone who attended. There was a portion of the event recorded and he will share it when he gets it. He talked about some of the breakout sessions. There is an opening in Region 3 for a Budget Advocate. The motion to increase funding to NCs is still sitting in the Budget and Finance Committee. Currently, the amount proposed by the Mayor is $25K. The proposal is for $7K more to bring it up to $32K.

1. **Executive Secretary’s Report:** Iris said Duncan has not completed his anti-bias training so he cannot vote on financial motions. Sylvia needs to take her Ethics and Funding trainings. Attendance tracking starts anew at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.
2. **Approval of minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting:** (Heissler/Greene) moved approval of the minutes. Susan suggested a revision to the amount for the license plate readers: $900,000 (as opposed to $900.00). Havey noted the meeting incorrectly stated that it ended at 7:15 p.m. (It should have been 9:15 p.m.)

**The revised minutes carried unanimously.**

**Voting Yea:** (14) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

**Committee and other Reports**

7**. Executive Committee**

a. (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the payment of ongoing expenses as follows: For the fiscal year 2025-2026, the TNC authorizes its Treasurer or other designee to pay previously budgeted recurring monthly or periodic expenses, in small amounts, defined as those not to exceed $75/day for each item and expense classification category. These expenses include, but are not limited to, supplies, copies and postage for committees, Board and committee meetings, officers, and committee chairperson expenses etc., and refreshments for meetings (other than Board meetings) etc. The recurring expenses are AppleOne, or other temporary staffing agencies for preparation of minutes or other clerical functions not to exceed ("NTE") $400/meeting, Net Atlantic or other such company for mailing list maintenance and distribution NTE $40/month and The Web Corner or other such company for web site hosting and maintenance NTE $150 for each month’s services and the purchase of food and refreshments for Board meetings from any vendors NTE $300 per meeting.”

Sharon Brewer listed her concerns about this process.

**The motion carried unanimously:**

**Voting Yea:** (13) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

**Ineligible:** (1) Duncan MacIntosh

b. **Approve Administrative Packet re: Second Signers, Card Holders, & Alternate Second Signer:** (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the Administrative Packet for fiscal year 2025-2026 with the currently named officers, card holders, second signer and alternate second signer.”

**The motion carried unanimously:**

**Voting Yea:** (13) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

**Ineligible:** (1) Duncan MacIntosh

c. **Agenda for Special Meeting**: (Shaffer/Greene) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to direct the current President, with the assistance of DONE to adopt and post an agenda for a special meeting to be scheduled during the first two weeks of July 2025 that includes but is not limited to the following: Installation of newly elected board members; election of officers; appointment of committee chairs: appointment of financial officers; and discussion of the TNC Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Brown Act, Rosenberg’s Rules all necessary and mandatory training.”

(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved to revise the motion to: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to direct the current President, with the assistance of DONE to adopt and post an agenda for a special meeting to be scheduled July 7, 2025 that includes but is not limited to the following: Installation of newly elected board members; election of officers; appointment of committee chairs: appointment of financial officers; and discussion of the TNC Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Brown Act, Rosenberg’s Rules all necessary and mandatory training.”

* Glenn Bailey noted that the installation is a formality; there are no officers after June 30, 2025. He believes this is a very disruptive process to most NCs.
* Terry congratulated the board members who are rejoining the board.

**The motion carried unanimously:**

**Voting Yea:** (14) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Duncan MacIntosh, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

d. **Affirming The Web Corner for web-related Services:** (Shaffer/Saucier) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve a resolution affirming use of the services of The Web Corner as the TNC webmaster for fiscal year 2025-2026.”

**The motion carried unanimously:**

**Voting Yea:** (13) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

**Ineligible:** (1) Duncan MacIntosh

**Consent Calendar** – (**Goldberg/Bedrossian) moved Items 8a through 8d be voted on together as a consent calendar. There were no objections or public comments:**

1. **Budget:** Harvey stated that the carryover for the TNC budget will be just over $11,000 for the next fiscal year, in addition to the $25,000 allocated for the new budget. Prior to the end of the year, grants were authorized in the amount of $2,500 to each of the schools ($15,000 total). That money used up all the money for grants and the administrative budget. So there will be $10,000 less for Earth Day and anything else that the board wants to do.

He received a grant request from the Tarzana Community Center to support their art program in the amount of $5,000. Since there wasn’t time to allocate funding to this grant at the time the request was made, he suggested they request funding next March 2026. So, he suggested that if board members want to spend any monies, come in early and ask for it.

When asked by Barry whether the NC budget would be increased to $32,000, he added that the disturbances downtown with ICE cost $36 MM for emergency LAPD overtime. He said he did not anticipate the city allocating any more money.

July 16, 2025 is the next Budget Committee date.

a. **May 2025 MER:** “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the May 2025 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of May 31, 2025.”

b. **Reclassify Previously Budgeted Expenses**: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to accept the request of the City Clerk to reclassify the previously budgeted expenditures, $500 for the Congress of Neighborhoods and $250 for Budget Day from Operations, General, Board Retreat and Training to Outreach, Events, Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Day. These actual expenditures have been classified in the new expense category in the May 2025 financial statements.”

c. **Approve the Administrative Budget**: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the Administrative Package and Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Total Office/Operational Expenses $10,955, Neighborhood Purpose Grants $14,045, Total Budget $25,000.”

d. **Revised Budget: “**Resolved: The TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025 to include the item 8 b 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.”

**All four motions carried unanimously as part of the consent calendar:**

**Voting Yea:** (13) Sylvia Bedrossian, Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Harvey Goldberg, Jeff Mauser, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, and Len Shaffer.

**Opposed:** (0)

**Abstaining:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

**Ineligible:** (1) Duncan MacIntosh

10. **Outreach:** Terry said they are helping to promote local events and info from the Mayor’s office and the Dept. of Animal Services.

11. Events – No report.

12. **Transportation/Public Safety** – Sue said the roundabout was finally installed on Reseda Blvd., south of Ventura Blvd. Eran said it is slowing down traffic tremendously. Sue noted that several fatalities had occurred at that location previously.

* Robin Tobin commented on the rotary noting that it is difficult for people who walk to know where to cross.
* Len went to Coffee with a Cop in Valley Village at a Farmers Market. He thought it would be a good way to bring people in to get more involved.

13**. Animal Welfare** – Jeff urged everyone to read “Mayor Bass Strikes Out on Animal Welfare.” It’s on CityWatch, June 2, 2025. Several animal welfare groups are circulating petitions with tens of thousands of signatures when it comes to these issues. The shelters are at 127% capacity today.

14. **Beautification** – Iris addressed the question about the roundabout saying at the grand opening,

CM Blumenfield asked for some Beautification ideas. She has looked at roundabouts in Calabasas

and is researching ideas to make it more attractive.

15.  **Homelessness** – Joyce said their last meeting at Sunflower was cancelled. She doesn’t know

what is going on with the sober living facilities but is hoping it is still in the works.

* Barry asked if the people there would be transitioning out of there. She said they are not sure how they are going to transition.
* Iris added that as of July 1, 2025, the Tiny Homes would require residents be clean and sober, according to CM Blumenfield’s office.
* Sima talked about her daughter taking the Orange Line and it not being safe in the parking lot. It appears to be a community of drug users.
* Barry is reporting incidents over there. He said it goes up and down and needs constant monitoring.

16. Rules – No report.

17. **Government Action** – Len said this committee looks at council files. They have been doing this through the executive committee, but it would be more efficient if people were on this committee.

18. Ad Hoc VNY – No report.

19. **NCSA** – Terry said at the June 8th meeting there was a great presentation on microplastics

which was recorded and can be seen online. She talked about a Council File that they are opposing:

CF-250002 which has to do with a motion regarding requirements by insurance companies for brush

clearance and pruning of trees.

20. **VANC** – Len said SB79 was the main topic at the last meeting. Len said it passed by a single vote in the senate. The cosponsor was the majority senate leader and that influenced the vote. It now goes to the assembly. Len will send an email to everyone but stated that NCs cannot take a stand on it but individuals can. While the city is opposed to this bill, there has been no movement forward to declare that opposition to the legislature. He encouraged board members to speak as individuals, but not as a board member, to their legislators. Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel is the representative for Tarzana.

* Len explained the bill: On page 20, Section L. there is a definition of transit stops which defines where these multi-story residential complexes can be built. Len said if this passes, it will be devastating in the Valley as well as other main corridors throughout the city.
* Terry suggested making phone calls to legislators.
* Harvey also suggested each person writing their own letter as more letters will get their attention.
* Barry asked if it becomes law, wouldn’t it be challenged in court?
* Several board members said it would be too late to challenge it.
* Terry suggested contacting Encino NC to see how they did it.
* Susan said she spoke with Assemblymember’s office and they have not taken any action on it yet.
* Glenn Bailey received a notification for a hearing on July 2, 2025. He noted that Tarzana would be particularly hard hit by this legislation.
* Barry asked if there could be a post about this on social media. Len wasn’t sure what they could say publicly.
* Harvey asked for some older items on the website to be removed.
* Terry responded to the items on the website saying they were left there to promote past accomplishments.

21. LANCC – No report.

22. **DWP MOU** – Glenn said there will not be a July meeting. Len is looking for participants for the

Action committee and the MOU meeting. It is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Saturday of the month,

virtually. Terry is already involved with one of these.

23. **Board Business:** Terry asked how to proceed with the Sustainability Committee’s five Council File recommendations. Harvey suggested bringing it to the executive committee. Len agreed.

Sima asked if TNC could provide comments about the proposed routes for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and she proposed holding a Tarzana Winter Market for the holidays with different vendors. Len noted that it would cost money to close a portion of Ventura Blvd.

24. **Adjournment at 9:13 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One