

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday January 22, 2019

Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium
5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. Call to Order at 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC, Roll Call: Pam Blattner, Scott Diamond, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff arrived at 7:17 p.m., Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, and Esther Wieder. (Susan Lord and Joyce Greene left the meeting at 7:30). Quorum established with 18 board members. (Absent: Barry Edelman & Terry Saucier) Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.

2. Remarks by representatives of public officials:

Svetlana Pravina, Councilmember Blumenfield's office, announced that the Homeless Count was taking place that evening. Was working with L.A. Conservation Corp to get them an office in their building. The councilmember launched a new transportation management organization – a new bus line with stops throughout Warner Center; it's a public/private sponsorship. The street vending ordinance is in affect as of Jan. 1st. They can now sell food if they have permits.

Kathleen Quinn, EmpowerLA: EmpowerLA is making an effort to help NCs for election outreach. Len asked whether there is any resolution to finding LAUSD or Rec and Parks locations for elections.

3. Public Comments – None.

4. Budget Advocate Report – Jeff said the White Paper is almost finished. See: www.NCBALA.com. The City is in a financial deficit. Next meeting is Feb. 4th at City Hall.

5. Executive Secretary's Attendance Report – Max reported that no one on the board has more than four absences.

6. Minutes - Approval of minutes of December 11, 2018 meeting. (Heissler/Goldberg) moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of the November and December 2018 MERS, (expenditures for submission to City Clerk) and approval of the Financial Statements for November 30, 2018 and December 31, 2018. The motion for agenda items: 7, 8, 9 and 10 were approved unanimously.

11. Committee and other Reports:

Outreach – Jennifer gave the date for the next Outreach meeting.

Events – Esther said everything is in order for the next Earth Day event where five schools participate with poster boards for prizes. Earth Day will be held Sat. April 6th at Tarzana Park.

Land Use – David said that the next Land Use meeting will most likely be hearing from three, mixed-use project reps. There is a process and procedures ordinance before the City Council which David will explain at his next meeting.

Budget – Harvey said there is approximately \$15,000 left in the budget which needs to be allocated by the May meeting of TNC.

Transportation – Max received a letter indicating that a cost benefit analysis is being done by Metro on the request to provide restrooms at transit stops. Trees blocking stop signs have been trimmed on Topeka and Linden; speed limit on Reseda and Mecca has been raised to 40 mph; LADOT has not responded on problems with right turns on southbound Reseda to westbound 101; tree root issues partially fixed; zero emission electric buses will be on the road by 2040; 112 electric buses are to be purchased by L.A. Transit by 2030; FTA is considering congestion pricing on freeways and some main streets. Fees would go toward public transit. Article was in L.A. Times, 1-22-19.

Public Safety: On Jan. 28 she will attend a meeting on making L.A. resilient.

Rules: No report.

Government Action: No report.

Animal Welfare: Jeff said the City's shelters achieved no kill for dogs in 2018 (96.3%). This has brought up morale at all of the shelters. However for cats the live save rate was 83.6% and 88% for kittens. This may be due to the trap, neuter injunction. Efforts are underway to get that overturned. Jeff shared a Thank You card from the West Valley shelter volunteers.

DWP MOU: Michael said there is a meeting on 1/31/19 with DWP regarding a small park that has no water and is not getting maintenance.

VANC Report: LADWP shared info at this meeting. They offer free energy audits for homeowners. The City Clerk spoke about funding and said they are enforcing funding rules that they weren't enforcing before. 3-14-19 is the date for the VANC Mixer at CBS Studios.

Beautification: Iris said they are going to be redesigning new banners as the current ones are getting worn out.

Homeless Representative – Susan Lord not present. No report.

12. Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Budget committee regarding the reversal of excess or unnecessary budget allocations in the amount of \$3,692.46 as follows: Operations, General, Telephone \$22.74; Outreach, Events, Homeless \$120.61, Sign Ceremony \$216.99, Town Hall Meetings \$332.12; NPG Tarzana C&CC \$3,000. Amount reversed to be returned to Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.

13. NPG Motion: (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Budget committee to approve the request from the Woodland Hills Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Benefit Foundation for a NPG of \$1,250 to fund five (5) \$250 art grants to the Tarzana schools that are participating in the Tarzana NC Earth Day 2019. The distribution of these funds to each school should recognize that the funds are coming from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and be presented by a Tarzana NC Board Member and a member of the West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce. Funds to come from Unallocated.

(Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved that the motion to shortened by striking (removing “a member of the West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce. Funds to

come from Unallocated.” The motion carried: 14-1-1. The motion was amended. (Opposed: Len / Abstaining: Iris).

(Heissler/Povar) presented a substitute motion adding that the funds be presented by a Tarzana NC board member with a West Valley Warner Center Chamber member present, if they desire. The amended motion carried unanimously.

14. Earth Day: (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Budget committee to approve the request from the Event Committee to provide for expenses for their Earth Day 2019 event as follows: Award Ceremony \$100, Award Certificates \$100, Banners \$380, Bouncer/Jumper Rental \$300, Event T-Shirts \$400, Flyers \$500, Hanging Supplies \$60, Supplies On-site \$200 and Face Painting Kits \$60, Total \$2,100. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Earth Day, specific expenditure and come from the previously allocated \$3,500 and the remaining \$1,400 are returned to Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.

15. Election Expenditures: (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve election expenditures as follows: Facebook Advertising \$100.00; Fliers NTE 150.00; Candidate Information Session refreshments (coffee, cookies and water) NTE \$150.00; Candidate Forum refreshments NTE \$200.00; Election Volunteers refreshments NTE \$50.00; Banners (Candidate Forum and Election Day) NTE \$350.00; Media Expenses NTE \$500.00; Miscellaneous NTE \$300.00. Funds to come from Elections.” The motion carried unanimously.

16. (Goldberg/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves payment of the previously budgeted maintenance in the amount of \$750.00 to AAA Flag and Banner for maintenance of street pole banners.” The motion carried unanimously.

17. Revised Budget: (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 12 through 15 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 to include each of those items.” The motion carried unanimously.

18. Animal Welfare Committee motion: (Mausner/Varela) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Recommendation of the Animal Welfare Committee to adopt a resolution requesting the Los Angeles City Council to prohibit the staging of rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the City of Los Angeles in which animals are injured.”

There was discussion about whether Councilmember O’Farrell was working on a ban. Jeff said that if TNC passed this motion, it would help. Len explained what a Council Motion is. He referenced the pet shop Council File ordinance that TNC supported, which went on to become law in the State of California.

(Continued: speakers)

Speakers:

- Heather Hamzan showed a four minute video on rodeos
- Anne Hagar is a vet tech who read a letter from a veterinarian stating that rodeos and calf roping is inhumane. Calves are roped that are not even weaned.
- Brittany Drake read a statement saying that rodeos are no longer contests of skill; they are a show of human domination over animals.
- Matthew Braun talked about cruel techniques used in rodeos.
- Brittany Michelson stated that rodeos and circuses force animals to behave unnaturally and treat them in a very cruel way.
- Zafir Molina gave examples of how they injure cows and bulls.
- Amanda Lundberg talked about animals used in rodeos are exempt from protections for other animals.
- Mary Aratounian talked about how animals can be shocked in rodeos.
- Peter Lecki suggested that Los Angeles should take the lead in this so that
- Kiersten Cluster is a Special Education teacher. She talked about Junior Rodeo events and how there is a correlation between teenager and children who participate in violence often grow up to inflict violence toward humans.
- Patty Shenker urged the TNC to take a stand against violence toward animals. She quoted MLK Jr. on this.
- Jesus Nunez in March 2011 a bull jumped over the barriers into a crowd. In July 2016, another incident involving a bull caused a bull to be hit by a train after breaking through the barriers. Several other incidents have occurred as a result of bulls being frightened and running for their lives.
- Silvio Curtis read a report by veterinarians who administer to rodeo animals.
- Marlene Goodman talked about a horse that had to be euthanized as a result of a recent rodeo. She asked the board to write letters to end this cruel practice. She suggested that the board has the power to make a different.
- Sarah Jane Harot acknowledged the suffering and abuse that comes from rodeos.
- David Maldonado read reports from rodeos which required euthanizing calves after the rodeos.
- Judith Bustamante pointed out how humans are also adversely affected by rodeos.
- Elvia Sedano read further rodeo accident reports.
- Abby Elliott talked about the video and suggested that the animals that are used in rodeos deserve the same treatment as companion animals.
- Pamela Whistey talked about the danger and cruelty to baby calves and how it doesn't belong in Los Angeles. She asked the board to stop this.

(Goldberg/Blattner) moved to table the motion. Jennifer wanted to vote on the motion. David suggested getting the City Council to take it up before TNC takes a position on it. Iris also felt it should be brought to the City Council first. Len stated that many NCs take on issues, far and wide. **The motion to table the original motion was approved: 9-6-1. (Not given record of who voted which way).** The meeting was recessed while those upset about this vote exited the meeting. About eight minutes later, the board resumed the meeting.

19. Election Committee: (Heissler/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee to hold a candidates information session on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Tarzana Childcare Center and candidates forum, Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7 p.m., location TBD.

Harvey amended the motion to strike the location. The motion was amended. The amended motion carried unanimously.

Iris attended the Elections workshop. There is a workshop on Feb. 2, 16 and two others in March to try to get more women involved on the NCs. RSVP: Email: ignite@empowerla.org.

20. President’s Remarks:

TNC Elections Time Line: Feb. 3, 2019 is the opening date for candidate filing. March 5th candidate filing closes.

Candidate Workshops

Board Member Comment – Esther stated that she has a right to vote the way she wants as she is a volunteer serving on the board. Len spoke about the Code of Conduct and Code of Civility. He asked that everyone treat each other with civility.

21. Adjournment: 9:38 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One