

Good evening. My name is Jeff Mausner. I'm a Board Member of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and Chairman of its Animal Welfare Committee.

Also here are Len Shaffer, President of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and President of the Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Mary Aratounian and Janet Mausner from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee. Mary May and Mary Wynn, representing Volunteers from the West Valley City Animal Shelter, and Rochelle, a Volunteer at Rockin' Rescue. These are people who volunteer hundreds of hours at the City Animal Shelter helping to get animals adopted and taking them out for walks and so on. I've given to you a Petition supporting Rockin' Rescue, which contains over 200 signatures, which were obtained in less than a week.

[PLUM Committee Vice Chair reads the Petition out loud.]

I'm a retired attorney; I used to have my law office in Warner Center Towers.

Rockin' Rescue is only about 2 blocks from the border with Tarzana. Although Rockin' Rescue is located in Woodland Hills, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council strongly supports Rockin' Rescue's efforts to obtain the variance or change of use necessary to remain open in its current location.

We think Rockin' Rescue is the best animal rescue in the area. They have saved the lives of many dogs and cats who were about to be killed at the West Valley Shelter. We know this personally, because we've been there when dogs or cats were about to be killed, and we know that you can call on Ady to come pick up that dog or cat, and take it to Rockin' Rescue, and then get it adopted. It would be a tragedy if Rockin' Rescue is shut down. There are about 120 animals there now. If Rockin' Rescue had to close down, those animals would be brought to city shelters, where many of them could be killed; or other animals would be killed to make room for the animals coming from Rockin' Rescue. And if Rockin' Rescue is not operating in the future, of course, there will be less animals adopted and more animals would be killed.

It's not often that another neighborhood council will take a position on a zoning issue outside its boundaries. Based on what the Tarzana Neighborhood Council

has done, which I will tell you in a second, I think you can see how special Rockin' Rescue is. At its meeting in October, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee unanimously passed the following resolution. This is at pages 1 and 2 of the handout, para 7:

“Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee recommends that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin' Rescue in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit.”

At its meeting on October 27, 2015, the full Board of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council unanimously adopted the following resolution, which is at page 3 of the handout, para 8:

“Resolved: The TNC approves the Animal Welfare Committee recommendation that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin' Rescue in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit.” The motion carried unanimously.

Tarzana and Woodland Hills residents have adopted dogs and cats at Rockin' Rescue. We adopted our dog, Cookie, from Rockin' Rescue. (Show picture.) She was about 11 or 12 years old when we adopted her -- she probably wouldn't have made it if it weren't for Rockin' Rescue.

Animals at Rockin' Rescue are always well taken care of and well treated. Some of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter are also volunteers at Rockin' Rescue. The living quarters for animals there are spectacular. Here are some pictures. The dogs get fresh barbecued meat or chicken most days. I've had people tell me that they would like to live at Rockin' Rescue, it's so nice.

Some background about Ady Gil: He is a world famous animal rescuer and one of the finest people I know. He spends most of his time trying to help animals. He spends hundreds of thousands of dollars of his own money to keep Rockin' Rescue open. He recently donated \$2 million to set up an animal sanctuary in Israel and save more than 1200 monkeys. There is an article about this at pages 5-7 of the handout.

Rockin' Rescue is really a world class animal rescue, something that Woodland Hills can really be proud of. It is known throughout the country, and will be known in the world. It does not disturb any of its neighbors. I've been there many times, and it is always well maintained and there isn't any noise that would disturb anyone. It backs up to the 101 Freeway to the north. Ventura Blvd and a shopping center are to the south. Oakdale Ave and a commercial property are to the west. And its parking lot and commercial properties are to the east. Customers, volunteers, and employees at Rockin' Rescue frequent the businesses nearby. Bari says that some of the people who signed the Petition are the neighbors of Rockin' Rescue. I really can't say enough about Rockin' Rescue and Ady Gill, and very strongly urge you to approve their application. You can go home and tell your kids that you helped to save the lives of dogs and cats tonight. Thank you.

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MINUTES of the TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Tarzana Child Care Center
5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,
Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner

Minutes of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) meeting, October 13, 2015, at the Tarzana Child Care Center, 5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356.

1. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. Attending were the following committee members: Deanna Dylan Scott, Mary Aratounian, Eva Brusa, Janet Mausner, and Jeffrey Mausner. Also attending were Volunteers from the West Valley Animal Shelter and Ady Gill, who runs Rockin' Rescue. The attached documents were distributed at the meeting.
2. Public Comments. The public comments related to the West Valley Shelter and Rockin' Rescue, so they were deferred to items 4 and 6 below.
3. Update and discussion on the killing of healthy adoptable animals at Los Angeles City animal shelters took place. Draft of the letter to Councilmen Blumenfield and Koretz regarding this was distributed for comment.
4. Update and discussion on other issues regarding the West Valley Animal Shelter took place: Lack of air conditioning in trucks used to transport animals was discussed. Michael Bell and his groups are dealing with this issue. We will assist in that matter if needed. Discussion of other matters regarding the West Valley Shelter took place.
5. Update and discussion on efforts to get the City to do a CEQA review in connection with the injunction against City participation in the Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program. Draft of the letter to Councilmen Blumenfield and Koretz regarding this was distributed for comment.
6. Update and discussion on the status of Rockin' Rescue's change of use/zoning change, warning to shut down; email from Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, that Rockin' Rescue can continue to operate as long as they are still moving forward with their zoning request and the animals look well cared for.
7. Discussion and motion: **Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee recommends that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin' Rescue in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit.**

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Eva Brusa and seconded by Mary Aratounian. The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously, with Deanna Dylan Scott, Eva Brusa, Mary Aratounian, Janet Mausner, and Jeffrey Mausner voting in favor. No votes against or abstentions.

8. Update and discussion on the use of live chickens in religious observances.

9. Update and discussion on the status of panleukopenia (aka panleuk), a deadly cat disease.

10. Discussion of the possibility of implementing a program for nursing homes to adopt or foster dogs and/or cats.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:00 PM
Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium
5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order** by Len Shaffer at 7:10 p.m. with welcoming remarks and Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll Call by Eran Heissler:** Leonard J. Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Paul Lawler, Jon Reich, David Garfinkle, Esther Wieder, Joyce Greene, Robin Correll, Susan Weidman, Allan Wertheim and Jeff Mausner. (Syed Hussaini arrived at 7:30 p.m.) A quorum of 11 was established.
 2. **Approval of minutes of September 29, 2015 meeting – (Heissler/Wertheim) moved to approve the minutes as amended.**
 3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials** Ariel from Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's office announced two upcoming events.
 4. **Public Comments:**
 - Lillian Wall, a realtor and stakeholder, asked about film crews filming in residential neighborhoods of Tarzana.
 - Varant Majarian expressed interest in a seat on the board.
 - Robert Shmaeff, who serves on the Transportation & Budget Committees, offered his experience to be appointed to the board.
 5. **Committee and other Reports**

Outreach – Esther attended the Emergency Preparedness meeting saying it was a great event. She also attended Taste of Encino where TNC had a booth.

Land Use – David said he would like to hold community meetings for better input on the Mansionization motion.

Transportation – Eran read Max's report which included a proposal by DOT to make Valley Vista one way, a relocated MBA bus stop, a proposal for a new bus stop, and a request for CalTrans to clean freeway signs.

Animal Welfare – Jeff gave a report that highlighted the temperature in the back of city Animal Services trucks, which are not air conditioned. It was noted that temps reached over 100 degrees in that back area where animals are transported. A new rule has been put into effect in the shelters prohibiting visitors from using the play yards with dogs to be adopted. However, there are opportunities for volunteers to take the dogs out of their kennels to socialize them with other dogs.

DWP MOU – Joyce attended the DWP MOU meeting and reported on it. She requested that letters be written to the GM of DWP, the Mayor, and Council President Herb Wesson asking that no action be taken on the rate proposal until Dr. Pickles has enough information to make an opinion. There is supposed to be a vote on the rate increase in early Dec.
 6. **(Shaffer/Reich) moved that the TNC board approve the preliminary financial statements as of September 30, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.**
 7. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved approval of the September, 2015 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried unanimously.**
 8. **(Mausner/Heissler) moved, "Resolved: The TNC approves the Animal Welfare Committee recommendation that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin' Rescue in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit." The motion carried unanimously.**
- (Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved, "Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee recommendation to the Board to waive the TNC standing rules so the Board can discuss and**

vote Agenda Item 10 requesting CM Blumenfield to introduce a motion for an ICO governing mansionization in Tarzana to include the language and intent of CF- 0656 introduced by CM Paul Koretz limiting the bonuses that result in excessive FARs and applying special rules to small R-1 lots.”

Kathy Delle Donne gave background on this item. She recommended that it go back to the Land Use committee for extensive discussion and maybe a Town Hall meeting, as well.

Lillian Hall also felt more discussion was needed on the impact of this motion. She is opposed to it and feels that one size doesn't fit all.

The motion failed: 0-8 (4 abstaining)

11. **(Shaffer/Weidman) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee recommendation that if street vending is legalized in Los Angeles that it include an “opt in” provision allowing each City Council District to determine if street vending will be allowed within its boundaries.”**

David offered a friendly amendment to change the words “City Council District” to “Neighborhood Council District.” The amendment was accepted but Len requested a formal request be made to the change.

(Garfinkle/Shaffer) made a motion to change the words “City Council District” to “Neighborhood Council District.” The motion to amend carried 10-0 (2 abstaining).

The amended motion carried unanimously.

12. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved, The TNC Board approves Executive Committee recommendation that the Board appoint Jeff Mausner the TNC Animal Welfare Representative.” The motion carried unanimously.**
13. **(Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves Executive Committee recommendation that the Board accept the resignation of Board Member Linda Safarian.” The motion carried unanimously.**
14. **(Shaffer/Wieder) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves Executive Committee recommendation that the TNC November and December meetings be combined and be held on December 2, 2015.” The motion carried 11-1 (Hussaini)**

19. **President’s Remarks**

September VANC meeting – Len talked about the number of DWP staff attended the last VANC meeting, encouraging their support on the proposed rate increase. He talked about Councilmember Fuentes (CD7) who evicted STNC from using the municipal building for their office and meetings. VANC supported a motion that NCs be given preference for vacant city office space over other entities seeking to rent space. He also talked about a light rail proposal for the Orange Line by MTA.

Regional Emergency Preparedness Fair Oct 3, 2015 – Len spoke about the fair.

Regional Budget Day Oct 17th Braude Center – Len and Harvey attended.

20. **Board Member Comment -**

- Eran announced that this was Susan’s last meeting and wished her well, thanking her for her service.
- Joyce talked about a presentation she attended on sustainability.
- Len announced the formation of the Alliance for Emergency Preparedness on Nov. 21.

21. Adjournment at 8:50 p.m. - Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-

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Ady Gil Pays \$2 Million to Save Monkeys Slated for U.S. Laboratories

by DAVE COPELAND

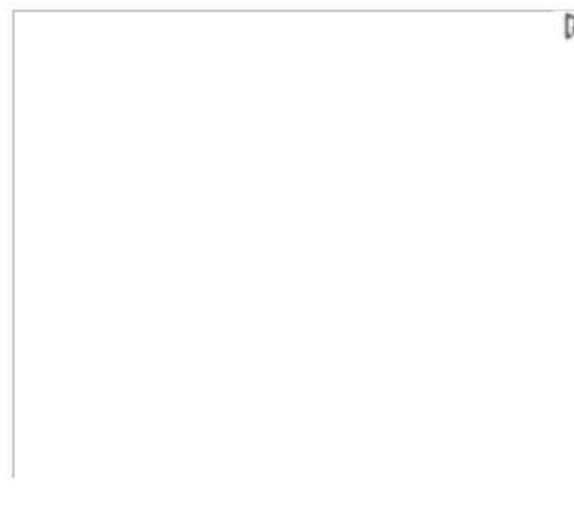


TEL AVIV, Israel — More than 1,200 monkeys have been saved from the horrors of laboratory testing after a U.S.-based conservationist paid \$2 million for them, activists said.

Businessman Ady Gil purchased the 1,250 long-tailed macaques from the secretive Mazor Farm in Israel, which had planned to shift its operation to Florida after Israel's laws governing wild animal exports changed in January.

Animal-rights activist Anat Refua battled for 16 years to save the primates. "These monkeys are now saved from such a cruel, cruel destiny, and I'm so happy," she told NBC News. "They will never separate a baby from a mother, which they've been doing here so many

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years."

The Israeli-born Gil said Mazor Farm, which is located near Ben Gurion airport, had shipped around 6,000 monkeys to laboratories worldwide at a price of \$3,500 each since it began operating in the early 1990s.



Two of more than 1,200 monkeys saved from of laboratory testing sit in an enclosure in Tel Aviv, Israel. Gil purchased the 1,250 long-tailed macaques from the secretive Mazor Farm, which had planned to shift its operation to Florida after Israel's laws governing wild animal exports changed in January. © Dave Copeland / NBC News

Hidden behind a security fence topped by barbed wire and shielded by a massive row of bougainvillea, the farm operated in secrecy for nearly a decade before it was exposed in 1999.

The end of the line was signaled two years ago when Israel's environment minister, an animal-rights sympathizer, announced changes to the country's wild animal export laws.

Gil said the operation had plans to sell the monkeys to laboratories in the U.S. More than 125,000 primates are kept in U.S. laboratories, according to animal-

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Gil said the macaques — which have a lifespan of 30 years — cost \$1 a day each to care for.

"Do the math," he added. "That's 350,000 times 30 — we're looking at close to \$10 million. So the question is: how do you raise that money?"

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To the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council - Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)

We, the undersigned, very strongly support Rockin' Rescue's efforts to obtain the variance/change of use/zoning necessary to remain open in its current location at 19855 Ventura Blvd.

We think Rockin' Rescue is the best animal rescue in the area. Rockin' Rescue is a non-profit organization that is mainly funded by Ady Gil. It serves the community of Woodland Hills and the entire city of Los Angeles, by taking dogs and cats from the Los Angeles City Shelters, and finding them loving homes. Rockin' Rescue has saved the lives of many dogs and cats who were about to be killed at the West Valley Shelter, provided medical care for them, and made sure that they were adopted. It would be a tragedy if Rockin' Rescue is shut down. There are about 120 animals there now. If Rockin' Rescue had to close down, those animals would be brought to city shelters, where many of them could be killed; or other animals could be killed to make room for the animals coming from Rockin' Rescue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signature and Name

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