**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday January 26, 2021 7:00 PM**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.** by Len Shaffer. **Roll Call** by Eran Heissler: **15 board members present**. Len Shaffer, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Esther Wieder, Devon Cromwell and Mark Epstein, Joyce Greene, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Scott Diamond. **Absent:** Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Yossi Malka, Ken Schwartz and Bob Shmaeff. It was noted that Michael Povar left the board but was present in the meeting. Welcoming Remarks by Len Shaffer. (Barry arrived at 7:36 p.m., Bob arrived at 7:18 p.m., and Terry left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and returned at:9:27 p.m.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

**Mirna Ezquivel** from the Council Office gave an update on COVID-19 vaccinations. Update on Topanga Police Station – with the deficit there is a possibility of closure. Veronica added that she will continue to be available as a point of contact on the cabin communities. There are cost concerns over the projected costs (over $100K each). They are working on cost saving measures to reduce it to $60 - $70K per cabin and will be moving forward with this program.

Vahid Khorsand from the Mayor’s Office introduced himself. He is now the rep for the West Valley.

Blake Clayson from Councilmember Sheila Kuehl’s office gave an update on Covid-19 openings in L.A. County. More will be allowed to open after Jan. 29th. No essential businesses have operating restrictions. You can find out more on the public health website. The County is not doing anything about moving homeless encampments because they don’t want to spread disease. He also spoke about the availability of vaccinations.

Michael Liu from the City Attorney’s office talked about scheduling court trials and a scam alert.

Jeremy from Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel’s Office talked about a workshop on Feb. 8th on financial aid for students (Dream Act).

1. **Public Comments** – None.
2. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – No report.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max said one member has 4 absences.
4. **Presentation** – Lanee Basulto, Clerks Office, spoke about the election. Candidate filing end on Feb. 16th. TNC’s election date is May 4, 2021. She and Renee talked about a training for candidates. Len said DONE, not the City Clerk’s office, is doing the outreach for the elections.
5. **Minutes:** (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2020 TNC Special Board Meeting as revised. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of November 2020 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Schmaeff)moved approval of December 2020 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Wieder) moved approval of Financial Statements as of Nov. 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Committee and other Reports**

**Budget –** Harvey said there are still funds available in excess of $20K in the TNC budget, excluding the outreach banners. The Elections Committee needs between $2K and $5K for promotion. Harvey believes monies not used go back to the city and will not be carried over.

**Land Use** – David was going to send a research document to Len.

**Outreach** – Mark gave a report on the banner locations.

Events – No report by Esther.

**Transportation** – Max gave his report. A beacon was proposed at Tampa and Hatteras; a traffic study has been delayed. A second stop sign has been installed at the Snoopy Bridge on westbound Collins by Wilbur; Max emailed the Bureau of Street Services about a hole on the parkway at Tarzana Dr and Otis and the hole got filled within a week; Max is working on a stakeholder’s request of trimming foliage at intersections where signage is obstructed.

Public Safety – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff said nine other NCs have followed TNC’s, passing motions and filing CIS’s opposing closure of the West Valley Shelter. A meeting will take place at the Mayor’s office regarding the shelter.

**Beautification** – Iris’s committee approved new banners for city light poles.

**Homelessness** – Susan said there will be a Zoom meeting on 1/28.

**VANC Report** – Len summarized reports presented to VANC.

**COVID-19 Ad Hoc –** The committee is looking into ways to donate money to the food banks to use some of the remaining monies in the TNC budget.

1. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve the Election Ad Hoc Committee’s request NTE $250 to purchase two (2) 4’ x 8’ banners to announce the TNC Election, filing deadline for candidates and vote-by-mail, as well as links to get more information. Banners to include TNC logo and website address. To be classified as Election, Banners. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Diamond) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve the ipower renewal of domain name registration and privacy for 2 years beginning from Feb 27, 2021 for $55.96. To be classified as Outreach, Website Maintenance, Website Updates. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Budget:** (Goldberg/Lord) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021 to include those items. The Board further 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.
3. **Land Use:** (Garfinkle/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Land Use Committee to re-affirm our support for Plan B+ of the sign ordinance and to disagree with the changes made by the City Council PLUM Committee on December 10, 2020 by filing an amended CIS on CF-11-1705 and sending a communication to the City Planning Commission.” The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Land Use: (Garfinkle/Schmaeff)** moved, **“**Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Land Use Committee to re-affirm our opposition to the Berrgruen Institute project in the Santa Monica Mountains above Mulholland Drive by sending a letter to the L.A. City Planning Dept. (See letter posted on TNC website).” (Len noted that this letter will include the reference to the zoning number).

The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Land Use: (Garfinkle/Polonsky)** moved, “Let it be resolved as follows: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Land Use Committee to file a CIS in support of CF-21-0002-318 opposing SB9 and CF-21-0002-321 opposing SB10.”

David stated that a newly - introduced Senate Bill 9 (SB9) would allow, as a ministerial action and with no public hearing any residential lot to be split into two equal parcels of not less that 1200 square feet and further allow the construction of a single-family residence on each parcel. SB9 would allow, but not require that local zoning ordinances could provide that up to two accessory dwelling units could also be constructed on each of the new parcels. Newly introduced Senate Bill 10 (SB10) would allow any local legislative body to re-zone residential properties within a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area or an urban infill site (each of which is defined by SB 10) for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government even if there are other ordinances or provisions passed by the voters that prohibit such re-zoning. These two Senate bills interfere with local zoning that should be the prerogative of local government and local citizenry. The motion carried unanimously.

**Glenn Bailey said the correct Council File numbers are S18 and S21.**

1. **Resignation:** (Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved, “The TNC Board accepts the resignation of Michael Povar per his request because he is no longer a homeowner in Tarzana.” The motion carried unanimously. The Goat Puppet made a comment.
2. **Digital Media Policy:** (Diamond/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to oppose the implementation by the BONC of the proposed Digital Media Policy and to file a CIS as presented for review by the TNC Board in support of that opposition.” (Full text of CIS posted on the TNC website).

Len recused himself from this item at 9:40 p.m. and returned at 9:58 p.m.

Harvey moved to add the statement additional language, “NCs are run by unpaid elected officials, generally who volunteer their time without paid staff.” Also in the last sentence of that paragraph, “We would prefer NCs develop ”their own digital media policy.” On the 2nd page under overreach by DONE and BONC… “This can also be accomplished by DONE or the City Clerk taking appropriate legal action to obtain control.” Under extra administrative and board work: “In addition, this can give reason to litigation if immediate actions are not taken. Last paragraph: “It would also preclude prompt postings since boards generally meet monthly.”

Goat Puppet commented.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Board Business**:

* Susan Rogen talked about a “swatting” incident where someone reported a crisis when there was none happening. This occurred in Tarzana recently.
* Harvey asked the board to consider a limitation on public comments of a maximum amount of 5 minutes total in 2-minute increments. Len suggested sending it to the Rules Committee first.

**21**. Adjournment: 10 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.