**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND**

**CANDIDATE FORUM MINUTES**

**Wednesday April 7, 2021**

*VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING*

1. **Call to Order:** Roll Call: Pam Blattner, Devin Cromwell, Scott Diamond, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Garfinkle, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, and Barry Edelman: Quorum reached with 16 board members. (Absent: Bob Schmidt and Ken Schwartz. Yossi Malka arrived at 8:20 p.m., Esther Weider arrived at 8:20 p.m.

**Welcoming Remarks**: Len explained the format for the meeting and special meeting/candidate forum.

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** None.
2. **Public Comments**:
* Teresa McCoy, representing an HOA, was looking for information on getting a sound wall for Tarzana. Len directed her to Max’s Transportation committee.
* Mr. Gruen asked about registering to vote for the NC election.
* Mathew Clark said the City Clerk said they will get that info out soon.
1. **Light Pole Banner Payment Motion:** **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: Whereas the TNC Board previously approved a contract for the design of, production of and the placement of new street pole banners, the TNC Board now approves payment in the amount of $10,905.38 to Gold Metropolitan Media for the new Tarzana Neighborhood Council banners.”**

**(Polonsky/Goldberg) amended the wording from street pole to light pole banners. The motion carried unanimously.**

* Meeting recessed for Special Meeting/Candidates Forum: 7:22 p.m. -
1. Candidates Forum: Board member Mark Epstein moderated the candidates’ forum. There were 23 candidates for the May 4th election. He said there are only two contested races: North Area and Residential Renters but Iris noted that the Reserved At Large position was also contested.

**North Area:**

* David Garfinkle, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Michon Rickman, candidate, not present.
* Terry Saucier, board member spoke about her accomplishments.
* Scott Diamond, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.

**Residential Renters:**

* John-Paul Voilleque, candidate, spoke about his interest in joining the board.
* Joyce Greene, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.
* Devon Cromwell, board member, spoke about his work on the board.

**Reserved At Large:**

* Melissa Malpaz – not present.
* Iris Polonsky, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.

 **Reserved At Large (continued):**

* Matthew Clark, candidate, spoke about his interest in joining the board.
* Yossi Malka, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.

**South Area:**

* Harvey Goldberg, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Susan Rogen, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.
* Daniel B. Gruen, candidate, spoke about his interest in serving on the board.

**Home Owners:**

* Susan Lord, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.
* Max Flehinger, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Pamela Blattner, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.
* Isabel Gerhardt, candidate, spoke about her interest in joining the board.

Question: Jennifer C. spoke about not receiving a ballot and not getting direction on social media about COVID-19 from TNC. Response to the question from candidates.

**Business Representative**:

* Len Shaffer, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Eran Heissler, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.

**At Large:**

* Bob Schmaeff, not present.
* Jeffrey Mausner, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Barry Edelman, board member, spoke about his accomplishments.
* Rick Brown, candidate, not present.

 **Business:**

 Esther Wieder, board member, spoke about her accomplishments.

Question: A stakeholder asked for the candidates’ written comments.

She was told to go to the EmpowerLA site and to look for TNC.

* Special Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
* Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.-
1. **Board Business**: Esther said that the schools are getting ready to reopen but will be closing again on June 6th, so this is just an exercise for next year. .

On the next meeting’s agenda, there will be an item from EmpowerLA which states that either board members get seated after being certified, or the NC can choose to seat their new board members during the first week of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2021.

Len then described the voting process.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:50 p.m.

**Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One**