**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday May 22, 2018**

**Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium**

**5726 Topeka Dr., Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order** at 6:37 p.m. Roll Call: Quorum established with 16 board members: Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Jennifer Varela, Esther Wieder, and Scott Diamond. Joyce Greene arrived at 7 p.m. (Absent: Susan Lord and Bob Schmaeff). Welcoming Remarks and Pledge.

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**:

* Susan Ng and Erin Schneider representing Supervisor Sheila Kuehl spoke.
* Svetlana Pravina from Councilman Blumenfield’s representative announced a June 9th tree planting event. She asked for input on potholes and street repairs.
* Tanaz Golshan from the Mayor’s Office spoke about measures to deal with homelessness. Also clean streets and crime reduction.

1. **Public Comments** – Alfred Coletta, candidate for Superior Court Office #4 reviewed his qualifications and endorsements.
2. **Budget Advocate Report** – No report.
3. **Approval of minutes of April 24, 2018 meeting. (Heissler/Wieder) moved to approve the minutes for the April 24th meeting as revised. The motion carried.**
4. **(Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved approval of April 2018 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER). The motion carried.**
5. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved approval of Financial Statements as of April 30, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.**
6. **(Roger/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation for the design and purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs.”** Harvey asked that the word “Tarzana” be removed; Len disagreed.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**At 7 p.m., (Heissler/Polonsky) moved to recess the meeting for the Earth Day Poster Contest. The motion carried.**

Esther Wieder then began the Awards Ceremony.

**At 7:44 p.m. the meeting resumed with the Flag Salute.**

**9. Safe Park L.A. Discussion: Councilmember Blumenfield addressed Safe Park LA: He spoke on behalf of Temple Judea and their efforts.** Len explained that he received an email from Rabbi Aronsen saying they were participating in Safe Park LA – which involves a homeless encampment. Len suggested holding a Town Hall with Encino’s Neighborhood Council pm this issue.

Emily Kantrim is on the funded equity group for Safe Park LA. The idea is for a parking lot where people can sleep in their cars safely. They will also coordinate with service providers who can help the homeless while using under-utilized parking. There will be security provided by Temple Judea on the site. L.A. Family Housing is coordinating these sites. The people who are using the site are engaged in the system to find housing; it’s not a drop-in site for transients. She also intervenes in helping bridge the communication between the homeless and the services.

Susan from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office stated that this is a very important service.

Councilmember Blumenfield said he hopes this will expand through the district.

Tanaz Golshan, from the Mayor’s office, spoke about their efforts.

Susan Rogan invited everyone to the West Valley Homelessness Alliance monthly meeting.

Betty Wong Oyama talked about an Ethics training on June 11, 2018 at the Marvin Braudy Center. Ethics training and Code of Conduct needs to be renewed every two years. She suggested board members also attend a funding training every six months.

**10. (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Beautification Committee’s recommendation for the design and purchase of a new “Welcome to Tarzana” sign.” The motion carried with two abstentions (Silverman and Diamond).**

Paul Lawler made a public comment stating that this issue should not be taken up by TNC as permission should be first obtained from the Warner Center Chamber of Commerce.

**11. (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the reversal of previously budgeted and unneeded expenses: Operations $246.01 and Outreach $4,173.96 for a total of $ 4,419.97 as detailed in schedules. These amounts to be reclassified as Unallocated.” The motion carried.**

**(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of the following three motions as a group:**

**12. “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the NPG request from Southern California Preparedness Foundation for $1,000 to support their Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on September 29, 2018, but in no event to exceed $2000. To be classified as a NPG and come from Unallocated.**

**13. Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from Public Safety Committee to allocate $1,299.50 for the purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs, but in no event to exceed $2400. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Neighborhood Watch Signs and come from Unallocated.**

**14. Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Executive Committee to purchase Laser Plastic Name Badges with LA City logo for Board members for $317.55, but in no event to exceed $600. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Name Badges and come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.**

**15. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from Beautification Committee to allocate $9,000 for a replacement to the "Welcome to Tarzana" sign, but in no event to exceed $13,500. To be classified as Outreach, Advertising, Welcome Sign and come from Unallocated.**

Paul Lawler talked about a gas line by the sign that needed to be taken into consideration before replacing the sign. The Chamber of Commerce are opposed to having the TNC erect a new sign as this is their property. **The motion carried with two abstentions: Silverman and Diamond.**

17. **TCC Funding Item:** Len recused himself from the next item: **(Flehinger/Blattner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the request from the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center for a $7,660 NPG to replace Decomposed Granite in their yard. To be classified as a NPG to come from Unallocated. The Budget Committee made no recommendation regarding this NPG.**

Jon Tsuchiyama asked if TNC has no more funds for this motion. He then spoke on behalf of Maris on behalf of this funding issue, stating that they do everything they can to be a green project. He stated that they depend on grants for the operation of the center.

**(Goldberg/Blattner) amended the motion to state “That TNC approves in the amount of $3,000 for 2018-19 fiscal year budget for the replacement of 2,400 square feet of decomposed granite, contingent on TCC obtaining funding from other sources for 4,590 no later than Nov. 30, 2018.” The motion failed: 3-13-0. (Flehinger, Heissler & Goldberg).**

Glenn Bailey stated that it was not legal to vote on funding from next year’s fiscal budget.

**The amended motion carried: 12-3-1. (Saucier, Garfinkle, Greene) (Wieder)**

Len returned to the meeting.

**18. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved to reinstate the motion, tabled at the April meeting, to consider funding an NPG in the amount of $2,500 to the non-profit Parents, Teachers and Educators Students in Action. The motion carried.**

**(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “That the TNC approve the Budget Committee recommendation regarding the request for funding by to the non-profit Parents, Teachers and Educators Students in Action for the Teen Court program for an NPG in the amount of $2500 to be classified as an NPG, funds to come from Unallocated.”**

Seymour Amster, Exec. Director of PESA, explains that the Teen Court program is the largest juvenile diversion program in the USA.

Joyce left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

**(Heissler/Goldberg) moved to amend the funding to $1,000 for an NPG for** **Parents, Teachers and Educators Students in Action’s Teen Court program. The motion failed: 4-13.**

**The board then voted on the original motion: “That the TNC approve the Budget Committee recommendation regarding the request for funding by to the non-profit Parents, Teachers and Educators Students in Action for the Teen Court program for an NPG in the amount of $2500 to be classified as an NPG, funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried: 15-1 (Heissler).**

**19. (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation to allocate funds from the 2017-18 FY to the 2018 LA Congress of Neighborhoods, not to exceed (NTE) $8,000. To be classified as Outreach, Events, Congress of Neighborhoods and come from Unallocated.” The motion carried.**

Glenn Bailey, who serves on the Congress Planning Committee, stated it costs about $42,000 to put on. The Congress is Sept. 23rd.

**20. (Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 11 through 17 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 to include each of those items.” Terry was not present for the motion, which passed.**

**21. (Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the approval of a budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year as follows: Operations $5,885 and Outreach $9,830 for a total of $15,715 as detailed in schedules.” The motion carried.**

**22. (Shaffer/Diamond) moved to table this item until the next meeting. Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Webcorner as its webmaster and approves submitting their bid letter to the City Clerks’ office for the formalization of a contract. The motion carried.**

**23. Committee and other Reports:**

* Outreach – Jennifer did not have a report. Next two meetings will be at the park.
* Events – Iris recognized Esther for her efforts at One Generation.
* Land Use – David said the last meeting was cancelled.
* Budget – Harvey stated that committees can ask for money for their efforts in June.
* Transportation – Max gave his report.
* Public Safety – Susan spoke about the safety signage campaign.
* Rules – no report.
* Government Action – no report.
* Animal Welfare – Jeff reported that 425 animals were adopted at the No Kill Super Adoption event. All of the dogs that were not adopted from the city shelters were adopted by the rescue operations. At the TPOA Town Hall, Councilman Blumenfield spoke about increasing the funding for Animal Services for the sterilization fund, which is key to keeping the city No Kill. The funding will also help with regulation enforcement.
* DWP MOU – no report.
* Budget Representative Report – Len gave a report, including the self-assessment report that the Ad Hoc committee will work on.
* VANC Report – no report.
* Beautification – Iris thanked the board for approving the signs.
* Homeless Representative
* Executive Secretary Report on Attendance

**24. President’s Remarks**

Len thanked everyone who came to the retreat and the special meeting this month.

He announced the ethics training, June 11, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at the Braude Center.

Board Attendance – Max stated that three board members have three absences.

**25. Board Member Comment** – David thanked the board members who supported the Tarzana Property Owners Association.

**26. Adjournment** at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.