**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday April 27, 2021**

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of TNC.

**Roll Call** by Eran Heissler, recording secretary: Quorum established with 16 board members: Scott Diamond, Barry Edelman, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier and Len Shaeffer. Pam Blattner joined at 7:32 p.m. (Absent were: Devon Cromwell, Yossi Malka and Ken Schwarz). Welcoming Remarks by Len.

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

**Jeremy Saraie of Assembly Member Gabriel’s office** said members of the office volunteered at the West Valley Food Pantry and Pierce College recently. He updated the board on bills that Assembly Member is sponsoring: AB 977 – The Homeless Funding Accountability bill is a top priority for the assembly member. AB303 – Enables educators in CA to address student mental health issues. AB61 – Empowers local jurisdictions and the Alcohol Beverage Control to help support struggling establishments recovering from Covid-19 limitations.

**Blake Clayton of Supv. Sheila Kuehl’s office** talked about the county moving into theyellow tier soon. There’s a large supply of vaccinations and appointments are no longer necessary at county vaccination sites.

**Michael Liu of the City Attorney’s Office** announced that on May 13th, there will be a summit on street racing. On another note, the Dept. of Health is looking for recommendations on where to send mobile vaccination sites for underserved areas.

1. **Public Comments:**
* Madonna Jhoshi, an architect working on a project in the community, asked for input.
* A community member talked about ambiguities on zoning codes and the recent theft of catalytic converters on Devonshire, which thieves cash in for $2,500.
* Sharon Brewer had comments on the bylaws, executive rules and the agendas.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – Len said that the White Paper is now out and being circulated.
2. **Executive Secretary’s Attendance Report** – Max said three members have four absences.

**6. Minutes:** (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the revised minutes of March 23, 2021 meeting. **The motion to approve carried unanimously.**

1. **Minutes:** (Heissler/Polonsky) moved to approve the revised minutes of April 7, 2021 Special meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Committee and other Reports**:

* **Budget** – Harvey asked Pam when he would receive the invoice for the postcard mailing. Harvey estimated there would be about $12K left in the budget after this meeting and he thought a rollover of unspent monies might be allowed. At his budget committee, Harvey said they discussed whether the efforts to generate candidates and then get stakeholders out to voting for the TNC election were successful. The Election Committee and Outreach Committee have been asked by the Budget Committee to determine what worked and what didn’t work.
* **Land Use** – David said they are still waiting for the Mikvah proposal.
* **Outreach** – Terry spoke about the Candidates Forum and wished there had been more participation. A postcard mailing was done in conjunction with this.
* **Events** – Esther said she has tried to contact ONEgeneration but has not received a response. She is working on getting an update on an event they are doing this summer. Len stated that the NPG that is on the Special Meeting would give TNC the opportunity to participate at ONEgeneration’s June 19th event.
* **Transportation** – Max said progress is being made on improvements to slow down traffic on Vanalden. There was also a complaint from a resident in Melody Acres about unsafe driving on Oxnard. Iris added that there was an LAPD meeting on people running stop signs on Vanalden. Max then spoke about a request for a sound wall on the north side of the freeway from White Oak to Reseda. Max advised the stakeholder to put out a survey to see if there was sufficient interest to take it to CalTrans.
* **Public Safety** – Susan Rogen attended a webinar which reviewed legislation to combat street racing. Cameras are now being made that have timestamps which will help the police with investigations.
* Rules – No report.
* Government Action – No report.
* **Animal Welfare** – Jeff reported that the W. Valley Animal Shelter has reopened. It is running well and appointments can be made to adopt animals.
* Beautification – Iris said the banners are up.
* Homelessness – Susan Lord said Joyce had the report but Joyce was unable to speak.
* DWP MOU Report – No report.
* **VANC Report** – Len said Councilmember Rodriguez spoke about the homelessness issue.
* NCSA Liaison – No report.
* Election Committee Ad Hoc – No report.

**9.** **Expenditures:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved approval of the March 2021 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER). **The motion carried unanimously.**

 **10. Financial Statement:** (Goldberg/Epstein) moved approval of Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**11.** **Unallocated Expenses**: (Goldberg/Garfinkle) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation from the Budget Committee to reverse previously budgeted and unneeded items and to increase previously budget expenses in limited amounts, all for the current fiscal year. Net decreases; Operations $84.36, Outreach $9.16 and Elections $1,118.67; total net decrease $1,212.19 to be returned to Unallocated. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Hope of the Valley Request:** (Goldberg/Schmaeff) moved, **“**Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Budget Committee to approve an NPG request from Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission for $5,000 to purchase essential Items for their Tiny Home Village in Tarzana. To be classified as NPG Hope of the Valley. Funds to come from Unallocated. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**13. Revised Budget:** (Goldberg/Flehinger) 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.**

**14.** **VANC Motion:** (Shaffer/Mausner) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to support the following VANC motion and to send a letter including the background information to Mayor Garcetti and copies to Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero and the mayor’s West Valley Area Representative Vahid Khorsand.”

**The motion carried unanimously.**

15. **Animal Services GM:** (Shaffer/Mausner) moved, “The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), representing all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley, requests that Mayor Garcetti meet by Zoom with representatives of the relevant stakeholders -- Animal Rescue Organizations, Animal Services Department Volunteers, Animal Activists, and Neighborhood Councils – prior to naming a new General Manager of the Animal Services Department, so that the best candidate can be selected for the position.” Len asked Jeff to write this letter on behalf of TNC. **The motion carried unanimously.**

At 8:26 p.m. the meeting was recessed for the Special Meeting.

The board meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

**15. Grievance Panel Appointment:** (Epstein/Schmaeff) moved to table this motion: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of two Grievance Panel volunteers.” **The motion to table carried unanimously.**

**16. Data Literacy Appointment: (Polonsky/Diamond) moved to table this motion: “**Resolved: The TNC Board approves the appointment of Data Literacy liaisons.” **The motion to table carried unanimously.**

**17.** **New Board Member Seating**: (Shaffer/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to follow the 2019 Election Regulations and seat the newly elected board members at the first regular/or special meeting after certification of the board member elections.” **The motion carried.**

Glenn Bailey said the results for the election for Region 3 would be certified by May 19th. He

called this a worthwhile proposal but felt it should have been changed last December

before candidate filings opened.

**18**. **Board Business**:

**Mark** thanked Scott for making sure his wife is receiving TNC emails. He asked whether anyone knows how many people are registered to receive TNC’s emails. Len said 2200 recipients. Len felt TNC’s social media sites were getting better results recently and suggested using Instagram. Mark felt that NextDoor wasn’t providing as good results as he had hoped.

**Len** proposed that board members attend the Neighborhood Team Program which would be on Zoom. It provides an Emergency Preparedness webinar with basic CERT, Ready Your Neighborhood, and other components. He will try to arrange a program, initially for the TNC board, and then the community in general, so when the next big fire erupts, more people will be prepared.

**Terry** asked Len to add the NCSA Liaison under committee reports.

**Susan Rogen** commented on the issues with registering for the vote by mail election. She wished that the process had been handled differently to make it accessible to more stakeholders. Several other board members express their displeasure with the process. Len suggested that board members attend the BONC meeting to speak on this subject to the rep for the City Clerk’s office. Len said he would also put this item on the next TNC agenda. He added that there have been multiple problems throughout the city with the registration process. Harvey felt the failure was with the City Clerk and not TNC’s bylaws.

**Barry** asked about a development on Reseda and Clark which has graffiti - riddled walls. He wanted to know who to contact to get it cleaned up.

**19**. **Adjournment:** (Flehinger/Schmaeff) moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at: 10:05 p.m.