

TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday May 26, 2020
VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

1. **Call to Order** at 7:04 by Len Shaffer, TNC President.

Roll Call: 17 board members present by Erin Heissler: Bob Schmaeff arrived after agenda item 14. **Present were:** Pam Blattner, Devon Cromwell, Mark Epstein, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Michael Povar, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Ken Schwartz, Len Shaffer, Scott Diamond, and Esther Wieder. **(Absent:** Barry Edelman and Ken Schwartz).

Welcoming Remarks by Len.

2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials: Councilperson Bob Blumenfield's representative:**

Sheila _____ was filling in for Veronica. She updated the board on:
Slow Streets - a new program that can be initiated by an NC or homeowner's association to provide a safe place to walk or bicycle.

The city is offering a program for volunteers who have had contact with Covid-19. Federal Judge Doug Carter has ordered the city to move homeless from under overpasses by September. To do this, the Councilperson needs to find empty parking lots to allow for safe parking or for shelters. Sheila asked if anyone has gotten complaints about the Etiwanda parking lot because the landlord is not maintaining it. The Council office has several 1,000 masks for free to organizations. The office wants to know how TNC wants to distribute funds provided by the city.

Michael Liu, Neighborhood Prosecutor, City Attorney's Office gave this update:

No action has been taken yet on 5732 Wilbur because the courts are not fully open yet. He needs more information about the policy regarding Air BnB. Continue to call LAPD with any complaints on this property and make sure it is documented.

Jeremy Serai, Field Rep for Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel: The staff is focused on helping constituents navigate EDD claims. As of last week, \$3.8 B was paid out to Californians. AB3308 passed the Assembly House Committee. This would allow school districts to build housing on their land for teachers. AB 2058 is moving to the Appropriations Committee. It would allow non-profits to purchase existing apartments for the preservation of affordable housing. AB2266 is moving forward in the House. It focuses on Hate Crimes and would strengthen the state's response to hate crimes by providing comprehensive training to LAPD officers. He also spoke about California Volunteers – a state program connecting volunteers to resources in their neighborhood. Info: CAvolunteers.ca.gov.

Blake Clayton from Sheila Kuehl's office, County of Los Angeles said faith-based organizations can now resume services but with a maximum of 100 people. All retailers may open at 50% of capacity. Swimming pools are open but recommend social distancing. Over 47,000 cases of coronavirus and over 2,000 deaths to date. Info: Covid19.lacounty.gov.

3. **Public Comments** – Glenn Bailey: VANC is still on hiatus. The annual mixer was cancelled. A virtual meeting will happen on the 2nd Thursday of the month going forward. A Bureau of Street Services official was to speak at the June meeting. The Congress of Neighborhoods will hold a Sept. 26, 2020 kick-off event with a virtual meeting to follow in November.
4. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report** – Max Flehinger said his Budget Advocate position will expire in June and then restart for a new 2-year term. There is an open spot for another budget advocate. On June 28th, the next session will be held virtually and stakeholders can participate. The 2020 White Paper deals with issues that existed before Covid19 and he predicts it will be far worse going forward. Info: Ncbala.com.
5. **Executive Secretary's Attendance Report** – One member has 5 absences and one has 4. (No names mentioned).
6. **Approval of minutes of May 14, 2020 meeting – (Heissler/Epstein) moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried.**
7. **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved, "Approval of April 2020 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER)." The motion carried.** (Scott not eligible to vote).
8. **(Goldberg/Epstein) moved, "Approval of Financial Statement as of April 30, 2020." The motion carried.**
9. **Committee and other Reports**
 - Outreach** – Terry said the Web Corner is finalizing the platform for the website. She is updating the website content. Mark asked if someone could write some comments for NextDoor on the events that TNC sponsors. Terry said she has already done so.
 - Events** – Esther said there are no events coming up.
 - Land Use** – David said the cell tower proposed for Topham and Corbin was withdrawn by the applicant at the Planning Commission meeting. Len said Councilmember Blumenfield has introduced a motion on vacant properties.
 - Budget** – Harvey stated that if any committee chair has money to spend, contact him as there are deadlines for using the payment card.
 - Transportation** – No meeting was held last month but Max reported an overhanging tree to DOT. He also asked DOT about a promised traffic count at the intersection of Collins and Wilber.
 - Public Safety** – Susan Rogan is getting a lot of complaints about the AbnB party houses.
 - Animal Welfare** – Jeff said two of the six city shelters have been closed. This includes the West Valley Shelter. The East Valley shelter (and three others) are only available by appointment. Jeff wrote an article on this issue. Surprisingly, there have been a lot more adoptions during the pandemic than anticipated. There has been great success in banning dog meat in Seoul, S. Korea and

Central Java, plus the first city in China has banned consumption and production of dog and cat meat. In April, the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture issued draft guidelines saying dogs are pets and are not to be eaten. This will save the lives of 10 – 20MM dogs who are killed for food each year.

Beautification – Iris had no report.

Homelessness Committee – Susan Lord had no report.

DWP MOU Report – Michael had no report.

COVID-19 Ad Hoc – Susan Rogan said it was a pleasure to work with the other women on this committee.

10. **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: The TNC standing rule requiring matters to be heard by the committee having jurisdiction of that subject matter is suspended for this meeting only.” The motion carried.**
11. **(Goldberg/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: Reversal of previously budgeted and currently unneeded expenditures to be returned to Unallocated as follows: Operations \$3,279.00 and Outreach \$6,822.62, Total \$10,101.62. As further detailed in the supporting documents.” The motion carried. (Scott ineligible to vote).**
12. **(Goldberg/Lord) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s action approving the COVID-19 Sub Committee’s request to aid the West Valley Food Pantry in their efforts to provide much needed meals in Tarzana by donating to the West Valley Food Pantry \$4,000 for the purchase of food and related costs, for distribution to local residents. To be classified as Outreach, COVID-19 Assistance, West Valley Food Pantry. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried. (Scott ineligible).**
13. **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s action approving the COVID-19 Sub Committee’s request to aid OneGeneration in their efforts to provide much needed meals in Tarzana by donating to OneGeneration \$4,000 for the purchase of food and related costs, for distribution to local residents. To be classified as Outreach, COVID-19 Assistance, OneGeneration. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried. (Scott ineligible).**
14. **(Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the request of the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee for an NPG not to exceed \$2000.00 for the West Valley Boys and Girls Club grab and go meals program. Funds to come from Unallocated.” The motion carried. (Scott ineligible).**
15. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, “Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 11, 12, 13 and 14 the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 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. (Scott ineligible).

16. (Shaffer/Flehinger) moved, "Resolved: The TNC Board supports the approval of ZA- 2020-1487-MCUP at 18700 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana 91356 (Village Walk) for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with six restaurants in an approximately 18,631 sq. ft. with approximately 560 seats." The motion carried: 15 – 1 abstention (Greene).

- Ellen Castillo spoke, representing the owner of the Village Walk Tarzana shopping center.
- Kathy Delle Donne, president of Tarzana Improvement Association, said it was very important.

Meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. for the Special Meeting. Meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

17. Board Business - Len thanked the board for participating in the virtual format and asked everyone to keep expenses down next year. Len asked if anyone has ideas on streets for the new city program for pedestrians and bicyclists, to let him know.

18. Meeting adjourned: 9:52 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One