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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium
5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to Order at 7:09 p.m.** Quorum established with 14 board members. Welcome comments by Len Shaffer, President of TNC. Pledge of Allegiance by Warren Holden. Roll Call: Robin Correll, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Eran Heissler, Warren Holden, Syed Hussaini, Paul Lawler, Jonathan Reich, Linda Safarian, Len Shaffer, Richard Silverman, Sukh Singh, Allan Wertheim, and Esther Weider. Ornit Toren arrived at 7:19 p.m.
2. **Minutes: (Heissler/Reich) moved to approve the September 23, 2014 board meeting minutes as revised. The motion carried.**
3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** None.
4. **Public Comments:**
 - Celeste Heathington of the Southland Regional Association of Realtors made a statement about her organization's goals.
 - Kevin Taylor of Tarzana Community Cultural Center gave an update.
 - 30th Congressional Candidate Mark Reed (Republican) made a campaign statement.
5. **Committee and other Reports**
 - Outreach** – 50 additional stakeholder emails have been added to the system. Last month, Esther attended Warren's Safety drills.
 - Land Use** – Max alerted the board to a Change of Use for a banquet hall requesting this expansion to serve alcohol. Len suggested board members sign up for Plan Check LA for notifications. Valley Alliance will be teaching "Planning 101" on December 11 at 5 p.m. at CBS Studios. RSVP to attend.
 - Budget:** Max Flehinger said the monthly meeting was held with one item tabled.
 - Transportation:** Max talked about a racing incident which was reported by a stakeholder who took a photo and got the license plate of motorists racing. He updated the board about several other transportation issues.
 - Public Safety:** Warren reviewed the Disaster Drill simulating a 7.8 earthquake aftermath. He said attendance was very high but most of the attendees were from outside of the Tarzana area. Warren announced that he will be resigning from the board due to his increased workload.
 - Rules:** Len said there will be an opportunity to amend any bylaws soon.
 - Energy & Environment:** This commitment is open and Earth Day is the main feature of this commitment.
 - Animal Welfare:** No report.
 - DWP MOU:** No report.
 - Budget Representative:** No report.
6. **Budget motions: (Wertheim/Garfinkle) moved that TNC approve the preliminary financial statements as of September 30, 2014 and also approve September 2014 expenditures for submission to DONE. The motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Baseline Mansionization Ordinance:** David Garfinkle reviewed the history leading up to this motion. **(Garfinkle/Heissler) moved, “Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council approves a Community Impact Statement supporting the motion by Councilman Koretz (CF-14-0656) to correct flaws in the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance by elimination of the three bonus provisions and the exception of the garages, porches, and covered breezeways from the calculation of the maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.”**

Stakeholder Iris Polonsky spoke against the motion.

(Heissler/Silverman) moved to table this motion until the January 2015 board meeting due to the complexity of the issue. The motion carried: 13-2-0.

8. **Transportation Committee’s recommendation: (Flehinger/Wertheim) moved, “Resolved: the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports all three phases of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association’s (VICA) San Fernando Valley transit priorities.”**

TCCC’s Kevin Taylor and VICA’s Doug Arsenault spoke in favor of this motion. Sharon Brewer raised her concerns. After discussion by the board, **the motion carried: 13-1-1 (Holden was opposed/Heissler abstained).**

9. **President’s Remarks**

- There will be no November board meeting. December 9th is the next board meeting.
- DONE action/BONC has adopted a Code of Conduct which board members will be asked to sign. It will be due in January.
- A new Community Impact Statement has been authorized by the City Clerk’s office.
- BONC meeting: Council President Herb Wesson attended and was asked if the NCs could start receiving \$50,000 in funding again. Also under consideration is a request to allow NC board members speak longer than the 2 minute public comment time when they are sponsoring a motion.

10. **Board Member Comment:**

David received a complaint by a stakeholder who said rats are over-running the neighborhood. The stakeholder is requesting a Town Hall meeting on this subject. Len suggested asking the Animal Welfare Committee for feedback on this item.

11. **Future Agenda Items:** Board members contributed several items.

12. **Adjournment** at 8:40 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One-