

TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2013

1. **Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.** by Kathy Delle Donne, TNC President. **Roll Call:** Paul Lawler, Doug Sarver, Susan Blauner, Deanna Scott, Jason Hayes, Kathy Delle Donne, Evan Levi, Joyce Greene, Varant Majarian, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, Susan Weidman, Eran Heissler, David Garfinkle, Barry Edelman and Esther Wieder. Absent: Matthew Austin, Harvey Goldberg, Eileen Maronde and Jon Reich. Quorum established. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Daryl Skoggins, Senior Lead Officer for Tarzana, gave crime stats: 7 house break-ins (south of the Boulevard), 7 auto thefts & 3 stolen vehicles. Most of the homes with thefts were unlocked. He said car break-ins are avoidable by not leaving anything of value in plain view. He asked for support in participating in California Pizza Kitchen's program to donate 20% of any checks that week to the families of the two slain Riverside PD officers. He acknowledged that a shooting did take place on Ventura Boulevard by Reseda but the victim is not cooperating with police in saying who shot him. Three individuals have been arrested for the home break-ins listed above. Officer Skoggins talked about people soliciting homeowners at their door and suggested that you always call Police when someone seems suspicious. He believes these people who solicit are looking to see if anyone is home so they can plan a break-in. Also, criminals are targeting UPS deliveries to homes and stealing parcels. Overall, crime is down in the West Valley compared to last year.

City Attorney Bill Larsen gave information about problems with boarding houses, sober living houses, and group homes. He spoke about a pending ordinance which would aim to limit residents at these facilities. Email him with any concerns at: William.larsen@lacity.org

LAPD Captain John Egan said reserve police officers will be assigned to work at the Sepulveda Basin Park on weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also, an effort is being made to educate those who use the park for improper purposes. The major crime issue in the Valley is currently auto theft. He encouraged everyone to lock their cars and hide valuables. Later, there was a discussion about the appropriate timeframe for 911 calls.

3. **Public Comments** – None.
4. **Sidewalk Repair Ordinance:** **Erik Rodriguez, Field Representative for Assembly member Bob Blumenfield**, asked for TNC's support on Assembly Bill 22 (Sidewalk Repairs) requiring local voter approval before repealing the ordinance requiring cities or counties repair sidewalks that are damaged as a result of tree root growth. This ordinance refers to trees that were planted by municipalities as opposed to trees that seeded themselves. **(Shaffer/Garfinkle) moved, "That TNC support SB22 in concept." The motion carried with one opposed (Weidman) and two abstentions (Hayes/Majarian).**
5. **Approval of Minutes** from January 22, 2012 Board meeting. **(Heissler/Shaffer) moved to approve the January 22, 2013 board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Approval of monthly financial statements:** **(Levi/Lawler) moved that TNC approve and accept the Monthly Financial Statement for January 2013. The motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Report by Budget Advocate:** Kathy encouraged the board to participate in the Mayor's Budget Survey. March 16, 2013 is Regional Budget Day
8. **TNC Budget & Finance Committee** recommended the following corrections be made to motions approved at the TNC Board Meeting on January 22, 2013 (no change in allocated amounts):

a) (Levi/Majarian) moved that, “Resolved that the One Generation budget allocation approved for \$750. be transferred from Community Projects to Outreach events.” The motion carried unanimously.

b) (Levi/Lawler) moved that, “Resolved that the VANC Mixer budget allocation approved for \$200. be transferred from Administration to Outreach Events.” The motion carried unanimously.

c) (Levi/Scott) moved that, “Resolved that the Mailing List budget allocation of \$400. be transferred from Administration to Outreach/Web Maintenance.” The motion carried unanimously.

9. TNC Budget & Finance Committee: (Levi/Hayes) moved that the TNC Board that the previously approved and unused budget of \$658.59 from Outreach Events relating to Burroughs Stamp Celebration be transferred to unallocated funds. *The motion carried unanimously.*
10. TNC Budget & Finance Committee: (Levi/Blauner) moved that, “The TNC Board that the previously approved and unused budget of \$100. from Outreach Events relating to the Taste of Encino be transferred to unallocated funds. *The motion carried unanimously.*”
11. TNC Budget & Finance Committee: (Levi/Sarver) moved that “The TNC Board that the budget allocation for mailing list maintenance be increased from \$240. to \$395.” *The motion carried unanimously.*
12. TNC Budget & Finance Committee: (Levi/Lawler) recommends to the TNC Board that the budget allocation for Outreach/Promo Items be increased from \$465. to \$1200. for the purchase of eco-friendly tote bags to be used for events. *The motion carried with three opposed (Flehinger/Garfinkle/Shaffer).*
13. 4607 Vanalden Ave. – (Shaffer/Levi) moved, “That the TNC Board support the request for a lot line adjustment on a previously approved subdivision of 1 lot to 2 lots.” *The motion carried unanimously.*
14. 18206 Victory Blvd. (Islamic Center)– (Shaffer/Heissler) moved that the TNC board accept the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose all the amendments requested by the applicant to the previous conditions set out in the Conditional Use Permit granted in 2004.

(Shaffer) then made a friendly amendment that TNC oppose the amendments requested except for the time for the start of Ramadan throughout the year with mitigation as imposed by the Hearing Officer with regard to parking and the use, specifically, of the service parking lot during the holiday of Ramadan.

(Hayes/Scott) offered another friendly amendment to vote on the amendment separately from the original motion. The motion carried with one abstention (Majarian).

(Shaffer/Heissler) moved to approve the Land Use Committee’s request to oppose the amendments requested except for the time for the start of Ramadan throughout the year with mitigation as imposed by the Hearing Officer with regard to parking and the use, specifically, of the service parking lot during the holiday of Ramadan. (not voted on because)

(Sarver/Hayes) made a friendly amendment to add language allowing the Islamic Center to increase its enrollment from 50 – 60 children to their religious education program). *This amendment failed: 7-8-2. (Opposed: Edelman, Heissler, Lawler, Levi, Majarian, Shaffer, Weidman, Blauner. Selesnick and Blauner abstained).*

(Shaffer/Heissler) moved that TNC approve the Islamic Center’s request to oppose the amendments requested except for the time for the start of Ramadan throughout the year. *The motion carried: 12-5-0 (Garfinkle, Hayes, Sarver, Scott and Selesnick opposed).*

15. Committee and Representative Reports:

Animal Welfare Committee – Chairperson Deanna Scott reported that they held their first meeting during which they helped a neighbor that was feeding 30 – 40 stray cats. Another elderly lady was helped who was feeding 60 cats by FixedNation. Deanna said her committee is looking for volunteers to walk dogs at the West Valley Shelter.

Energy & Environment Committee – Chairperson Marina McLeod reported that Earth Day is scheduled at TCC for April 13, 2013. She talked about the sponsors and exhibitors for that event.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Elliot Durant said stray shopping carts are being alleviated by Cartsnap.com. Also, to get abandoned vehicles off the street, email: sqcode3@gmail.com. License tags must be expired for the car to be impounded. The LAPD is encouraging participation in “Hide It, Lock It, Keep It” campaign to keep motorists’ property safe. Gelson’s was participating in the March 16th Public Safety Fair with a donation of 1,000 Eco-Friendly bags. Elliott is also trying to get Neighborhood Watch stickers to be handed out to homeowners.

Outreach Committee – Chairperson Denyse Selesnick spoke about a news release she had issued. She encouraged everyone to get involved with her committee. Her mailing list is up to 3500 people.

Ad Hoc Committee- Tarzana Crossing – Warren Holden reported on the meeting for the Farmer’s Market. The Chamber is interested in partnering with TNC.

Transportation/Mobility Commission – Chairperson Jason Hayes said they are trying to categorize Tarzana’s needs then handle each need one by one.

BONC Commission & LANCC - Len Shaffer: BONC is working on their plan review and boundary adjustments. He also talked about current issues before LANCC.

DWP MOU Representative Joyce Greene spoke about the DWP’s Smart Meter Program and mentioned some pros and cons of that program.

16. **Change to date of Regular Board Meeting:** Kathy announced that the TNC Executive Committee recommends that the March TNC General Board Meeting be tentatively rescheduled for April 4th due to religious holidays.
17. **Resignation:** Joyce Green’s resignation as co-chair of the Energy & Environment Committee. **(Shaffer/Hayes) moved that this item be removed from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**
20. **Board Member Comment:** Kathy suggested board members make any requests by March 10th to Chris McManus to set up TCC meeting times. Two posting locations can be now set up by email or fax.
21. **Future Agenda Items** and other Calendar Events: None.
22. **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:02 p.m.