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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 23, 2013
Providence Tarzana Medical Center
18321 Clark Street, Tarzana, CA

1. **Call to Order** at 7:15 p.m. by TNC President Kathy Delle Donne. welcoming remarks and Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll Call:** Matt Austin, Susan Blauner, Kathy Delle Donne, Elliot Durant, Barry Edelman, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Paul Lawler, Varant Marjarian, Eileen Maronde, Doug Sarver, Deanna Scott, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, Esther Wieder, and Sue Weidman. **Absent:** Max Flehinger, Jon Reich, Evan Levi, and Eran Heissler.

2. **Time Limit for Meeting: (Delle Donne/Maronde) moved the Executive Committee resolution to limit the Board meeting to adjournment by 9:30 pm. All items not covered at Board Meeting will be carried over to the August Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** Eric Rodriguez, Councilman Blumenfield's new field deputy, introduced himself and asked for input on new motions for the Councilmember to put forth. He announced upcoming events including National Night Out. He stated that no open files were transferred from Councilman Zine's office to Councilmember Blumenfield's office. LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Royal Barber, from North Reseda, said the West Valley is leading the Valley in crime reduction - Tarzana has a 17.2 % reduction in crime since last year. Personal theft was down 10%, motor vehicle theft was down 29%, stolen cars - 38%, and burglary is down 6%. They are grateful for Neighborhood Watch's help with reporting crime.

4. **Special Presentation: "Seismic Issues at Providence Tarzana Medical Center"** by Gerald Clute, Providence Tarzana Regional Medical Center's Chief Executive. Gerald said the hospital did really well during the Northridge earthquake in 1994. There was no structural damage. CEO, Phyllis Bushart, described their seismic upgrade project as having 3 phases: 1. the Patient Care Tower, 2. Common area with lobby & switchboard, 3. Ancillary Services. They are choosing the finalist for contracting work for seismic work and will be using an architectural firm with this specialty. They are testing materials right now for strength (they are on Round 2) and are doing predecessor projects, such as the roof support for the pharmacy. Right now, they are dealing with issues regarding their trailers. The project is going to be noisy and will displace people (5 less beds than they have now). They may also lose the back wall of the Emergency Room. They will need community help and support.

5. **Public Comments:** Armineh Chelebian is running for Special Election 45th Assembly District. She ran previously against Mitch Englander and Bob Blumenfield.

6. **Approval of minutes:**

- **(Delle Donne/Selesnick) moved to accept the minutes of April 4, 2013 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**
- **(Delle Donne/Lawler) moved to accept the minutes with Len's revision for February 26, 2013 meeting minutes (The Land Use Committee recommended opposing the Islamic Center's request for parking except during Ramadan). The motion carried unanimously.**
- **(Delle Donne/Austin) moved to accept the minutes for the board meeting of June 25, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Approval of Financial Statement as of June 30, 2013.** Evan was not present for the report. Harvey questioned a credit that was missing from the financial statement regarding a credit for \$250 designated from the \$8,000 for an ad on AOL. According to Kathy this will not allow TNC use of this money because any amount under the election allocation of \$8000. reverts back to the general fund. **(Sarver/Blauner) moved to amend the Financial Report so that it includes a credit of \$250.00 as a line item against the election expenses in the Election/Outreach category. The motion carried unanimously.**

Harvey had a question regarding the amount of \$257.00 the President's expenses. Since the Treasurer was not available to answer the question, **(Delle Donne/Garfinkle) moved to table the Financial Report for June 2013. The motion carried unanimously.**

8. President's Report. Kathy thanked everyone for their support and presented her President's Report on the State of TNC. She stated that the Board and Committees have been doing an outstanding job this past year. There now is a 21 person as compared with 15 members the prior year. The email list was increased from a little over 400 to almost 3500 thanks to the excellent job of the TNC Outreach Committee. New ideas and projects are making TNC stronger and more involved in the community. Change has been difficult for many, but it's necessary in order to take our community to a higher level.

9. Mandatory Training: Kathy talked about DONE's requirements with the new mandatory Funding training for 2013-2014 fiscal year required for all board members by September 1st and said there is an online training that board member can take.

10. City Attorney Recommendation: Regarding the transfer of Portola Middle School's Principal Shaha, the City Attorney recommended the letter drafted be approved by the Board and sent to LAUSD. The letter requests the reasons behind the reassignment. **(Selesnick/Durant) moved that TNC approve the draft letter to LAUSD.** Eileen recommended new wording for the letter so TNC does not take sides on this issue. The letter was revised. **The motion to approve the letter carried unanimously.**

11. Survey: Joyce Greene explained the reason behind the Special Report on Neighborhood Council Plan Review Committee's Survey for board members and stakeholders.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9motions>

12. Update on Recode.LA - Kathy explained this five year plan to revise the City's outdated zoning code. She attended a recent workshop and will continue to give updates.

13. Committee and Representative Reports:

Animal Welfare Committee – Chairperson Deanna Scott's committee received training on animal welfare. She said 40 people will be helping at West Valley's animal shelter. Her Committee works closely with The group, FixNation, in the spaying and neutering of feral cats. Coexisting with Coyotes brochures are also being distributed by her Committee.

Energy & Environment Committee – Marina McLeod, chairperson, distributed prizes to the kids in the schools from Earth Day.

Outreach Committee - Denyse Selesnick, chairperson, spoke about TNC's booth at the Valley Cultural Center's Concert on the Green series & National Night Out.

Public Safety Committee – Chairperson Elliot Durant talked about setting up a disaster workshop for the schools. CD3's Public Safety Coalition will take place Oct. 12 at Pierce College. Oct. 17th is the Great American Shake-Out.

Transportation/Mobility Committee – Mark Weiner, chairperson, talked about the Transportation Mobility Committee. His Committee is working on having public restrooms at the Metro Park & Ride stations. He's also looking into traffic & speeding issues and signal and crosswalk issues.

Rules Committee – Len Shaffer, chairperson: No report.

Farmers' Market – Warren Holden - The website is ready to go up. Twitter is active. Insurance is pending.

DWP MOU Representative -. She gave a report on upcoming issues including a potential water rate increase.

BONC Commission & LANCC - Len Shaffer said responses were in on EmpowerLA. He was to attend the upcoming LANCC meeting

14. Board Member Comments: According to the DWP MOU Joyce said DWP requires a 14-day notice if there is anything on the agenda that is an action item. Eileen said she was interested in hearing about water quality issues. Kathy mentioned the proposed Mural Ordinance. Former "Michaels" medical office project will be moving forward in late October/November.

15. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events were announced.

Planning & Land Use 101- Sat. Aug 17th 8am-12pm Pacoima Family Source Center

LANCC Meeting – Sat. Aug. 3rd 10am

VANCC Meeting – Thurs. Aug. 8th at 6:30 pm Sherman Oaks Hospital

16. Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.