

**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING**

January 28, 2014

Tarzana Elementary School.  
5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356

1. **Call to order** at 7:15 p.m. by TNC President Kathy Delle Donne. **Roll Call:** Matthew Austin, Kathy Delle Donne, Elliot Durant, Barry Edelman, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Paul Lawler, Evan Levi, Varant Majarian, Eileen Maronde, Jon Reich, Deanna Scott, Denyse Selesnick, Len Shaffer, Esther Weider and Sue Weidman. Quorum established. Pledge of allegiance.
2. **President's Report:** Kathy talked about the different presentations the board has made in the community. TNC was awarded the 10 year certificate from DONE.
3. **Public Comments** – Glen Cheslock, a stakeholder, reported water a runoff problem in his neighborhood.
4. **Remarks by Public Officials:**
  - Ian Anderson, Field Director for Assembly member Matt Dababneh of the 45th Assembly District, gave an update on legislative issues.
  - Rosalba Gonzalez of Senator Fran Pavley's office gave a legislative update.
  - Jenny Portillo, Field Deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield's office, gave updates on what has been going on in CD 3.
  - Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins reported the #1 crime in the SF Valley is burglary of motor vehicles. Tarzana finished the year 17% down in crime. He talked about a 10-year old's fundraising effort to find a cure for diabetes.
  - Lydia Grant, BONC Commissioner, talked about her efforts with helping neighborhood councils. Email: lydia.grant@lacity.org.
5. **Minutes: (Delle Donne/Heissler) moved approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2013 TNC meeting. The motion carried.**
6. **Tony Wilkinson, Empower LA's** Independent Election Administrator for Region 3, updated the board on various points of information regarding the March 16th election.
7. **Land Use Committee Report: 18603 Topham Street – (Delle Donne/Selesnick) moved a request for a variance for reduced parking from the required 25 spaces to 16 due to the change of use from manufacturing to dog care and wellness facility. Iris Polonsky (for Denise Schall) property owner Bobby Dorafshaw and Athena Novak, the consultant said they are asking for relief from the city for four parking spaces.**

**(Shaffer/Lawler) made an amendment with a term limit for the variance to Sept. 2019, to expire on the same date at the current CUP on that property. The amendment carried with one abstention (Greene).**

**(Shaffer/Heissler) moved another amendment with the following volunteer conditions (in the letter):** 1. the rubber liner will be installed around the metal section and/or lid of the trash can to ensure that the empty noise will be reduced, 2. That no trash pickup will be scheduled prior to 7 a.m. in the morning Monday - Sunday, 3. That a rubber mat will be installed in the trash area to mitigate the noise when the trash is being emptied. **The motion to amend carried.**

**The amended motion (with conditions) carried with four abstentions (Majarian, Garfinkle, Goldberg and Shaffer).**

**8. Presentation: "How can one adapt to our Changing Climate."** William Selby, a Santa Monica College scientist and professor spoke about how the epic drought and water shortages will impact residents in LA County. Volcanic eruptions, sun spots, destruction of the rainforests and greenhouse gases are all factors that influence climate change. The trends of hot and dry winters in LA with no rain and very cold winters in other parts of the country are all part of the same problem caused by climate changes. He said the climate models say that, even if we stop using fossil fuels, temperatures could continue to increase. The worst case scenario would be a 10 degree increase, but no one can predict a definitive outcome.

**9. Budget & Finance Committee Report:**

- a. **(Goldberg/Flehinger) moved, "Resolved that, based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the financial statements for the month of December 2013, be approved." The motion carried: 16-0-1 (Greene)**
- b. **(Goldberg/Reich) moved, "Resolved that, based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the DONE Expenditure Report for the month of December 2013, be approved." The motion carried unanimously.**
- c. **(Goldberg/Heissler) moved, "Resolved that, based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the following budgeted and unnecessary items be reversed from the Outreach Budget: National Night Out \$2.43, Nestle Charter School Fair \$50.00, Taste of Encino \$150.00 and Public Safety Day Oct 2013 \$2,300.00; for a total of \$2,502.43." The motion carried unanimously.**
- d. **(Goldberg/Reich) moved, "Resolved that, based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana NC allocate \$4,000.00 for a NPG for the Tarzana Elementary School to assist with the cost of their physical education program." (Esther Weider recused herself). Lydia Schlanger, teacher of Tarzana Elementary School, spoke on this grant request. The motion carried unanimously. 16-0-0.**
- e. **(Goldberg/Shaffer) moved, "Resolved that, based on the recommendation of the TNC Budget Committee, the Tarzana NC allocate \$313.41 for the Animal Welfare Committee/Operation to purchase traps, treats, collars and leashes to be used." The motion carried unanimously.**
- f. **(Goldberg/Durant) moved, "Resolved that that the following invoices be paid by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council for the items: Fast Signs (feral cat flyers) \$121.32; Stamps (Land Use expense for 400 stamps) \$196.00; Fast Signs (newsletters) \$244.16 and TNC Logos for vests - NTE not to exceed \$140.00. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10. (Goldberg/Heissler) moved that TNC adopt the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan submitted by Jon Reich for Tarzana Neighborhood Council to replace the original Strategic Plan posted on the Empower LA web site." The motion carried unanimously.**

**11. (Delle Donne/Selesnick) moved that TNC form an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the transformation of the DWP Pumping Station on Vanalden Ave. into a Community Park." Kathy explained that drought tolerant plants are to be planted at the new park. Committee members will be: David Garfinkle, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene and Eileen Maronde. The motion carried.**

**12. Reports:**

- f. **Harvey Goldberg, Budget Advocate Rep, reported that over about 10 years, the Zoo's budget went from \$10 million to \$250,000. On Feb. 3rd, the Mayor is conducting one of four regional meetings on the City budget in Porter Ranch. The current projected 2014-2015 City Budget is still \$250 million in the hole after all the cuts made in previous years going forward.**

- g. **Transportation/Mobility Committee Chair:** Kathy gave Mark Weiner's report which stated that pothole repairs start Feb. 8 and will continue going forward on the weekends. Mark also continues working on having restrooms installed along the Orange Line.
- h. **Energy & Environment Committee** (Tarzana Green Team) on Earth Day scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and community gardens planted at our local schools. Kathy said that Marina has taken a leave of absence as chair.
- i. Elliot Durant gave the **Public Safety Committee** report: There's a State of the Valley- Public Safety Town Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, Tarzana Park's new playground dedication on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am, and TNC's bid as the Emergency Management Department to be the model for other NCs in the City for the 2014 Shakeout. He talked about Movies in the Park, a Town Hall on March 12th on this, and plans for a CERT training for April 12<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned an online game that kids can access where they shoot up a school and kill students and kids. He talked about the various ways they are planning to respond to this situation.
- j. Denyse spoke about an **Outreach/Election** meeting set for the following week. The Town Hall meetings were not productive as she had anticipated. However, they had some interest from the Islamic Center in getting the word out about the election. She talked about a Candidates Night.
- k. Max Flehinger reported about the establishment of a **TNC Speakers Bureau** to outreach to our community schools, churches & organizations. He asked for volunteers from the community.
- l. Len Shaffer talked about the election of officers at the last **LAANC** meeting. The BONC Commission adopted many of the standard motions from the Working Group. They are looking for one last member for the commission.
- m. Joyce Greene gave a brief report. DWP MOU meets on 2-1-14. Ron Nichols has no opinion as yet on the DWP Power Rate Proposal. Bay Delta Conservation Plan is under scrutiny. Information can be found on their web site. Public comment period has been extended to 6-13-14.

13. **Board Member Comments:**

- Len gave a report on the recent Valley Alliance of NCs meeting.
- Denyse talked about the issue of adult bullying at NCs.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.