**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday June 25, 2024**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

**5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:15 p.m. by TNC President Len Shaffer. Roll Call by Eran Heissler. **Quorum met with 16 board members:** Christopher Ahuja, Faryl Arbeitman, Sylvia Bedrossian (left at 8:46 p.m.), Matthew Clark, Barry Edelman, Bruno Hernandez, Susan Lord, Duncan MacIntosh, Paul Radenberg, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Harvey Goldberg, Iris Polonsky, and Len Shaffer. Absent: Leon Antonio Gonzalez, Bob Shmaeff and Esther Wieder (arrived at 7:37 p.m.)
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials**: LAFD Battalion Chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ talked about the importance of brush clearance and emergency preparedness. He also discussed the danger of charging lithium batteries and the theft of copper wire in city lighting. Len suggested lithium ion phosphate batteries as being safer. (Go online to the LAFD to see the brush clearance requirements).
3. **Public Comments**:

Mark Ragan with World Harvest Charities and Family Services, a 501C3, spoke about their programs on Venice Boulevard. They do food deliveries and discounted food programs for families who are struggling to buy groceries. They are extending their programs to the San Fernando Valley. Len suggested he fill out an NPG.

Sam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, announced the VANC meeting agenda for July 11th with the new EmpowerLA General Manager.

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report Glenn Bailey** said the election for budget advocate was recently held and they filled 2 out of 3 positions. Budget Reps can fill vacancies. He thanked those who came to City Hall for Budget Day. It was their first in-person meeting in five years. He gave a report on the officials who attended. Channel 35 recorded it. That link is on: budgetadvocates.org. There will be a retreat the 3rd Saturday in July.
2. **Executive Secretary’s Report** – Iris reported that one member, Joyce, has six absences and two other members have five absences. There has been an extension to July 1, 2024 for the board member trainings.
3. **Approval of the June 2024 TNC Board Meeting Minutes:** (Heissler/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting as revised. **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**7. Committee and other Reports**

**Budget –** Harvey stated that the unspent money in the budget for this fiscal year is: $6,494.39. He asked committee chairs to put together a budget for what they need for next year and submit it to him before July 10th.

**Land Use** – No report.

**Outreach** – Terry said the next meeting is in August. Len asked for three people to volunteer for the Ad Hoc Committee for Election Outreach. Appointments will be made next month.

**Events** – National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August.

**Transportation** – Susan Rogen said they had a meeting and most of the people want to pursue investigating a Real Time Crime Center for Tarzana. The centers are run by the police and it involves installing cameras with license plate readers. She said there has been a 30% reduction in crime at the locations where they have been installed. On another note, a pedestrian crossing beacon is going in on Tampa after two years of waiting for it; she talked to the maintenance person at the park about some water leaks; and she is working on getting a traffic study on the Tampa onramp to the north 101.

**Public Safety** - Terry is looking into getting solar lights on the bikeway. Also, she reported that a group of people are stealing wire from the light poles on her street. She saw coiled cable on the bikeway and called LAPD to report this. The following night, the same group returned and removed the cable. The night before the meeting, she saw people on the pole cutting the wire behind her home. Barry also reported an incident of wires being cut from a box.

**Rules –** No report.

**Government Action** – No report.

**Animal Welfare** – Jeff spoke about the July 4th holiday which is the worst time for dogs and the animal shelters. He suggested everyone make sure their fences are secure and suggested keeping dogs inside. He also suggested reporting people who are setting off fireworks, and gave some language choices on how to approach people who are planning to set off fireworks – “They are not cool. You are actually abusing dogs and leading to the unnecessary deaths of dogs.” Because shelters are not being improved, he feels enforcing spay and neuter laws is the answer.

**Beautification** – Iris said the old banners were moved to the new location, but it will be corrected. New banners are also up.

**Homelessness** – Susan said there will be a meeting on July 1, 2024.

**DWP MOU Report** – No report.

**VANC Report** – Len said the new GM will be invited to the next meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Jeff said the Deputy Mayor for Homelessness spoke about housing and another individual spoke about the election. Glenn said it was recorded and posted on the Budget Advocates’ site.

**LANCC Report** – Someone from the City Clerk’s office was the special guest.

**NCSA Liaison** – Terry spoke about the meeting. She would like to do a presentation on artificial turf and hopes the board will file a CIS.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – No report.

**8. Approval of the May 2024 MER**: (Goldberg/MacIntosh) moved “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation and approves the May 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024. **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**9. Purchase of a Projector Screen: (**Goldberg/Bedrossian) moved “Request from our President to purchase one projector screen to be used for presentations at Board and Committee Meetings from our 2024-25 budget at a total cost NTE $200.00. Vendor TBD. To be classified as Meeting Expenses. Funds to come from Meeting Expenses budget.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**10. Approval of the Administrative Package/Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget:** (Goldberg/Polonsky) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to approve the Administrative Package and Budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Total Office/Operational Expenses $7,470, Unallocated $24,530, Total Budget $32,000.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**11. Join South Valley NCs for a Meeting with L.A. County Supervisor Horvath**: (Shaffer/Saucier) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to join other South Valley NCs in meeting with LA County Supervisor Horvath.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

Sharon Brewer made a public comment.

**12. Web Corner Expenditure**: (Shaffer/MacIntosh) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to adopt a resolution affirming the use of the services of The Web Corner as the TNC webmaster for fiscal year 2024-2025.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**13. Approval of Expenditure of Funds**: (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved, “Resolved: TNC Board adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve the payment of ongoing expenses as follows: For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the TNC authorizes its Treasurer or other designee to pay previously budgeted recurring monthly or periodic expenses, in small amounts, defined as those not to exceed $75/day for each item and expense classification category. These expenses include, but are not limited to, supplies, copies and postage for committees, Board and committee meetings, officers, and committee chairperson expenses etc., and refreshments for meetings (other than Board meetings) etc. The recurring expenses are AppleOne, or other temporary staffing agencies for preparation of minutes or other clerical functions not to exceed ("NTE") $400/meeting, Net Atlantic or other such company for mailing list maintenance and distribution NTE $40/month and The Web Corner or other such company for web site hosting and maintenance NTE $150 for each month’s services and the purchase of food and refreshments for Board meetings from any vendors NTE $450 per meeting.” **The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

**14. CIS Opposing CF-23-0172:** (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to file a CIS opposing CF - 23-0172 and any land use ordinance that would remove the SB4 requirement that property sought to be developed by a Faith Based Organization (FBO) be acquired by January 1, 2024 and/or that would increase the allowable non-income restricted units from 5% to 20%. Passing an ordinance that removes the date restriction from SB4 type developments would encourage FBOs to speculate in the acquisition of zone restricted properties. Allowing more non-income restricted units would go against the intent of SB4 to specifically create more low-income housing.”

* Faryl made a public comment that the building of ADUs affects neighbors’ quality of life.
* Glenn Bailey made a comment as an individual. He spoke about a circumstance involving a church on Lindley Avenue near his property. He also spoke about the economic challenges that churches have.

**The motion carried: 14-3-0. (Hernandez, Ahuja and Clark opposed).**

 **15**. **Board Business** - No comments.

**16.**  **Adjournment** at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One