

TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 16, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 PM.
Present were: Members: Harvey Goldberg, Mark Epstein, Varant Majarian, and Bob Shmaeff. Absent were: Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian and David Gerhardt. Also present were guests: Susan Rogan, Iris Polonsky and Scott Diamond.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Chairperson Goldberg removed of Leon Gonzalez as a Committee Member since he did not respond to emails asking him if he wanted to remain a committee member.
4. Mark Moved and Varant seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Bob moved and Varant seconded a motion to approve the September 2024 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of September 30, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Varant moved, and Bob seconded a motion to reduce the budget for Operations, General, Meeting Expense, Refreshments by \$600 to \$3,600 to conform to LA City Clerks policy dated September 16, 2024. Fund reduction to be added to Unallocated.
7. A request by Portola Charter Middle School for an NPG for \$3,587.83 to fund history art projects for all history classes. To be classified NPG. Funds to come from unallocated was tabled.
8. A discussion of should the Tarzana NC offer an NPG to one teacher from each school in Tarzana up to a certain dollar amount for expenses related school project(s) that are not funded by LAUSD or their school. The selection of the teacher/project for each school could be made by the Tarzana NC or the school principal based on the submission of proposals from teachers at each school. Mark moved and Varant seconded a motion; Resolved that the Tarzana NC Budget Committee recommends that the Tarzana NC offer to each public school in Tarzana a NPG up to \$2,500 for either a teacher or a department for each fiscal year. The determination/selection of the grant recipient(s) at the school is to be made by the principal after submission by any teacher/department requesting the grant. The principal/teacher is required to submit the standard NPG forms to request the funding. All funding requests must meet the Los Angeles City Clerk funding guidelines for neighborhood council grants. The motion was approved unanimously.
9. There was no other committee business. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6: 15 PM. Agenda items for the meeting should be submitted by Thursday, November 28, 2024.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Submitted by
Bob Shmaeff, Secretary