

1. **Call to Order at** 7:10 p.m. by Len Shaffer, president of the TNC with welcoming remarks. Roll Call by Eran Heissler: Sylvia Bedrossian, Eran Heissler, Susan Lord, Duncan MacIntosh, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Leonard Shaffer, and Esther Wieder. Quorum met with 11 board members. Christopher Ahuja joined the meeting at 7:30 and Bob Shmaeff joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m. bringing the total to 13 board members for voting. Absent were: Faryl Arbeitman, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, and Paul Radenberg.
2. **Remarks by Representatives of Public Officials:**

* **Fire Chief Mike Flynn:** He just transferred in last June. He spoke about the Line and Bridge incidents and his work with Hurricane Milton. The Great California Shakeout just occurred. He reminded everyone to have a Go-Bag and an emergency plan in place if a major earthquake were to occur. He suggested everyone take CERT classes to make sure everyone stays safe. He suggested getting a 10-year smoke detector for every room in your house. (cert-la.com) With him was William \_\_\_\_\_ (no name announced).
* **Safi Lodin, senior field deputy for Councilmember Blumenfield**, gave an update on new developments including RVs moved, Reseda/Paseo Nuevo roundabout’s design is complete and will be installed when the street is repaved, pedestrian crosswalks on Tampa and Calvert and Tampa and Hatteras are up. Cyclavia will be December 8th on Sherman Way from Lindley to Shoupe. Metro announcement: there have been complications with transients, encampments, loitering and overgrown vegetation. They are trying to address these concerns. Use Metro app to report something or [customerrelations@metro.net](mailto:customerrelations@metro.net). Or call: 800 464-2111.
* Sharon Brewer requested trash cans by bus benches at Reseda by Oxnard. Safi said the trash cans are getting stolen and vandalized.
* Ed Hochman complained about homeless people behind a smoke shop on Reseda and Bessemer. Police say they can’t do anything about it. Safi said if it is on private property, the city has no jurisdiction over it. If they are on city property, then something can be done but it’s tricky. Property owners have to report the issue, themselves, for police to act. Ed said there’s a button at the Metro station to contact Metro directly but no one responds when it is used.
* Duncan spoke about having a landscape strategy for the city.

1. **Public Comment:** None.
2. **Budget Advocate Report:** Glenn Bailey, Region 3, said the new budget advocates met with the CAO’s office. [LAbudgetadvocates@lacity.com](mailto:LAbudgetadvocates@lacity.com) has more info. The next Budget Day will be held on June 21, 2025.
3. **Executive Secretary’s Report:** Iris reported that four or five people have four absences.
4. **Approval of Minutes for September 2024 Board Meeting**: (Heissler/Clark) moved to approve the minutes for the September 24, 2024 TNC board meeting as revised. The motion carried unanimously: **13-0-0.** (Eran listed this as 14-0-0 but it was actually 13 because Joyce could not vote).
5. **Committee Reports:**

**Budget** – Next meeting Dec. 13, 2024. If you want to place an item on the agenda, get it to him by November 28th. NPG invited a funding request from Portola but no one came to the meeting so that item was tabled.

**Land Use** – Len said there are three restaurant applications for conditional use for alcohol right now. He found out through the City Planning Dept. but none of them have contacted him, which he said they are supposed to do. There are a continuing level of demolition requests.

**Outreach** – Terry said there was a meeting on October 14th. She said they discussed the outreach for elections. Susan said you can complete an application by mail, as well as online.

**Events** – No report.

**Transportation** – Susan reported on her recent meeting. She has written an appeal to the LADOT on their request for a lefthand turn light at the north entrance to the 101 freeway. Dec. 4th will be their virtual meeting at 6 p.m.

**Public Safety – No report.**

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**Animal Welfare** -Jeff talked about the lack of resources to spay and neuter animals in the City of L.A. He has written an article for CityWatch on this subject. (Citywatchla.com). The other article is focused on the six million dogs and cats in Vietnam that need saving. The City of L.A. is opposed to dog meat in Vietnam. His article suggests a proposal to end dog meat in Vietnam.

**Beautification** – Iris said her committee met with Outreach earlier in the month. They discussed the possibility of converting a DWP open space on Crebs and Collins in North Tarzana to make it into a small pedestrian park with seating, tables and a children’s playground.

**Homelessness** – Joyce gave a report that the Homelessness Advocate will be holding a meeting on Nov. 19th on Zoom.

**DWP MOU** – No report.

**VANC Report** – Len said they heard about the Housing Element Draft. Len said the new EmpowerLA GM attends the meetings.

**NCSA Liaison** - Terry said the meeting takes place on Nov. 17th.

**Ad Hoc VNY** – Len said nothing is going on.

**Ad Hoc Election** – There was a Zoom meeting which Terry and Harvey attended. An unidentified board member said this meeting was not properly noticed.

1. **Appointment of New Board Members:** (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved that the TNC adopts the executive committee’s recommendation to appoint the following three applicants to the TNC’s open positions: Sima Salek (At Large), Joyce Greene (Residential Renter) and David Elan (Business).

* David introduced himself. He has an estate planning company. He currently serves on the Land Use committee.
* Sima is a member of the Animal Welfare Committee. She has a law office in Encino. She has been a resident of Tarzana for almost 10 years and has kids at Portola and Daniel Pearl. She has been active in the local school community.
* Len stated that Joyce did not have to announce herself as she has previously served on the TNC board for many years.

**The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.** (Eran listed this as 14-0-0 but it was actually 13 because Joyce could not vote).

1. **MER and Financial Statement:** (Shaffer/Rogen) moved, “Resolved, the TNC board approves the Sept. 2024 expenditures for submission to the City Clerk (MER) and the financial statements as of September 30, 2024.” **The motion carried unanimously: 14-0-0. (Joyce was added to the vote).**
2. **Budget Reduction Motion:** (Shaffer/Heissler) moved, “Resolved, the TNC board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation for reduction of the budget for Operations, General Meeting Expense, Refreshments by $600.00 to $3,600 to conform to L.A. City Clerk’s policy dated September 16, 2024. Fund reduction to be added to Unallocated. **The motion carried unanimously: 14-0-0. (Joyce was added to the vote).**
3. **NPG Grants: (Shaffer/Polonsky) moved,** “Resolved: that the Tarzana NC Budget Committee recommends that the Tarzana NC offer to each public school in Tarzana an 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.”

**(Shaffer/Ahuja) then moved to amend that motion to:** “Resolved, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation that the TNC offer to each public school in Tarzana, an NPG up to $2,500 for either a teacher or teachers or department for each neighborhood council fiscal year. The determination selection of the grant recipients shall be made in a manner determined by each school. The principal teacher is required to submit the standard NPG forms to request funding, and all funding requests must meet the L.A. City Clerk funding guidelines for neighborhood council grants.”

**The motion to amend passed unanimously: 14-0-0.**

Sharon Brewer wondered when this would take effect. Len said in the next fiscal year.

**The amended motion was passed unanimously: 14-0-0.**

1. **Revised Budget for Fiscal Year:** (Shaffer/MacIntosh) moved, “Resolved, the TNC board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 to include the above item 10, and approves all necessary forms and paperwork required to update the budget and directs the treasurer and/or president to prepare such and submit it to the City Clerk’s Funding Division.” **The motion carried unanimously: 14-0-0.**
2. **Housing Element Ordinance/Land Use Motion:** (Shaffer/Rogen) moved, “Resolved, the TNC board adopts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to adopt the approval of Draft 3 of the Housing Element Ordinance that was passed by the City Planning Commission and recommended by the City Planning Department and file a CIS in support when the Council File number is published.”

Len explained why this Housing Study is necessary. This draft (400 pages) is available for review. It says, except for a few exceptions, residential will be left alone.

Varant Majarian: Asked about a development on a lot in Tarzana across from Gelsons. Joyce said she thought the hospital purchased the land to build units for their employees. Iris said the property is privately owners and as of now, they can’t afford to build it.

**The motion carried: 14-1-1 (Opposed: Bedrossian; Abstaining: Ahuja).**

1. **Beautification Committee Motion: (Polonsky/Lord) moved, “**Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Beautification Committee’s recommendation to participate in the monthly cleanups of the VCC on the second Saturday of each month.”

* Len said that to promote non-profits events, someone from the TNC board needs to be involved in this activity.
* Darlene Haymen, who serves on the Beautification Committee, talked about the efforts behind these events. They host the cleanups on the 2nd Saturday of every month and provide all of tools and safety equipment for the event. They are proposing another clean up event on the 4th Sunday of the month. She asked for TNC to post their flyers on social media.
* Duncan suggested getting the school clubs that are interested involved. Len said this would involve filling out an event form.
* Charlene Niemi is a business owner. She spoke about the dedication of the volunteers who she works with.
* Iris stated that participation can also mean sitting at a table and handing out tools.
* An unidentified person stated that the non-profit can tag the TNC on social media without TNC having to do anything.
* Duncan spoke in favor of the motion saying he will make time for this.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Transportation/Public Safety Motion:** (Rogen/Bedrossian) moved to table this motion until the next TNC board meeting: “Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Transportation/Public Safety Committee’s recommendation to contact CM Bob Blumenfield regarding the purchase and installation of license plate readers in Tarzana and the rest of CD 3. The Board further approves of publicizing the benefits of the readers and why our stakeholders should be contacting CM Blumenfield.

**The motion to table passed unanimously.**

1. **Board Business:** Len sent an email to the board regarding the Planning Dept. meeting for the Community Plan. This is especially important to attend so board members can give input at a future meeting. Len said the last time the Plan was amended was in the early ‘90s.

Chris reminded everyone to vote on November 5th.

1. **Adjournment:** at 9:24 p.m.

* Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One -