

TARZANA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President David Garfinkle at 7:33 pm. at the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center, 19130 Ventura Boulevard, Tarzana.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Ted O’Karma, Michael Povar, Terry Saucier, Leonard Shaffer, David Springer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Mittleman, Shel Mittleman, Nancy Theroux

TREASURER’S REPORT – Nancy Theroux
Checking \$3183.06; Savings \$2779.89

GUESTS:

Veronica Vos, Field Deputy for Tarzana for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

TRANSPORTATION – Max Flehinger

Speed Limit on Reseda: The updated speed limit signs of 40 mph on Reseda Boulevard south of Ventura Boulevard have been installed.

Taxicab Signage: A CIS was filed by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) in support of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield’s motion (Council file 19-0104) to repeal Taxicab Board rule 415(c), allowing static advertisements on taxicabs. In addition, Councilmember Blumenfield requested that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) enforce existing law against persons who operate vehicles with attached dynamic message sign devices within the City of Los Angeles.

Parking Meters on Philipprimm Street: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) received requests to install parking meters on Philipprimm Street between Yolanda and Wilbur Avenues and on Wilbur, immediately north of Philipprimm. Some stakeholder want the meters, other are opposed. The TNC will speak with Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and his Transportation Deputy to determine what steps can be taken to resolve the continuing problem of illegal truck/trailer and mobile home parking throughout the Tarzana community, not just on Philipprimm and Wilbur.

Freeway Signage: The TNC will request that Caltrans place notice of freeway exits closures a reasonable distance before the last open freeway exit. In the past, in some cases they have placed the “exit closed” sign immediately before the closed exit.

PLANNING AND LAND USE/TNC – Leonard Shaffer / David Garfinkle

SB 50 Additional Objections: TPOA and the TNC have already sent letters to the State Senate, with a copy to Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, regarding our strong objection to the original version of SB 50. The bill was revised in March and is even more objectionable than the original version. Some of the new objectionable items are:

- The definition of “job rich project” keeps getting worse. Now it is to be based on employment density, and commute times from home to work. A map of “job rich” areas is supposed to be developed by January 2020 and updated every 5 years. It would allow apartment building up to 85’ high, lot line-to-lot line, in those job rich areas
- The density bonus would allow up to an additional 30 feet of height to buildings beyond the 45’ or 55’ allowed in some areas.

- The ability of local cities to set maximum values of building height, Floor Area Ratio (FAR), setbacks, required parking per unit, and other parameters established by City ordinances would be eliminated. Buildings could go as high as 85 feet for properties within ¼ mile of a major bus stop and up to 75 feet for properties greater than ¼ mile, but less than ½ miles of a major bus stop.

As a result, TPOA voted to send a new letter to the State Senate, with a copy to Councilmember Blumenfield, strongly objecting to SB 50, particularly with these revisions. **UPDATE:** The State Senate placed a hold on SB50 for at least one year.

Orthodox Synagogue, 18831 Calvert Street: David Garfinkle suggested sending a letter to the Planning Department supporting the project with conditions concerning parking and hours of operation of religious schools. The Board voted to place a hold on the subject as there appeared to be some discrepancies between the physical address and the address on the application. **UPDATE:** Subsequent visitation to the area eliminated concern of possible discrepancies. Note that the TNC voted to support the synagogue with the conditions that a minimum of 20 parking spaces be maintained and that there be a set time for religious schools.

5371 Vanalden Avenue Lot Split: The owner of the 33,750 square foot flag lot RA property proposed a split into two lots, a 14,120 square foot Parcel A and a 19,630 square foot parcel B. Lots in the RA zone require 17,500 square feet. While an equal division of the property would allow two lots with only a 3.5% deviation, under the proposed division Parcel A would be a full 20 percent below the required minimum size. If the boundary between the two parcels was adjusted to make them approximately equal in size, TPOA would have no objection supporting the proposed split. Leonard Shaffer added that the density of traffic on Vanalden Avenue is quite high as another reason to carefully consider any lot split that does not conform to code. The Board passed a motion to oppose the proposed lot split.

8th Annual Earth Day Festival, Saturday, April 5: TPOA operated a booth at the event but it was disappointing that only two people seemed interested enough to take the material available about TPOA. The Board discussed whether there is value in participating in this type of event. The subject was tabled to a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

Board Member Nominations: The Board voted to nominate Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Terry Saucier, and Ted O’Karma for Board positions for the year running from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. A vote of the membership will take place at the 2019 Annual Meeting and Town Hall Forum. **UPDATE:** the nominees were approved by acclimation at the May 14 Annual Meeting and Town Hall Forum.

2019 Annual Meeting, Town Hall Forum: The TPOA Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14 at the Wilbur Avenue Charter for Enriched Academics. The subject is “The danger of naturally occurring incidents and methods to prepare for and mitigate their impact”. We will reach out to potential speakers from the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the Red Cross, and Lucy Jones or Kate Hutton, experts on earthquakes. **UPDATE:** The forum panelists included Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Crisanta Gonzales of the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief Jason Gikas, and Mark Toohey of the California Earthquake Authority. The panel did an excellent job. Unfortunately, we had very poor attendance at the Annual Meeting and Town Hall Forum.

Membership: The Board discussed ways to increase membership including introducing TPOA at local school PTA meetings and creating a social media presence.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.