

**TARZANA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 11, 2016**

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President David Garfinkle at 7:32 p.m. at the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Garfinkle, Evelyn Garfinkle, Michael Povar, Sandy Middleton, David Springer, Max Flehinger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stanton Saucier, Nancy Theroux, Leonard Shaffer, Terry Saucier

WELCOME OF GUESTS

Monique Bryher, Tarzana resident

NOVEMBER DRAFT MINUTES

The Draft Minutes of the December TPOA Board meeting were approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking \$1614.24, Savings \$6,726.28

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

315 family memberships

TRANSPORTATION REPORT – Max Flehinger

Intersection visibility obstructions: Trees and shrubs continue obstructing visibility at a number of intersections. A list has been compiled and reported to Street Services.

Truck Parking on Philipprimm: Trucks parking on Philipprimm between Wilbur and the Post Office are a significant hazard as they narrow the heavily travelled street. A request was sent to Councilman Blumenfield to have a sign posted forbidding overnight truck parking.

Lights on freeway signs: The burned out lights and dirt obstruction on signs on the 101 freeway have been reported. Caltrans reports that the lights are in the process of being replaced by LEDs.

PLANNING & LAND USE – Dave Garfinkle

Sign Ordinance Revision: The Sign Ordinance, in place for over six years, is currently under consideration for revision. Version A would allow digital signs in every commercial area citywide, and would allow amnesty for the approximately 1,000 billboards that were erected without a permit or have violated the provisions of the permit. Version B includes minor revisions to the current ordinance. The City Planning Commission voted to approve Version B+ which adds a number of objectionable provisions including allowing off-site signs in residential areas. TPOA has previously taken a position in support of Version B. The Board voted unanimously to accept some of the Version B+ revisions and reject others, including opposition to the creation of Tier 2 Sign Districts, and to restricting signage in single family residential districts.

Mansionization Ordinance Revisions: The Planning Department has drafted a proposed revision to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance and the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would incorporate the provisions included in Councilman Koretz's 2014 motion including elimination of the "Green" and articulation bonuses, and elimination of the attached garage exemption. In addition, the proposed ordinance would revise the proportional story bonus, reducing the permitted floor area of upper stories from 75% of the base floor to 60%. It also would eliminate the covered patio/porchway exemptions, replacing it with an unlimited area for the porchways, breezeways, and patios that have only lattice roofing. In December the Board voted to support the proposed ordinance with the condition to require a public hearing and a variance or similar process for granting the proportional stories bonus or the 10% Zoning Administrator bonus.

Tampa/Topham Wireless Telecommunication Facility: The Zoning Administrator granted a height variance for the installation of a wireless facility on the roof of the office building at 6047 Tampa (southwest corner of Tampa and Topham). TPOA had previously opposed the installation on the grounds of potential economic damage to the Woodcrest School next door, insufficient evidence of the need, and an insufficient search for an alternate location. A neighbor has filed an appeal of the ZA decision with the South Valley Area Planning Commission. TPOA will appear in support of the appeal.

DISCUSSION

Helicopter Noise Update: Despite over two years of effort and over 60 meetings, there has been no progress in development of voluntary guidelines to reduce the noise impact of helicopter flights on schools, residences, and other venues. As a result, the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition has submitted four petitions to the FAA. The first would require helicopters to fly at least 2000 feet above the ground unless restricted by weather or airport approach and takeoff requirements. Active police, fire, and medical emergency flights would be exempted. The other petitions would require pooling of news helicopter coverage, limit the time a helicopter can hover over an area, and define an off-shore route along the coastline. For details of the petitions and information on how to file a complaint, go to LAHelicopterNoise.org.

Website Update: The TPOA website, tarzanapropertyowners.org, is in the process of being updated.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.