



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes November 14, 2017

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudrey, Carrie Frazier, Nancy Frey, Sharon Kilbride, Mark Landay, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Marilyn Wexler, Debbie Warfel, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Steve Boyers, Amy Hopper, Wesley Hough, Ron Staake, Lori Todd

Absent: Chris Casady, Isabelle Mizrahi

Guests: Matthew Meyer (Pali Post)

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.

Minutes October 10, 2017.

Minutes from October were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

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| Checking | \$ 5,566.80 |
| Savings | 26,636.84 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,203.64</u> |
| Grove balance | <u>\$ 177.92</u> |

Currently there are 352 paid/voting members.

CD-11 Report— Not in attendance, no report.

Park Update—Paige Barnes was not in attendance but Nancy Frey, Julie Silliman, and George Wolfberg attended the park board meeting. They provided an update on the topics discussed during the meeting including getting an assessment of the Rustic Canyon Recreation Center's electrical system to make sure the power supply to the building is sufficient. They also reported that Rustic Nights raised ~\$80K in commitments.

Boca Report—Joan Kramer was not in attendance, no report.

Committee Reports

- **Traffic-** PCH Task Force: Caltrans replaced the rail with water barrels. AC reports that he has not heard much noise since the barrels were placed. The board also mentioned that there should be more adequate signage to prevent people from dangerously crossing across the PCH to get to the beach. The intersection at PCH and Chautauqua has reportedly been identified among the deadliest intersection in the city.

Motion made. By George Wolfberg that SMCCA send a letter to Councilmember Mike Bonin to look into improvements at the PCH / Chautauqua intersection. Seconded by Marilyn Wexler, passed unanimously.

- **Homelessness Task Force-** Sharon summarized the most recent PPTFH activities. There was a letter issued by the City Engineer indicating approval of the permit to maintain the historic beach curfew. Deadline for appeals is November 20. She also reported that the community cleanup of the Temescal Canyon area cleared ~20 encampments and that ~5 were still left. They will have another cleanup on December 9th from 7 – 11 AM to clean up the remaining encampments on Temescal near the taco truck stop. The PPTFH is also raising funds to get the city to remove 17 encampments in the Via Bluffs area that are too difficult and dangerous for volunteers to access. See their website www.pptfh.org.
- **PPCC Report-** Cathy Russell reported on the October PPCC meeting. Issues discussed that evening included information from representatives from LAPD traffic enforcement to combat speeding and improve traffic safety. They adjusted the bylaws primarily to reflect the move toward online voting of representatives. The award selection committee voted SMCCA board member Debbie Warfel a Golden Sparkplug Award for 2017. The association will be purchasing a tribute page in honor of Debbie similar to the one for Sharon Kilbride last year. The Holiday Dinner and Awards Gala will be held from 6:30 – 9:30 PM on December 14th at Gladstones. Tickets are available for sale online: <https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/holiday-event-2017/>.
- **School Report-** Mark reports that the school will be closed for Thanksgiving and is still looking into getting additional crossing guards.
- **Aircraft noise-** Debbie reported that Senator Dianne Feinstein issued a letter of concern on behalf of constituents regarding increased aircraft noise on November 7th addressed to Michael Huerta of the FAA. LAWA continues to host monthly round tables where community participation has grown as several neighborhoods continue to experience issues of increased aircraft noise. The lawsuit filed against the FAA was in mediation but the stay period will soon end. Debbie indicated that we may need to raise additional funds to combat aircraft noise. She also provided additional context on the history of Metroplex – it stems from a Congressional mandate that required that all air traffic control transition from radar to GPS systems. The FAA is still evaluating the technical aspects of the Next Gen flight paths. Download the LAX app <http://www.lawa.org/laxanc> and use it to register complaints in real time. Or, fill out the complaint form on the LAWA website <http://www.lawa.org>. You can also call LAX's Noise Complaint hotline at 424.64.NOISE to register a complaint.

Old Business.

- **Membership committee.** The goal is to find new board members. Carrie Frazer, Cynthia Winter and Marise Relfe volunteered.
- **Community survey.** Mark and Melissa submitted a draft the survey with potential improvement projects. The board asked for clarification on specific items, provided recommendations (including allowing respondents to rank their options), and requested pictures and more detailed descriptions to clarify what the options meant. Marilyn also mentioned that SMCCA had done a similar survey years back and that she would find the old survey to share as a reference.

New Business.

- **Neighborhood crime.** The board reported new break-ins including two near Kingman and one elsewhere in the canyon. Officer Moore was unable to attend the meeting due to another meeting in Brentwood.
- **Newsletter.** The SMCCA annual newsletter is typically sent out in January or February. Marilyn will be writing a retrospective history of the association. Other submittals are needed.
- **December Meeting.** The board decided to cancel the meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 9th.
- **Bus stop beautification.** Sharon mentioned that Bruce Schwartz is beautifying bus stops in the area. He recently planted flowers in the large median at West Channel and Mesa Roads. Sharon proposed that the board split the \$350 cost of the median beautification project.

Motion made. By Carrie Frazer to approve the funds for the bus stop beautification (~\$175) from SMCCA. Seconded by Marilyn Wexler, approved unanimously.

- **Neighborhood variance.** Mark Landay mentioned that a neighbor is looking for a variance to put in a hedge or tree along Entrada. Emile Levisetti commented that the neighbor is collecting signatures but no hearing date has been set yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next meeting, January 9th, 2018.