



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

March 13, 2018

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Bob Dolbinski, Carrie Frazier, Nancy Frey, Amy Hopper, Sharon Kilbride, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaefer, Ron Staake, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Lisa Bittan, A.C. Chaudhry, Wesley Hough, Mark Landay, Isabelle Mizrahi, Lori Todd.

Absent: Julie Silliman.

Guests: Lisa Cahill (CD 11), Matthew Meyer (Pali Post), Sue Pascoe (Pali News), Kevin Wallentine.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.

Minutes February 2018.

Minutes from February were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$ 2,885.14
Savings	\$ 24,145.45
Total	<u>\$ 27,030.59</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 5,398.57</u>
Aircraft noise	<u>\$ 1,075.91</u>
Courtyard	<u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there are 263 paid/voting members.

CD-11 Report – Lisa Cahill came to answer questions. She indicated that she has conflicting meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and will attempt to attend both, alternating which she attends first. Krista Phipps (krista.phipps@lacity.org) is the new Westside District Director who will be taking over for Debbie Dyner-Harris.

Sharon Kilbride asked about the status of getting funding for new signs that were previously vandalized along PCH by Gladstone's. Lisa commented that she thought that an easement issue regarding getting onto the property but would inquire about its status and where the funds were to come from.

Nancy Frey asked about Councilman Bonin's position regarding the beach curfew to which Lisa indicated that the Councilman was behind the beach curfew but was open to exploring options that would strike a balance between public safety and legitimate after-hours beach access requests.

Cathy Russell asked about the Councilman's actions involving the reallocation of Quimby funds (see Park Update for details). Lisa mentioned that the Councilman cares about this issue and that the issue is being investigated by his Chief of Staff, Chad Molnar (chad.molnar@lacity.org).

Park Update – Paige Barnes not in attendance, no official report. Sue Pascoe reported that LA City's Recreation and Park Board of Commissioners had reallocated Quimby funds to the Venice Beach-Pier Refurbishment Project that were originally intended for local park improvement projects across several communities. The transfer, which was uncovered when researching another article, occurred in June 2017 and took a total of \$140,000 from Palisades Recreation Center and Rustic Canyon Quimby funds. Quimby funds were set up under Sec.12.33 Park Fees to collect fees from new construction projects for the purpose of development or renovation of recreational facilities. Read the Advisory Board meeting minutes that approved the reallocation of funds at <https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2017/jun21/Minutes.pdf> or the Palisades News report covering the topic at <http://www.palisadesnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/palisades-news-0307-2018-FINAL.pdf>.

Boca Report – Sharon Kilbride reported that an all-way stop sign Boca requested at Entrada Drive and Short Street has been approved following a traffic engineering study (see attachment).

Committee Reports

- **Traffic** – George Wolfberg reported that the PCH Taskforce will now be managed by Senator Henry Stern's office.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon summarized the most recent PPTFH activities. She indicated that there are only eight service-resistant individuals living in the area which is down from 57 when they first began. PPTFH has also seen a growth in the number of people living in cars as affordable housing has become harder to attain. See their website www.pptfh.org.
- **PPCC Report** – Cathy reported that the recent PPCC Community Safety meeting was well attended with ~300 attendees. She also reported that the Village Green area will be yarn bombed soon in honor of Women's month. Highlights of the latest monthly PPCC meeting include the Healthy Kids Fair which will take place on April 21, 2018 at Simon Meadow at Temescal Canyon and Sunset Boulevard; 140 new housing units for homeless veterans that are being built for the VA; and that water collection systems will be discussed by the County Board of Supervisors next spring. Visit the PPCC website for a recap of the safety meeting: <https://mailchi.mp/pacpalicc/t5l2odsle0-1169569?e=a1ca5ada32>.

- **School Report** – No update.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie reported that government representatives met with the FAA's Air Traffic Controller (TRACON). The litigation with the FAA is in the briefing stage and SMCCA along with other parties have been asked to file a single brief by March 16, 2018. The FAA will have until June 29, 2018 to reply and until July 20, 2018 to submit their final brief with a joint appendix.

Sue also mentioned that the WSJ published a recent article covering aircraft noise affecting other areas: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-new-antidote-for-noisy-airports-1520429994>.

Ron Staake inquired how much more the litigation costs were expected to run and Debbie said she would get back to him with a figure in the next week or so. Marise Relfe inquired about SMCCA's efforts to solicit funds from neighboring areas to which Cathy suggested that Debbie request additional funds from PPCC at their next meeting.

If you are affected by the aircraft noise, register your complaints using any of the following methods:

- Download the LAX app <http://www.lawa.org/laxanc>
- Fill out the complaint form on the LAWA website <http://www.lawa.org>.
- Call LAX's Noise Complaint hotline at 424.64.NOISE

Old Business.

- N / A

New Business.

- Annual Meeting. Marilyn Wexler inquired about interest in the two speakers to invite to this year's annual meeting given previous discussions on various topics. A general discussion concluded that updates from Officer Moore and one about fire safety would be most relevant to the community.
- PPTFH Contribution. Sharon asked whether SMCCA was willing to continue its annual donation of \$2,000 to the PPTFH.

Motion made. By Cynthia Winter that SMCCA donate \$2,000 to the PPTFH. Seconded by Carrie Frazier, passed unanimously. The check will be presented to a PPTFH rep at the SMCCA Annual Meeting, May 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting, April 10th.

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

March 7, 2018

TRAFFIC
CONTROL
REPORT

11- Western SR# 66281
& 72938
Entrada Dr and Short St

ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS

DETERMINATION

That stop signs along with all appropriate pavement markings and red curbs be authorized for eastbound and westbound traffic on Entrada Drive at Short Street, thereby establishing all-way stop sign controlled at this intersection. (L.A.M.C. Sections 80.07, 80.08.2, 80.21 and 80.55(a))

DISCUSSION

Requests were received from Sharon Kilbride and Robert Suh for the installation of all-way stop sign control at Entrada Drive and Short Street intersection. Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association (SMCCA) supports this installation.

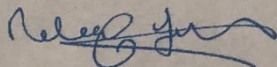
A traffic engineering study of this location has been completed. The study included an investigation of the physical conditions and existing traffic controls, field observations of traffic movement through this intersection, a spot speed study, and a review of Los Angeles Police Department records of reported traffic collisions.

Results of the study indicate that this intersection satisfies the Department's "Stop Sign Pattern" and "Excessive Speed" guidelines for the installation of all-way stop sign control. Currently, Entrada Drive, a designated as "Local-Standard" Streets with prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH), is uncontrolled between West Channel Road and Pacific Coast Highway for an approximate distance of 1,470 feet. The Department guidelines recommend that approaches selected for stop sign controls should support an area-wide stop sign pattern which avoids creating unimpeded routes. In addition, the spot speed study revealed that critical speeds (85th percentile) on Entrada Drive on approach to Short Street were 32.1 MPH for westbound traffic and 30.5 MPH for eastbound traffic.

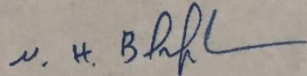
Therefore, the installation of all-way stop sign control, as described in the Determination, is justified to provide a more restrictive right-of-way assignment and promote the safe and orderly movement of traffic at this intersection.

Recommended by:

Approved by:



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Transportation Engineer
Western District



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Coastal Area District Operations

cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin, 11th Council District (Attn: Eric Bruins, Krista Phipps,
Lisa Cahill)
Tony Hernandez, LADOT (M.A. 4155-H)
LAPD West Traffic
Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, SMCCA
Sharon Kilbride, Robert Suh