



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes June 12, 2018

Recorded by: Natalie Schaefler

Attending: Steve Boyers, Deborah Castleman, Bob Dolbinski, Nancy Frey, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Henry Lichstein, Isabelle Mizrahi, Natalie Schaefler, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, Debbie Warfel, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Melissa Campos, Amy Harper, Emile Levisetti, Marilyn Wexler

Absent: Lisa Bittan, A.C. Chaudhry, Carrie Frazier, Scot McIntosh, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell

Guests: Mark Landay, Ted Stolman

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice President Henry Lichstein.

Minutes April 10, 2018.

Approval of Minutes from April were deferred

Officers for SMCCA were elected:

President: Marilyn Wexler

Vice President: Henry Lichstein

Treasurer: Scot McIntosh

Secretary: Melissa Campos

Assistant Secretary: Natalie Schaefler

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$ 9169.04
Savings	\$ 24,150.31
Total	<hr/> <u>\$ 33,319.35</u>
Grove balance	<hr/> <u>\$ 6,117.57</u>
Aircraft noise	<hr/> <u>\$ 6,568.41</u>
Courtyard	<hr/> <u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there are 328 paid/voting members.

George Wolfberg explained that funds are raised 100% through donations through mail, Paypal and at the annual meeting. Some people earmark donations beyond membership for specific areas, e.g., Grove, Aircraft Noise, Courtyard.

CD-11 Report – not in attendance; no report.

Park Update – George reported that the City is returning our park's Quimby fund which had been taken for work on the Venice Pier..

Boca Report – no report.

Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George reported that they are waiting for signs on Chautauqua and PCH to be put in to improve traffic. Caltrans has not replied. Julie Silliman brought up problems with pedestrians on PCH not knowing about the tunnel to cross over. George has asked Caltrans to replace pedestrian barriers on the sidewalk that were destroyed by traffic accidents.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride summarized the most recent PPTFH information. Two additional officers have been added to bring the total to four; they are there seven days a week. Sharon reported that there have been 135 individuals living in cars. Many are Uber and Lyft drivers. There has been an uptick in homelessness due to the summer. There is a new encampment on Los Leones. Sixty encampments have been cleaned up. Many homeless are coming from Santa Monica. Sixty-nine individuals have been taken off the streets.

LAPD has worked as a team with the Palisades. Malibu has followed us and Brentwood wants to follow the Palisades as well to help with their homelessness problem.

- **PPCC Report** – No report
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel reported that it is very important to complain to Morgan White in Senator Harris's office and Peter Muller in Senator Feinstein's office. (Please see the Board Minutes for April 10, 2018 for a more complete list of government representatives and officials to contact.) The Board agreed to donate \$2000 to the "No Aircraft Noise Legal Fund."
- **School Report** – Ted Stolman said that there would be a two year process to rebuild Canyon Charter School and that this would be very disruptive to the community. There is concern about traffic, noise, and debris. There was a presentation at the school which showed different possible plans. The project was pre-funded by bonds that have already been issued; it would be difficult to stop a project that has already been funded. Ted said that funding was approved on Feb. 26th and at least 75 days later notice was given to the community.

The Board discussed modular buildings vs. more traditional school building structures. There were very different perspectives on the Canyon School Project. It was recommended that SMCCA becomes more informed about the

project. George will contact the school district and a small group consisting of Ted Stolman, Bob Dolbinski, Steve Boyers, and Nancy Frey will begin to explore the project to get more information.

Old Business.

- **Annual Meeting.**

There was some concern about the low number of people attending. It was suggested that this may not in fact have been a problem; too many chairs made it look like too few people.

New Business.

- **Board vacancy of one seat**

There is a need for a nominating committee. The Board discussed ways to find and recruit new members. Membership should be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

There will be no meeting in July

Next meeting, August 14th