



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **Board Minutes September 11, 2018**

**Recorded by:** Melissa Campos

**Attending:** Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Bob Doblinski, Amy Hopper, Wesley Hough, Isabelle Mizrahi, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter

**Excused:** Nancy Frey, Sharon Kilbride, Emile Levisetti, Marise Relfe, George Wolfberg

**Absent:** Lisa Bittan, Carrie Frazier, Henry Lichstein, Scot McIntosh

**Guests:** Scott Wagenseller (Palisades Patrol), Debbie Moss (Palisades News), Elizabeth Daniels, James Kim (Apollo Security), Don (Apollo Security)

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

#### **Minutes August 2018.**

Minutes from August were corrected, redistributed, and deemed approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Scot McIntosh submitted the report prior to the meeting but will be distributed shortly after the meeting.

Checking	\$ 4,123.09
Savings	\$ 24,153.53
Total	<hr/> <u>\$ 28,276.62</u>
Grove balance	<hr/> <u>\$ 6,020.58</u>
Aircraft noise	<hr/> <u>\$ 1,948.41</u>
Courtyard	<hr/> <u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there are 350 paid/voting members.

**CD-11 Report** – no updates from Lisa Cahill.

**Park Update** – Park Director Paige Barnes could not attend the meeting but emailed an update to SMCCA. Several areas of the park have been updated, including fixing the plumbing issue reported last month, redoing the floors on the indoor basketball court, and painting on the inside and outside of the Rustic Canyon Recreation Center building. Julie Silliman added that the city had contributed funds to support the painting and that

Paige had worked with the city to find contractors to work at a reasonable rate. The LA Clippers donated the indoor basketball floor as part of their general \$30M donation to update the basketball courts throughout the city of LA. The outdoor court is also scheduled to be redone later under the same program.

Amy Hopper also reminded the board that this year's Rustic Night Gala will be Rockabilly theme and is scheduled to take place Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Boca Report** – Wes Hough provided an update. He mentioned that the owners of the 3-lot parcel located on Ocean Way that is expected to undergo construction have taken great steps to reach out to neighbors in the area. They have shared plans and pictures with the community and have tried to understand concerns. A major concern among residents was parking but the project plans showed that they expect to keep all construction parking on the lot, so it will be self-contained and should not impact residents. Most residents are on board.

### Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg was not able to attend the meeting but indicated that there was nothing to report.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride was not able to attend the meeting but will send written updates after the meeting.
- **PPCC Report** – Cathy Russell and Steve Boyers provided updates on the latest PPCC meeting. Steve Boyers was elected as the Area 7 representative for PPCC; he will replace Cathy Russell. Interested applicants can visit the PPCC website at [www.pacpalicc.org](http://www.pacpalicc.org) by September 30<sup>th</sup> to learn more about becoming an alternate.
- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh was not able to attend the meeting, so no update was provided. Marilyn asked for a point person on the school subcommittee to provide a report on construction. Members involved in the school construction discussions and members of the subcommittee, including Steve Boyers, Bob Doblinski, Julie Silliman, and Nancy Frey, will deliberate.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel reported that Geoff Thompson, the airport liaison for Councilman Bonin's office, had not provided an update. She also brought in her aircraft noise button mentioned in the WSJ article shared with the community last month. The Airnoise website allows users to either purchase a button to automatically report noise complaints or register complaints through their website [here](https://airnoise.io/) for free: <https://airnoise.io/>. The website provides individual summaries as well as reports by zip code.

Government officials have requested more specific GPS data regarding complaints, and the Airnoise website developer has indicated that that information is collected for all Airnoise complaints; he will forward along the GPS data to the appropriate government officials.

Debbie also provided an update on the next round of fundraising required. The lawyer has provided an estimate for expenses of ~\$6,000 to cover oral arguments so she will be out soliciting funds again. She is scheduled to give a presentation at the next PPCC meeting on Thursday and has been officially added to the agenda. If you would like to support the ongoing litigation with the FAA, please

donate today by mail or online. Please specify that the contribution is for the “No Aircraft Noise Legal Fund” in the check memo line or in the online form’s purpose section.

- Mail a tax-deductible donation to the address below:  
SMCCA  
P.O. Box 3441,  
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3441
- Donate online using PayPal at [www.smcca.org](http://www.smcca.org)

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

You can also contact the following government representatives and officials directly:

- Congressman Lieu's representative: Joey Apodaca, 323 651-1040, [joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov)
- Senator Feinstein's representative: Jeanette Cheng, 310 914-7300, [jeanette\\_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:jeanette_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov)
- Senator Harris’ representative: Brent Robinson, 310 231-4494, [brent\\_robinson@harris.senate.gov](mailto:brent_robinson@harris.senate.gov)
- Senator Harris’ staff assistant: Morgan White, 310 231-4494, [morgan\\_white@harris.senate.gov](mailto:morgan_white@harris.senate.gov)
- Councilman Bonin's representative: Geoff Thompson, 310 568-8772, [geoffthompson@lacity.org](mailto:geoffthompson@lacity.org)
- LAWA, Dir. of Planning & Environmental Affairs: Kendrick Okuda, 424-646-7357, [kokuda@lawa.org](mailto:kokuda@lawa.org)
- LAWA, Noise Management: Kathryn Pantoja, 424 646-6501, [kpantoja@lawa.org](mailto:kpantoja@lawa.org)

### Old Business.

- **Board Vacancy.** There is still a vacancy on the board. Elizabeth Daniels, local resident who has previously attended SMCCA meetings and was in attendance, has been nominated.

### New Business.

- **Police Memorial Bike Ride.** Amy Hopper provided information regarding LAPD Officer Rusty Redican’s participation in the 2019 Police Unity Tour. She will forward the email from BOCA providing more information regarding the event but mentioned that Officer Redican will be participating in the ride to raise funds for the families of police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. For those interested in learning more about the Police Unity Tour or Officer Redican’s reason for racing, visit the website [here](#).

**Motion Made. By Debbie Warfel that the board donate \$500 to support Officer Redican in the Police Unity Tour. Seconded by Amy Hopper, passed unanimously.**

- **Plaque in the Grove.** Steve Boyers updated the board on the status of the plaque in the Grove. He worked with Emile Levisetti and George Wolfberg to reinstall the plaque discussed at last month's meeting. Emile did a wonderful job refurbishing the plaque.
- **Tree Ownership.** Julie Silliman inquired about tree ownership along Rustic Creek. She mentioned that she noticed several dead trees along Rustic Road near the creek and called the city to ask about properly caring for the trees but was informed that those trees on private property. Isabelle Mizrahi indicated that it may vary but that it's not uncommon for trees along that area to be located on private property.
- **Local Traffic Accident.** Natalie Schaefer mentioned that there was a major accident on Sunset Blvd and Chautauqua Blvd that caused traffic to be diverted through Brooktree Road. It caused a major gridlock and significant delays for a long period of time, and she expressed concern regarding the slow response and a lack of access to emergency service vehicles if needed. Scott Wagenseller of Palisades Patrol provided additional detail regarding how local authorities respond to major traffic accidents. He indicated that traffic accidents are reported to LAPD who can respond to traffic but often, they will ask the Department of Transportation (DOT) to respond to traffic control requests. DOT vehicles do not come with sirens, so they often must sit in the same traffic before arriving at the scene causing a delay in the time it takes for traffic to be diverted.
- **Palisades Patrol.** A representative from Palisades Patrol (a part of Gates Security), owner Scott Wagenseller, attended the meeting to provide information regarding their services. He mentioned that Palisades Patrol has a news alert app that sends out automatic alerts specific to the Palisades area. The alerts are mainly about traffic and typically include a picture (as possible) along with information on how long the alert is estimated to be active for and how long residents can expect to be impacted; past examples of alerts include the Skirball fire. The app is available for download in the app store under Gates Security.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

**Next meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>.**