



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **Board Minutes October 9, 2018**

**Recorded by:** Melissa Campos

**Attending:** Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Bob Doblinski, Sharon Kilbride, Emile Levisetti, Isabelle Mizrahi, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaeffer, Ron Staake, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Lisa Bittan, A.C. Chaudhry, Nancy Frey, Amy Hopper, Wesley Hough, Julie Silliman, Debbie Warfel, Cynthia Winter

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

**Guests:** Debbie Moss (Palisades News)

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

**Minutes September 11, 2018.**

Minutes from September were deemed approved.

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

Scot McIntosh submitted the report prior to the meeting.

Checking	\$ 4,543.46
Savings	24,155.17
Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 28,698.63
Grove balance	<hr/> \$ 6,006.87
Aircraft noise	<hr/> \$ 1,948.41
Courtyard	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 757.90

Currently there are 353 paid/voting members.

**CD-11 Report** – no update from Lisa Cahill (not in attendance).

**Park Update** – Marilyn received an update from Park Director Paige Barnes who was unable to attend. Her report indicated that they will be setting a date for the next Park Advisory Board (PAB) meeting, but she did not provide any details on Rustic Nights. Marilyn also mentioned that the PAB is looking for members if anyone is interested.

**Boca Report** – Sharon Kilbride provided an update on the construction projects in the area. The Harlequin house needs a coastal permit, and the 3-lot project Ocean Way is

expected to start in December. She mentioned that parking for the project on Ocean Way will be self-contained, with crews parking on site.

### **Committee Reports**

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg mentioned that the next meeting will take place in Malibu in 2 weeks.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon provided an update on a meeting she attended last month with police. She mentioned that local LAPD gave an update about their local collaboration with PPTFH which should help retain the beach patrol in the area. The most recent statistics for September included a total of 90 people off the streets, 7 people living in the Palisades for more than 1 year that are service resistant, and 61 new people went through the Palisades (down from 98 in August). There are few encampments left to clean up, and the group is working to schedule someone to clean the affected areas.
- **PPCC Report** – Cathy Russell gave a highlight of events at last month's PPCC meeting. She mentioned that Pamela Manning from the LA County Department of Public Works gave info on Measure W that is a parcel tax about water cleaning. The PPCC board also passed two motions on having more of a say in community planning projects. They wanted to slow down the planning process to allow for more community input. For more details on the latest PPCC meeting, visit their website to see the complete [meeting minutes](#).

She also provided an update on the Caruso project and the impact it has had on local parking. There are some reported incidents of people parking on other streets, and parking validation restricted to 30 minutes. In response to community feedback, parking validation was extended to 60 minutes which was reported during the SMCCA meeting. She also mentioned that PPCC is looking for nominees for this year's Citizen of the Year and Golden Sparkplug Awards.

- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh was not present and did not provide an update.
- **School Construction** – George mentioned that there has been no update from the school as to when the construction is expected to start. The committee will hold their next meeting after Nancy Frey returns.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel was not present and did not provide an update.

### **Old Business.**

- **Tree Maintenance.** Marilyn brought up the letter written by George regarding maintenance of city trees that was emailed to the board prior to the meeting. She indicated that the board will send out the letter if the board approved it – it had already received the written approval of at least 6 board members. All board members present were in favor of the letter. George mentioned that Barbara Broidy and a Palisades resident, Iliana Wachtel, shared stories about how the city has a sparse tree plan compared to other cities. They met with the Head of Budgeting to discuss tree planning and are waiting to see what happens next. For reference, LA has a 2-page tree planning guide and the city typically allocates 0.25% of funds to forestry while Seattle has a 79-page guide and allocates 1% to forestry.

- **Police Memorial Bike Ride.** The board has completed the \$500 donation to support LAPD Officer Rusty Redican’s ride in the 2019 Police Unity Tour which was approved at the last meeting.

**New Business.**

- **Locked Park Gate.** A board member inquired about why the park gate was locked. It was reported that the street has not been fixed from the time it flooded and the park does not want to risk allowing cars to drive over the section of affected road until it has been repaired.
- **City Sewer Backup.** Emile Levisetti reported that the sewer line backed up into his house and was curious if any other houses had been affected. No one else mentioned hearing anything about that and GW mentioned that most houses are now equipped with backflow devices to prevent that from happening but that requires a specialist to verify.
- **Caruso Project Pop-ups.** A board member mentioned that a few of the shops that opened as part of the Caruso project were temporary. A few locations have opened as pop-ups and we will see how they do in the coming months.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.**

**Next meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**