



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes February 12, 2019

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Carrie Frazier, Nancy Frey, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Scot McIntosh, Isabelle Mizrahi, Marise Relfe, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler

Excused: Elizabeth Daniels, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Absent: Amy Hopper, Bob Dolbinski, Cathy Russell

Guests: Zachary Gaidzik, Vivien Weisman

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.

Minutes January 2019.

Minutes from January 8 were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Scot McIntosh submitted the report prior to the meeting.

Checking	\$ 5,904.20
Savings	21,652.12
Total	<u>\$ 27,456.32</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 5,806.87</u>
Aircraft noise	<u>\$ 4,076.94</u>
Courtyard	<u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there is 1 paid/voting member.

CD-11 Report – no updates from Lisa Cahill.

Third District Report – Zachary Gaidzik, the West / Metro LA Field Deputy for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, provided an update. The Supervisor's office has been working to make sure residents affected by the Woolsey Fire are aware of available resources and upcoming deadlines. Applications for FEMA grants and private debris removal / opt-

out forms are both due February 15th after being initially pushed back from December. For more information and resources regarding the Woolsey Fire recovery efforts, visit <https://www.lacounty.gov/lacountyrecovers/>.

Additionally, the county will be doing a comprehensive review of the Woolsey Fire response and recovery including two community listening sessions, with an interest in the emergency notification and procedures during and after the fire. The first session will take place on February 23rd from 10 AM – 3 PM at the Elkins Auditorium at Pepperdine University, the second on March 3rd from 10 AM – 3 PM at King Gillette Ranch 26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302.

In January, Governor Newsom issued an emergency proclamation in response to the damage caused by winter storms. Zachary also shared the latest issue of the County Emergency Survival Guide which can also be accessed online in multiple languages at <https://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/emergency-survival-guide/>.

Sharon Kilbride asked about a hearing on vehicle dwellings in unincorporated areas, but Zachary replied that he did not have specifics on the matter but said that he could put her in touch with Stephanie Cohen, West / Metro LA District Director, who could comment on it.

Nancy Frey inquired about the typhus outbreak and whether Canyon residents should be concerned. Zachary states that the county is taking action and monitoring the situation but that most cases have been in the Downtown LA area.

Park Update – no updates from Park Director Paige Barnes.

Boca Report – Sharon Kilbride provided an update. There is a house under construction that has attracted attention from homeless persons, and the owners have been notified. The city has removed a mattress that had been placed in the area.

Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – no updates from George Wolfberg.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride provided an update of the latest activity at the PPTFH. Members of the community participated in the annual homeless count in January, but the official numbers have not yet been reported. For the month of January, there were 6 permanent, service resistant homeless individuals, down from 8. The LAPD issued 30 warnings and 1 citation. Volunteers have been unable to clean the remaining 2 encampments because they are located on private property. The owners of the property have been notified.
- **PPCC Report** – Steve Boyers provided updates from the latest PPCC meeting. Members of the community have noted that a house located at 22 Latimer is requesting a variance to build an 8 ft. wall, 3 ft. taller than what current guidelines dictate. Some neighbors have raised objections so the Land Use Committee of PPCC will decide if it wants to issue a statement regarding the matter. For neighbors who live in the area who would like to express their opinions on the matter, reach out to Steve Boyers so he can forward all community comments to the Land Use Committee.
- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh mentioned that the teachers' strike is over and both teachers and students have returned to class.

- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel mentioned that they are continuing to explore all options to combat aircraft noise, including staying abreast of other issues affecting the airport like the recent news that airport workers union are considering a strike.

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
 - Senator Feinstein's representative: Jeanette Cheng, 310 914-7300, jeanette_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov
 - Senator Harris' representative: Brent Robinson, 310 231-4494, brent_robinson@harris.senate.gov
 - Senator Harris' staff assistant: Morgan White, 310 231-4494, morgan_white@harris.senate.gov
 - Councilman Bonin's representative: Geoff Thompson, 310 568-8772, geoffthompson@lacity.org
 - LAWA, Dir. of Planning & Environmental Affairs: Kendrick Okuda, 424-646-7357, kokuda@lawa.org
 - LAWA, Noise Management: Kathryn Pantoja, 424 646-6501, kpantoja@lawa.org
- **School Construction** – Subcommittee members Julie Silliman and Nancy Frey provided a brief update, indicating that the district intends to meet with the subcommittee in March. The date for the broader meeting with the community has not been finalized yet.

Old Business.

- **Annual Newsletter.** Marilyn Wexler mentioned that the newsletter is being printed and will be folded and sent out in the coming days.
- **Fire Alert System.** Zachary indicated that he had connected Elizabeth Daniels with Gene O'Donnell and Helen Chavez to work on an emergency response system. They both helped Topanga Canyon set up their system and can help provide additional detail.

New Business.

- **Adopt a Median.** Wes Hough mentioned that BOCA had previously looked into adopting the median located at the intersection of Mesa Road and Entrada Drive. The city has a formal process that residents can follow to adopt medians. In the past, BOCA decided against applying given the insurance coverage requirement that was prohibitive for them at the time. Recently, the city has waived that requirement and SMCCA will continue to look into the matter and involve the community as the application will require a community beautification plan. A

committee to move forward with reviewing the process and additional requirements was formed and included Wes Hough, Sharon Kilbride. The committee will be working with Bruce Schwartz, a member of PRIDE.

- **Zip Code Tax Error.** Carrie Frazier inquired about what was being done about online retailers that incorrectly assigned the wrong sales tax based on the zip code. Previously, members had noted that certain online retailers automatically classified Canyon addresses as belonging to Santa Monica instead of Los Angeles. Marilyn mentioned that she would follow up with Lisa Cahill to see if anything could be done and Zachary mentioned that he would also look into the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting, March 12th.