



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes March 12, 2019

**Recorded by:** Melissa Campos

**Attending:** Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Elizabeth Daniels, Bob Dolbinski, Nancy Frey, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaeffler, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Lisa Bittan, Henry Lichstein, Marise Relfe

**Absent:** A.C. Chaudhry, Carrie Frazier, Amy Hopper, Emile Levisetti, Scot McIntosh, Isabelle Mizrahi

**Guests:** Jenny Li

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

#### **Minutes February 2019.**

Minutes from February 12 were deemed approved.

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

Scot McIntosh did not submit the report prior to the meeting. Financials are from January.

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 are 202 paid/voting members.

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

**Third District Report** – Zachary Gaidzik was not present.

**Park Update** – Nancy Frey and Julie Silliman provided an update, including sharing the success of the latest event, the mystery party, but it is not yet known how much money was raised. The Santa Monica Conservancy will hold their Annual Meeting and

Preservation Awards at Rustic Canyon Park on Saturday, May 18th at 2 PM. For more information, visit <http://www.smconservancy.org/event/annual-meeting-preservation-awards-3/>.

**Boca Report** – Sharon Kilbride gave an update on BOCA's latest events. She mentioned the tunnels have recently had wind and sand problems. Though it took 5 hours to shovel sand from the area, the area was covered with sand within 3 hours after more wind affected the area. Members suggested potential solutions, including a small wall to prevent sand from blowing into the tunnel but other solutions are still being considered.

### **Committee Reports**

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg updated the board on the latest transportation events including Move LA's plans for a new ballot measure and the latest PCH taskforce meeting. Move LA, the group behind Measures R and M, is working on a four-county measure to help with their Vision 2020 to address environmental issues, particularly among diesel vehicles that emit toxic air particulates. For more information, visit [http://www.movela.org/vision\\_2020\\_our\\_priorities\\_include](http://www.movela.org/vision_2020_our_priorities_include).

At the latest PCH taskforce meeting, George mentioned that they got an update on the \$8M design improvement project for the McClure Tunnel to add LED lights and queue warning system. The taskforce also discussed Lot 3N that provides beach parking along the PCH north of the pier but often backs up, including the potential of moving the ticket booth farther into the lot to move cars out of the PCH. In the interim, Caltrans will stencil "Do Not Block" on the roadway next to the parking lot entrance. George reached out to Caltrans about the inconsistent barriers along the PCH following a recent accident in the Temescal Parking lot. He is following up on the issue as Caltrans was not sure whose property the barriers are on. LA County Waterworks will be working at night to relocate an old waterline under the PCH, but the dates have yet to be announced. For any leaks along the highway, call (800) 675-4357. A contract was awarded for grading of Potrero Park back in November and is estimated to take 14 months to complete that work. The next phase will be planting but they're trying to initiate the bid process now so that vendors can begin to grow the plants during the grading process. The city of Santa Monica expects to start construction of the separate bike and pedestrian path in the summer and expect the work to continue for 12 months. The city of Malibu has hired a consultant to revamp their evacuation plan following the Woolsey Fire. The DMV announced an "Endless Summer" license plate, with proceeds going to inner city kids learning to surf. Caltrans has launched an app called QuickMap that allows users to view freeway traffic cameras.

He also shared the information for two upcoming meetings. First, State Senator Ben Allen will be hosting a town hall on March 14th at 7 PM at the Skirball Center. Second, PPCC and BCC will be hosting a meeting about the revised LA zoning code on Saturday, March 30th at 10:30 AM in the Gilbert Hall at Palisades Charter High School.

- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride provided an update on the latest PPTFH activity, including budget planning.

**Motion made. By Marilyn Wexler that the board provide \$2,000 to the PPTFH to support their ongoing efforts in the community. Seconded by George Wolfberg, passed unanimously.** A check will be presented to the task force at our annual meeting.

To date, PPTFH has helped 100 individuals get off the streets, with 70 placed into permanent housing. In the month of February, there were 6 long-term dwellers, with 3 in the Santa Monica Canyon area. Outreach workers are engaging with them, with 1 of the 3 provided a housing voucher so will likely be housed within the next 3 months. The group recorded 34 engagements with individuals, 4 vehicle dwellers, and 7 encampments that have all been cleaned up. The LAPD issued 25 warnings and 1 citation.

The next community meeting for PPTFH will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 PM in the Pacific Palisades Library and will cover criminal justice for homeless individuals with psychological and mental health needs led by Veronica Calkins of LA County DHS.

- **PPCC Report** – Marilyn shared that she met with the head of Street Services, Adel H. Hagekhalil, at the last PPCC meeting. She mentioned that he had several ideas and projects in mind throughout the city.
- **School Report** – Julie Silliman provided an update in place of Scott McIntosh. The Canyon School will be hosting its annual Fiesta on Sunday, April 28th at 11 AM. For information, visit <https://www.canyoncharter.com/pages/fiesta>.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel shared the latest ongoing events in the fight against aviation noise. A new deputy field agent for the FAA has taken over for the temporary appointment.

Rick Mullen, the former Mayor of Malibu and current City Councilmember, mentioned that he also has a group of people very upset about the aircraft noise. The aviation subcommittee is looking to join forces with those individuals to consolidate efforts.

Debbie recently purchased a batch of Airnoise buttons and is giving away nine of them for free though she noted that there is a \$5 monthly service agreement. The button allows users to report a complaint of a noisy aircraft and flight details with the press of a button. Interested parties should email Debbie at <debwarfel@gmail.com> for details as availability is limited.

Geoff Thompson, Mike Bonin's airport representative, requested data from LAWA. Based on preliminary analysis, it indicates that the planes are not cutting over the canyon and are coming in every 5 minutes.

She also noted that she had written a letter to the editor in the Palisades Post in response to two recent posts in the 2 Cents section. The article is available online: <https://www.palipost.com/letters-to-the-editor-46/>.

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)
- **School Construction** – Bob Dolbinski updated the board on the subcommittee's meeting with LAUSD. They were shown preliminary design plans and estimated budgets for the projects that will take place. The project is scoped in two phases - Phase 1 will occur first and will replace 2 portable buildings to bring them up to code and be ADA compliant while Phase 2 is a longer-term project that will replace 9 temporary buildings, bungalows, and the current kindergarten area with a ~15,000 sq. ft., two-story building. LAUSD has ~\$3.9M for all of their projects and there is enough funding for Phase 1, but Phase 2 will depend on other projects.

### **Old Business.**

- **Adopt a Median.** Wes Hough provided an update regarding the ongoing effort to adopt a median. The application was submitted two weeks earlier and he is now just waiting to hear back. The office is backed up with applications but they're hoping to get approved soon so they can begin working on the median. He got an estimate for the proposed community plan from a licensed contractor. The ~\$6,000 proposal includes the installation of low flow sprinklers, flowers, and a footpath but will be revised depending on actual needs. The proposed community plan includes 1/3 annuals with the majority as perennials, none to be taller than 18 inches.

**New Business.**

- **Board Vacancies.** Marilyn mentioned that Nancy Frey and Henry Lichstein will be leaving the board and that she is looking for nominations to fill those vacancies, particularly from those in the Rustic Canyon area. Board members are encouraged to recommend names for nomination.

**Motion made. By George Wolfberg to nominate Jenny Li. Seconded by Marilyn Wexler, passed unanimously.**

- **Annual Meeting.** Marilyn has secured West LA Fire Deputy Chief Armando Hogan of the LA Fire Department to speak at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. She also will be inviting Councilman Mike Bonin.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

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