



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

April 10, 2019

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Elizabeth Daniels, Bob Dolbinski, Carrie Frazier, Amy Hopper, Sharon Kilbride, Jenny Li, Scot McIntosh, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Debbie Warfel, George Wolfberg

Excused: Nancy Frey, Emile Levisetti, Marilyn Wexler

Absent: A.C. Chaudhry, Wesley Hough, Isabelle Mizrahi, Ron Staake, Cynthia Winter

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Board Member Amy Hopper.

Minutes March 2019.

Minutes from March 12 were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Scot McIntosh submit the report for February and March after the meeting.

Checking	\$ 5,519.00
Savings	21,674.91
Total	<u>\$ 27,193.91</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 6,621.87</u>
Aircraft noise	<u>\$ 2,566.97</u>
Courtyard	<u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there are 271 paid/voting members.

CD-11 Report – no updates from Lisa Cahill.

Third District Report – Zachary Gaidzik was not present.

Park Update – Amy Hopper and Julie Silliman provided an update. There have been recent complaints about the number of dogs being off leash scaring children at Rustic Canyon Recreation Park, including large groups of dogs and dog walkers gathering at

the park where they are not allowed to be off leash. Local enforcement was notified to curb the issue and citations have been issued.

Boca Report – Sharon Kilbride provided an update for BOCA. She indicated that the property group that owns the vacated parking lot on Entrada Drive and Short Street has been notified of overgrown weeds getting into the sidewalk making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. City services, via 311, has also been notified and the owner will be cited.

The local art gallery located on West Channel Road has recently brought in an Airstream to sell concessions. It has only been open for a few days but initial impressions from locals are positive about having a local place to grab coffee.

On Tuesday, April 9th, a helicopter was heard over the area at 1 AM. A crime had reportedly taken place in Santa Monica but the suspect fled to the lower canyon area where an LAPD helicopter was brought in as ground support to locate the suspect.

Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg mentioned there were no new updates to report regarding the PCH taskforce for the month of March.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride updated the board on the latest stats from the PPTFH. In March, there was an increase in the numbers of homeless individuals passing through the canyon as the weather starts to warm. There are still 6 permanent residents in the Palisades areas. There were 49 new people passing through, and 1 permanent vehicle dweller of 4 total vehicle dwellers. LAPD issued 48 warnings and 10 citations, including 1 code 5150 for an involuntary psychiatric hold. They also identified 4 abandoned encampments.

The next community meeting for PPTFH will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7 PM in the Pacific Palisades Library. Elyn Saks will be the featured guest speaker covering the topic of Understanding Schizophrenia.

- **PPCC Report** – George Wolfberg shared highlights from the latest PPCC meeting including the discussion around state bill on housing, SB50. The bill intends to increase housing by creating new zoning for areas in transit hubs from R1 to those that allow for up to 6 stories and minimal parking. The PPCC board wrote a letter against it and in support of a motion by City Councilmember Paul Koretz.
- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh shared the latest school news including the annual Fiesta at the Canyon School which will be held on Sunday, April 28th from 11 AM – 4 PM. For information, visit <https://www.canyoncharter.com/pages/fiesta>.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel brought in the physical Airnoise buttons that were discussed in the last meeting to give to any interested parties.

She noted that recently, LAWA has stopped sending a confirmation email saying that noise complaints have been registered and will be reviewed. She is following up to get clarity for what is happening to those complaints from LAWA.

Debbie also attended the last LAWA noise roundtable to demonstrate her continued commitment to the noise issues in the canyon and keep abreast of any other developments affecting LAWA.

Debbie has also made contact with the new FAA field representative who has been appointed to cover the Southern California district at a public meeting. The new representative only introduced herself to the audience and did not answer any questions but Debbie said she would follow up with her to register the community's complaints regarding aircraft noise shortly.

If you are affected by the aircraft noise, register your complaints using any of the following methods:

- Use the airnoise.io button to report noise.
- 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** – Bob Dolbinski provided an update including the information for the next scheduled meeting with LAUSD. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6 PM at the school and it is open to the entire community.

Old Business.

- **Adopt a Median.** Sharon Kilbride shared that Lisa Cahill of CD-11 reached out to verify that the community's application had been expedited and is expected to be reviewed in the next 1-2 weeks.
- **Annual Meeting.** George mentioned that the annual meeting is coming up next month on Tuesday, May 14th at 7 PM in the Rustic Canyon Recreation Center. He mentioned that half of the board is up for re-election which the community is required to vote on based on our bylaws.

At the meeting, PPFTH President Doug McCormick will be presented a check for work done to address homelessness. Councilmember Mike Bonin has also been notified of the meeting and it is on his calendar, so his appearance is expected barring any schedule changes. He also mentioned that the West LA Fire Chief Armando Hogan will give a talk on fire safety.

Marilyn Wexler has shared assignments for meeting preparation and will coordinate with board members tasked to help.

PPTFH will have a table at the annual meeting to share their latest efforts to address homelessness in the area. For anyone else interested in an information table for the annual meeting, reach out to George Wolfberg or Marilyn Wexler for details.

Committee chairs are responsible for submitting committee reports to Marilyn Wexler so they can be included in the newsletter that will be printed and shared with community members at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting, May 14th – Community-wide Annual Meeting.