



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes June 11, 2019

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Elizabeth Daniels, Bob Dolbinski, Wesley Hough, David Jackson, Sharon Kilbride, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Natalie Schaefer, Ron Staake, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Steve Boyers, Amy Hopper, Emile Levisetti, Jenny Li, Isabelle Mizrahi, Debbie Warfel

Absent: Carrie Frazier, Scot McIntosh, Julie Silliman

Guests: None

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

Minutes April 2019.

Minutes from April 9 were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Scot McIntosh did not submit a report for May before the meeting. The following are financials from March.

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

Currently there are 308 paid/voting members.

CD-11 Report – no updates from Lisa Cahill.

Park Update – no updates from Paige Barnes.

Boca Report – Wesley Hough shared that the last BOCA meeting featured a discussion about the adopted median. It was proposed that BOCA will cover half of the median project expenses and that SMCCA covers the other half.

Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg mentioned that he checked with Caltrans to see the status of a traffic study commissioned for Chautauqua and PCH, but no one has provided an update on the project.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride reported that the latest homeless count showed a 12% increase in the LA area compared to last year. In Santa Monica, the estimated number of homeless individuals increased by 3% while the palisades area saw a slight decrease.

She also mentioned that SMCCA previously donated \$2,000 to the PPTFH and they were asking for permission to use the funds to purchase a mule for remote access and reach difficult encampments to bring outreach workers to the area.

Motion made. By Marilyn Wexler to donate an additional \$1,000 to support the purchase of the off-road vehicle and the keep the previous \$2,000 in the general fund. Seconded by Ron Staake, passed unanimously.

Sharon also shared the latest stats from the PPTFH. In May, 55 new individuals engaged with outreach workers and were offered services, 5 individuals were service resistant, and they discovered 8 new encampments – 5 on the beach, 3 in the hills. There were also 5 new car dwellers, and 45 warnings and 5 citations issued by beach patrol.

- **PPCC Report** – Marilyn Wexler said that Steve Boyers was unable to attend the last PPCC meeting and alternates were not informed in time to attend either. Meeting minutes for the May 23rd PPCC meeting are available on their website: <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/ppcc-minutes-2019-05-23/>.
- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh was not present to provide an update.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel sent an email of updates to be shared at the meeting. She shared that Senator Harris allows drop ins in her office and urged interested persons to reach her their.

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 shared a letter that he wrote to the school board regarding the project. He discussed it with Doug Suisman and Joan Kramer who would approve it for BOCA. The letter outlined several recommendations about how to tighten the design to minimize impact to the area.

Old Business.

- **Adopt a Median.** Wesley Hough shared more details regarding the adopted median. He said the application went through the Board of Public Works but encountered issues including revising the plant list after the initial list was not approved and being asked to change the irrigation plan. After all of the revisions, the final approved proposal totaled \$4,000 which covers plants, irrigation work, and other project expenses. The vendor solicited to complete the project is licensed and has worked on other medians in the area and the Pride of Palisades. There is a meeting scheduled for late June to review the final plan and Lisa Cahill may attend.

Motion made. By Marilyn Wexler for SMCCA to pay for half of the expenses for the adopted median, \$2,000. Seconded by Natalie Schaefer, passed unanimously.

- **Annual Meeting.** Marilyn noted that community members who attended the meeting thought the speakers were informative.

New Business.

- **Grove fund.** Marilyn proposed merging the grove and courtyard accounts.

Motion made. By Cynthia Winter to allow the grove and courtyard accounts to be merged. Seconded by Deborah Castleman, passed unanimously.

- **Uplifters mailing address.** Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the private part of Latimer St. They have asked to use our P.O. Box for their correspondence. There was no objection.

- **Board positions.** Marilyn shared that there is an additional board seat open and asked everyone to help find someone who would be interested in filling the vacancy. George Wolfberg nominated Marilyn Wexler for President, Marise Relfe for Vice President, Scot McIntosh for Treasurer and Melissa Campos for Secretary.

Motion made. By George Wolfberg to confirm the board positions. Seconded by Cathy Russell, passed unanimously.

- **July meeting.** The board decided to cancel the next month's meeting. The next meeting will be held August 13.
- **Amalfi curb.** Elizabeth Daniels shared that the problematic curb on Amalfi mentioned in a previous meeting has been painted over on the existing red area, but the work was not well done. She will be following up with the relevant individuals in the city to correct the issue.
- **Emergency services.** Elizabeth also shared that she has reached out to LA Fire Department Deputy Chief and Commander of the West Bureau, Armando Hogan, about emergency notification systems but has not heard back yet. In her research of emergency notification systems, Elizabeth shared that LAPD and LAFD use different systems that do not currently integrate. Topanga Canyon set up a private fund to create an integrated alert system to centralize notifications (TCEP). Marilyn suggested that interested board members volunteer to help research this and invite speakers to talk. Both Marilyn Wexler and George Wolfberg volunteered to help Elizabeth.
- **Ocean Ave extension.** David Jackson shared that he has reached out to the city to understand what can be done along Ocean Ave. extension about getting an ADA compliant sidewalk installed. The email has been shared with the relevant city employees. Sharon Kilbride shared that LAPD Officer Redican has been citing there to prevent individuals from parking their cars permanently on public streets.
- **Dead trees on Rustic Road.** David also mentioned that there are several trees along east and west Rustic that pose as a potential fire hazard and was curious if there was any plan in place to replace the trees. George shared that he and Julie Silliman took pictures of the dead trees and sent them to 311 but nothing has happened though the city has marked the matters as closed. Marilyn added that she had also walked the area with Lisa Cahill and a city employee who acted quickly as the problematic trees were gone after 2 weeks.

George also mentioned that there was a recent general tree count in the area but that they would like to contract with a professional to identify the specific species and map them and create a plan for how to manage the nearly 1,000 trees in the canyon area.
- **Hillside inspections.** Cathy Russell shared that she recently went through the hillside fire inspection process. She said that the information was clear, accurate and the department was very responsive. She was able to resolve any issues raised by the inspection in a timely manner and was pleased with how smoothly it went.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting, August 13th.