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## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES April 4, 2006

**Recorded by:** Dawn Forrester

**Attending:** Barbara Archibald, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Mike Deasy, John Flynn, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg.

**Excused:** Jill Baldauf, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Shirley Fischer, Jerriann Fleming, Quentin Fleming, Lucinda Mittleman, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Elizabeth Zaillian.

**Guests:** Leonard and Marilyn Horn, Irene Stern, Rachel and Bill Becker, Jan Damiano

**Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President George Wolfberg.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes March 7, 2006**

The minutes from March 7 were approved.

**Treasurer's report: No change from last month pending receipt of bank statements**

**Membership:**

There are currently **264** paid members

**Annual Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> -- planning:**

Postcards will be sent to all paid members. Joan Graves, Babs Lebowsky and Cynthia Winter volunteered to address and send them out. Members are asked to help setup at 6 pm. We need a volunteer to put up flyers at the Rec. Center, local stores, etc...

**Committee Reports.**

Joan Graves reported on Public Safety Committee activity. A list of important neighborhood information is being prepared to hand out at the Annual Meeting including noise regulations, neighborhood watch, direct numbers to our Senior Lead Officer and Utility Companies and to report problems such as graffiti and, illegal leaf blowers.

Barbara Archibald informed us the following Directors are up for election on April 25<sup>th</sup> and terms are to expire June 30, 2008:

New Directors standing for election: Dawn Forrester and John Flynn.

Directors standing for re-election: Elizabeth Bradshaw, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Babs Lebowsky, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter and George Wolfberg.

### **Old Business.**

- **Beach water quality issues.** George reported that “hot spot” testing was to start March 30<sup>th</sup> then was postponed to April 5<sup>th</sup> and will be postponed again most likely until next week. The City cannot test until it has 3 days of no rain.
- **Prop. K Project.** The City Engineer promised to look for funds but they are \$200,000 short of what is needed (that is in addition to the \$190,000 that remains in the project). Jan Damiano, Park Director, stated that the City still has not signed off on the ADA work in the bathrooms and for the ramp to the picnic area.
- **One way couplet-Mesa, Upper Mesa and Amalfi to Entrada.** Again guests were present to present their concerns about this proposal. It was decided to have a “table top” display at the annual meeting and take a sign up of interested persons. Mike Deasy will coordinate. Marilyn Horn stated that a public discussion was promised. The Board agreed to set aside time at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for the committee to present pros and cons to the Mesa traffic pattern and for neighbors to give their input on possible changes to the status quo.

### **New Business.**

- **Federal Building proposed in Westwood:** Mike Deasy moved to add our association to those opposing the proposed 1,000,000 sq. ft. FBI building to be built in Westwood. Betty Bradshaw seconded. John Flynn and George Wolfberg attended a recent public hearing on the project. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky made a strong presentation against this project at this location. The motion was unanimously adopted. The President will send letters in support of the coalition of neighborhood associations stressing opposition, not to the FBI, but to the inappropriate placement of this large fortified structure next to a park, the 405 and one of the busiest intersections in California (Veteran Avenue and Wilshire).
- **Railings on neighborhood stairs:** Guests Rachel and Bill Becker asked if there was a way to get railings on the public stairway at 410 Mesa. George replied that a request had been made to the Bureau of Street Services to install railings on the stairways from Mesa to Amalfi and to Sycamore. (The Bureau’s Assistant Director issued a work order to the district supervisor on 2/23 to investigate.)
- **Santa Monica Conservancy:** Mike Deasy announced that the Santa Monica Conservancy will ask us to support their efforts to restore the Marion Davies building at 415 PCH so that the City of Santa Monica does not lose their grant. They want to make it a community center for the public, although there are issues with parking and a proposed traffic light..
- **No board meetings for May and July:** The board’s next meeting; after the April 25<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, will be June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Meeting will take place of the May meeting and there will be no board meeting in July.

**Adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

**Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**