

SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES**

**December 6, 2005**

**Attending:** Barbara Archibald, Lisa Bittan, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, Judy Golden, Babs Lebowsky, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian.

**Excused:** Jill Baldauf, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Bob Bronstein, Shirley Fischer, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Lucinda Mittleman, Steve Richards, Jill Soffer, Marilyn Wexler

**Guests:** John Flynn, Timothy Johnson, Alex Man, Scott Prentice

**Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President George Wolfberg.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes November 1, 2005.** The minutes from November 1 were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Savings - \$3,831.24, Checking - \$724.33, Certificate - \$10,000. Total - \$14,555.57.

**Membership:** There currently are 319 paid members

**Proposition "O" Call for Projects**

The Bureau of Sanitation reviewed the tentative projects advanced by the association. The limitation of the Proposition O funding to capital projects means that these funds cannot be spent on the association's proposals, which require added personal resources or other noncapital expenditures. The meetings of the Prop O advisory committee will continue to be monitored as well the fixes underway for the canyon low flow diversion [LFD} device.

**Meeting with LA County Flood Control District.**

A meeting was held at Elizabeth Zaillian's house on November 30 to discuss the responsibilities of the LAFCD. Attending were Maria Chong Castillo and Flora F=Gil Krisiloff from Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office as well as district managers Mark Pestrella and Rudy M.Lee. George Wolfberg also attended. The County is responsible for maintaining the flood channels.and the City cleans

street catch basins [drains]. Yard waste and droppings from trees create the greatest problem for the LFDs. Mr. Pestrella stated that bird droppings, while increasing the bacterial count at the beach, are not necessarily dangerous to humans. Flora Krisiloff will by Supervisor Yaroslavsky's representative on flood control and water quality issues.

### **Newsletter Planning / assignments**

Items for the next newsletter were discussed. The primary 2005 Newsletter was mailed in early January to announce the City Council Debate hosted by the association on February 1, 2005. Preparation of this year's newsletter should be targeted for mail out in late January or early February. The board discussed possible topics. The following topics were identified:

<b>General Topic</b>	<b>Responsible person(s)</b>
Community Planning	Marilyn Wexler, Jill Soffer
Community Building / Outreach	George Ghiz
Community Infrastructure	Steve Richards / Mike Deasy
Public Safety	Joan Graves
Recreation	Bob Bronstein
School	Jill Baldauf

George Wolfberg will assemble the newsletter. Electronic copy is desired to facilitate the process.

### **Old business.**

- **Canyon Storm Drain Diversion Project.** A test of the new trash rack is pending availability of sufficient dry weather days to determine the effectiveness in handling the debris that floats down the channel.
- **Prop. K Project, Rustic Canyon Park.** The City Engineer desires to continue the project with the mandated irrigation rehabilitation and entry courtyard work. The citizen's committee is awaiting financial reports so it can inform the City of its priorities for the remaining project funds..
- **Canyon Service Station.** Scott Prentice reported that the final government approvals have been received and transfer of ownership from Chris Hoffman to Mr. Prentice should occur this week. Mr. Prentice thanked the board and the association for supporting the preservation effort.

### **New Business.**

- **Blocked walkway.** Alex Man reported that a small landslide had blocked easy access to the public stairway just West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street stairway. George and Alex will follow up with Street Services to have the area cleared. Alex also suggested that signs be erected to identify each stairway/walkway in the canyon. He stressed that these passageways are our heritage and should not be lost because people cannot find them. George will follow up regarding signs.

- **One way street couplet: Mesa to Upper Mesa to Amalfi to Entrada.** Mike Deasy and Tim Johnson presented a proposal for turning Mesa and Amalfi into one way streets to facilitate safe passage of traffic and, perhaps, increase parking on Mesa. Elizabeth Zaillian pointed out that this change would effect the population that lives on streets closer to the park. Mike and Tim will gather more information on the options and the process.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

**Next Board meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2006.**