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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES March 20th, 2007

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Jill Baldauf, Andrew Bergman, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Shirley Fischer, John Flynn, Dawn Forrester, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Isabelle Mizrahi, Lani Pagano, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg. Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Mike Deasy, Judy Golden, Quentin Fleming, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler.

Introductions

Minutes February 20th, 2007

The minutes from February 20th were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Babs Lebowsky reported that we had deposited over \$3,000 in dues and donations to date.

Total funding as of February 28, 2007:

Savings	\$ 2,835.12
Checking	\$ 110.25
Certificate	\$10,383.94
Total	\$13,329.31

George informed the board that the CD must be renewed tomorrow and it was approved that he should roll over the whole amount in the CD (\$10,383.94) and renew at the highest rate between six and fourteen months.

Membership:

There are currently 232 paid members.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting is May 8th, 2007. Invited speakers and confirmation status are as follows:

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky - confirmed

Councilman Bill Rosendahl, - confirmed, subject to schedule of City Budget Committee hearings

Erick Lopez - Neighborhood character project [tentative]

Also invited: Congressman Henry Waxman and LA Times columnist Steve Lopez

The board meeting to be held after the annual meeting will either be May 22nd or June 19th, 2007, subject to confirmation at or within one week of our annual meeting.

Canyon School Fiesta:

The Fiesta will take place on April 22nd from 10am-4pm at the Canyon School. Jill Baldauf asked if the SMCCA would like to have a table there with photos, newsletters and the announcement of our annual meeting as well as to inform people of what we do.

George made a request for volunteers to staff the table for two-hour shifts. Volunteers included: Lisa Bittan, Lani Pagano, Joan Graves, Andrew Bergman, Dawn Forrester, and Babs Lebowsky. Board members absent at this meeting will be asked to support this effort.

Nominating Committee:

On behalf of the committee, Isabelle Mizrahi nominated Andrew Bergman to the board, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business.

- ▶ **Beach water quality issues.** George reported that a final predesign report is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. The city will be recommending a new Low Flow Diversion structure at a site further downstream (near the beach). The new site will allow more, if not all, drainage sources to be captured, which should minimize the ponding problem. A new sewer line will also be constructed to accommodate the increased flows. Another benefit of the new site is that it will allow the new sewer line to be constructed with a lesser impact on PCH than if the existing site is upgraded.
- ▶ **Prop. K Project.** Nothing new. The City Engineer and Council Office have promised a LVNOC meeting soon.
- ▶ **California Incline Project-** Vikki Zale wrote to George saying that the schedule is being revised and that info will be forthcoming. The workshop EIR briefing for the project was to be held on April 18th. This obviously is going to be delayed.
- ▶ **VA Issues-** There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss VA issues on March 28th at the Westwood Methodist Church, Wilshire and Warner at 7:00 PM.
- ▶ **Canyon Emergency Preparedness.** Isabelle Mizrahi and Joan Graves said they will have packets of information for people at the Annual meeting.
- ▶ **Chevron Station-** No further information has been received.

- ▶ **Construction Impact** Construction is ongoing on Kingman with good progress.
- ▶ **Late Night Fireworks.** John Flynn reported. He and Quentin Fleming are developing a letter. Major issues include noise, lack of notification especially to Fire and Police departments, and possible fire danger.
- ▶ **Canyon Planning Issues/Neighborhood Character Study-** Public hearings on March 21st at 5:00PM at the Marvin Braude Center in Van Nuys and March 29th. at the DOT office building at the corner of Exposition and Sepulveda. Workshop followed by public comment period. It was stressed that this phase of the study will not apply to our community, but the concepts proposed will give some guidance as to what may occur when the next phase, "hillside," which includes the canyon begins. We are keeping in close contact with the assigned City Planner, Erick Lopez.

New Business.

- ▶ **Councilman Rosendahl's office report.** Andrea Epstein was present from Councilman Rosendahl's office. She reported that a CalTrans workshop on the four options for construction of the Northbound carpool lanes was held this evening
- ▶ **Alex Man** reported on traffic problems on lower Amalfi Drive with speeding and unrealistic advisory speed limit signs installed by LADOT. It was pointed out that there are problems with illegal parking. Andrea Epstein will follow up with LAPD. Rich Holbrook announced that the City had approved the installation of one speed hump on Amalfi between the two intersections at Sumac. Alex also indicated the hardship caused by the removal of the mailbox and West Channel Road and Mesa Road. It was agreed to gather petition signatures to urge the Post Office to reinstall the box.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: March 20, 2007