



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

January 20th, 2009

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending Jennifer Barker, Bob Bronstein, Dawn Forrester, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Isabelle Mizrahi, John Murphy, George Wolfberg

Excused: Andrew Bergman, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Quentin Fleming, Judy Golden, Alejandro Ortiz, Lani Pagano, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, Elizabeth Zaillian.

Guests: Vikki Zale and Mark Cuneo, City of Santa Monica; Danielle Gillespie from the Palisadian Post Danielle@palipost.com

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

Introductions:

Minutes December 16th, 2008

The minutes from December 16th were approved. Joan Graves moved and Isabelle Mizrahi seconded.

Treasurer's report: (12/31/08)

Savings	\$ 7,841.49
Checking	2,077.50
Certificate	11,021.18
Total	<u>\$20,940.17</u>

Santa Monica Palisades Bluffs Improvement Project

Vikki Zale and Mark Cuneo came to give an overview and time frame.

1. The project is to improve long term slope stability,
2. Enhance public safety/reduce traffic congestion due to slides, and
3. Preserve the bluffs' natural look and beauty

They are still waiting for Cal Trans to forward the promised federal funding, but they expect it to be approved.

The improvements will take place from the McClure Tunnel to the Northern City Limits in 11 zones and they hope to work on two zones at a time.

The majority of work will be done north of the California Incline, such as,

1. Installing a dewatering system with proposed hydraugers (small pvc drainage pipes) which will be inserted 100 to 300 feet into the face of the bluff. There will be about 20 of these small pipes inserted in an array from each location and there will be five locations.
2. Test grouting zone which is located around Montana Ave. part of the bluff. They are going to try a soil grouting chemical treatment that hardens the soil and seals the bluff face, the surface grouting will be anchored into the existing soil with 10 in. "soil" nails. This is to fill in erosion pockets and improve surface drainage.

Below the California Incline most of the work will be debris removal.

The earliest start date would be March 2009 and the duration is one year.

Work hours will be from 9am to 1pm where they will close the #3 lane on northbound PCH Monday thru Thursday. There will be NO lane closures during the summer months (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) as work will be suspended during this period. Periodic maintenance of the hydraugers will be necessary and require temporary lane closures.

For more information go to www.pchpartners.org or contact mark.cuneo@smgov.net

During Construction call the Community Outreach project hotline at 866-755-7679

Santa Monica Canyon Tsunami Issues

The City Emergency Preparedness Agency indicates that the decision on sign locations is made by the State Geological Survey based upon technical studies. A new draft study update indicates that "worst case" impact of a tsunami at Will Rogers State Beach would not impact East of the West boundary of the coast highway. George has requested that the City relocate signs from near East Channel Road to the beach parking lot area consistent with the revised data..

Sidewalk Access: Sunset Blvd. Near Brooktree [Sanford Panitch].

No report.

Support for our Senior Lead Officer

The board unanimously approved a motion by Bob Bronstein for the SMCCA to purchase a mobile fingerprint scanner for use by our Senior Lead Officer, Michael Moore. The estimated cost is \$1000 and Bob will follow up with Sgt. David Podesta to finalize the details.

Old Business.

- **Canyon Infrastructure Priorities** will include undergrounding utilities with the first priority being along the coast highway, fixing sidewalks that access Canyon school and installing railings on stairs in the Canyon. Mike Deasy will follow up with the Council Office.
- **Prop. K Project.** The Board asked the President to contact Neil Drucker to determine whether we should contact the City Engineer or the Board of Public Works to obtain completion of this long overdue project.

- **415 PCH Beach Club** is scheduled to open next month for limited use. The signal will be operational once the facility opens.
- **Newsletter Planning.** Bob Bronstein will write an article on the mobile fingerprint scanner. Goal is to have the newsletter printed prior to next board meeting.
- **Potential Closing of 4th St. Stairs.** George attended a meeting at the Santa Monica Library called by the Santa Monica City Manager's office. Over 150 people attended. It was agreed that commercial trainers on the 4th Street median were a problem. The lack of sanitary facilities for the 4th Street and Amalfi Stairs is another issue. Santa Monica staff will be reporting back to the City Council on the results of the meeting. They hope to institute a community advisory committee to include neighbors, joggers and the SMCCA.
- **Eucalyptus Forest Planning.** Chris Casady will now chair the SMCCA committee with back up from Steve Richards. Rec and Parks clean-up of the area is expected in February.
- **Relocate Tsunami Sign in front of State Beach Liquor.** A request has been sent to the appropriate City Department by Jessyca Avalos to get the sign removed from its current location in front of the State Beach Liquors.
- **Entrada Traffic Issues, sidewalk extension at Adelaide.** Per Jessyca Avalos, the Street Inspection unit will follow up with the property owner to get the ivy cleared and the sidewalk continuous to Adelaide.
- **California Incline Project:** CalTrans is requesting additional structural upgrades which would increase the cost. The City of Santa Monica must decide whether to bear the costs of upgrades to obtain federal funding. Since the EIR could be impacted, recirculation of EIR draft has been deferred until this is resolved.
- **Neighborhood Character Study-** Draft maps have been prepared to extend the adopted ordinance to flat areas previously defined as hillside. These maps are being field checked. The locations for public workshops are being finalized and the Planning Department is preparing meeting materials.
- **SMCCA website options.** No update.

Other Business.

Betty Bradshaw is presently at Fireside, room 6A, at 3rd and Washington. Her number is 310.486.4946. Please give her a call.

Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17.