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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes, June 13, 2006

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Jill Baldauf, Mike Deasy, Shirley Fischer, Quentin Fleming, John Flynn, Dawn Forrester, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Lucinda Mittleman, Isabelle Mizrahi, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Barbara Archibald, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Betty Bradshaw, Joan Graves, Alejandro Ortiz, Cynthia Winter

Guests: Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore, Jim Creager, Vikki Zale, Brian Thompson, Tom McCall, Leonard Horn, Irene Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President George Wolfberg.

Introductions:

Minutes April 4, 2006. The minutes from April 4 were approved.

Treasurers report: (05/31/06).

Savings	\$2,832.94
Checking	\$3,905.11
Certificate	\$10,192.31
Total	\$16,930.36

Membership: There are currently 292 paid members

Senior Lead Officer, Pacific Palisades.

Officer Moore reported on graffiti issues in our neighborhoods. LAPD is intensifying its process of tracking all graffiti. He would like for all residents to email photographs of any graffiti tags to LAPD. Property owners also should report graffiti as a crime report. Captain Aborn Khouty is making the enforcement of graffiti violations a high priority. Collections of a gallery of photos of tags by individual taggers will be used to upgrade violations to a felony. Graffiti should be reported to the front desk at: 310 444-0701. For graffiti clean up send photos and location to pacificgraffitisolutions@yahoo.com with a copy to the LAPD graffiti enforcement unit at wlatag@yahoo.com ..

Officer Moore also announced that the department is rolling out a program of web cams to identify and deter crime with police cars being used to relay signals in hard to reach areas during an emergency. If you would like to report some sort of crime or suspicious activity, the following web site can be used. www.alertcommunity.com

Annual Meeting Lessons Learned.

The annual meeting was discussed and deemed a success. Better control of speaker timing was suggested as an issue to address in the future.

Committee Reports. No new reports.

Old Business.

- **Beach water quality issues.** George reported that there is no report from the city yet. A third round of upgrades for the channel diversion project is being installed, including a macerating pump to process debris on site in lieu of relying on weekly pumping of leaves and debris by Vactor trucks. In addition the dam is being raised by about one-foot to capture more runoff. Currently virtually all runoff is being diverted and the daily reports of indicator bacteria show very low readings.
- **Prop. K Project.** No update. The supervisory board is meeting today. and funding problems continue as well as another delay because of summer camps until the end of August. The association has urged the City to partner with Department of Water and Power to install smart irrigation sensors to turn off the sprinklers during damp weather and to carefully review potential surfaces for the outdoor sports court to identify a surface that is not slippery when damp.
- **One way couplet-Mesa, Upper Mesa and Amalfi to Entrada..** This item was removed from agenda per request of Citizen Committee, which has been investigating alternatives. The committee has abandoned its effort.

New Business.

- **Election of officers.** The following were elected to serve for one year terms: George Wolfberg for president. Marilyn Wexler and Dawn Forrester as secretary. Babs Lebowsky for treasurer and Steve Richards will continue as vice president.
- **California Incline Reconstruction Project.** Jim Creager and Vikki Zale from the city of Santa Monica briefed the board on the upcoming construction project. The deteriorating “bridge” supporting the middle section of the Incline roadway will be completely rebuild at a cost on over \$9M. It is expected to start in the fall or winter of 2007 and will last for 10 months. An EIR is in process and a traffic study will be conducted. The City of Santa Monica will take questions and comments for the next few weeks; send by email to jim-creager@santa-monica.org
Motion made by Mike Deasy that George send a letter to Councilman Rosendahl stating that the board supports the comprehensive motion adopted on June 8 by the Pacific Palisades Community Council regarding potential traffic impact. Carried unanimously. The PPCC motion previously was sent to the board. It and the letter to Bill Rosendahl will be posted on our website.
- **LA City Dog Park Policies.** Tom McCall (LA City Recreation and Parks) reported on the status and development of off-leash dog parks. He stressed that Rustic Canyon is too small and too close to neighboring residences to meet the City’s minimum criteria for an off-leash dog park. It was suggested that signs be put up in Rustic Canyon. Park stating

that it is not a dog park. Mr. McCall will contact the President regarding signs. Officer Moore stated that he would enforce the leash law at the park and change his work schedule to coincide with the reported time of leash law violations.

- **Caffé Delphini.** Brian Thompson chef, introduced himself and informed us that the restaurant is open for business and also for party and special event catering.
- **FBI Building.** George gave an update on the development of this property and neighboring properties including an on-line auction of the 10-acre Army Reserve Site and the C.A.R.E.S. committee review of plans for the greater VA campus..

Motion made by Marilyn W that the board take a formal stance opposing the auction of these ten acres and that a letter be sent to all appropriate parties stating this. Carried unanimously.

- **La Senora Research Institute.** The research institute is circulating a petition to rename the newly acquired lower part of Topanga Canyon to Rancho Boca de Santa Monica State Park..
- **562 Stassi Lane variance.** This variance application for an eight-foot wall around the property has been withdrawn per Judy Golden
- **527 East Channel variance.** This variance application was discussed. The applicant lives across the creek and shares a driveway “bridge” with two neighbors and needs a variance to avoid having to widen the bridge. Isabelle Mizrahi is familiar with the owner and the project. The existing home will be replaced with a new home of similar size and footprint. There are some issues with a neighbor who does not want any construction next door to her.
- **City of Los Angeles “anti mansionization” proposal.** Marilyn reported that City Councilman Tom La Bonge has submitted a proposal to the City Council, which would limit the size of residential development, apparently in hillside areas. Marilyn volunteered to contact the Councilman’s office to try to get a speaker for our next meeting.

Future meetings.

There will be no meeting in July.

The following dates were set for future meetings: August 1, September 12, October 3, November 14 and December 5.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Board meeting, Tuesday, August 1.

No meeting in July.