SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
March 20th, 2007

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Jill Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Babs Lebowsky, Alejandro Ortiz, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panich, Steve Richards, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Betty Bradshaw, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Marilyn Wexler.

Guests: Adele Carlson, Andrea Epstein, Irene Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President George Wolfberg.

Introductions:

Minutes March 20th, 2007

The minutes from March 20th were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Babs Lebowsky reported that we now have over $4,000 in our checking account. The official tally from the bank statement as of March 31 showed the following totals:

Savings	$ 2,835.19
Checking	$ 3,310.25
Certificate	$10,383.94
Total	$16,529.38

Membership:

There are currently 282 paid members.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting is May 8th, 2007. Speakers who are on the agenda and confirmed are:

- **Zev Yaroslavsk**y to talk about Potential Impact/Status of VA-FBI project and Beach project.
- **Bill Rosendahl** to talk about City Budget Update, Prop K. Project, Creek year round diversion status.
- **Officer Moore** to talk about Public Safety.
- In addition, the City Planning Department will be represented and we will have 50-50 sidewalk program flyers, courtesy of Andrea Epstein.

The Board reviewed the various tasks needed for the meeting. Elizabeth Zaillian is coordinating with the park director, Aron Cowen who will be obtaining a lectern. Jill Baldauf is coordinating the refreshments and Elizabeth will be obtaining gifts for the speakers. Flyers have been printed to have at the Canyon Fiesta [see below] and to post around the canyon. The nominating committee will finalize the list of candidates and George will print the ballots and provide a ballot box.

All hands should be present at 6:00 for room set-up and at the end of the meeting for take down.

The next board meeting will either be May 22nd or June 19th, 2007 and the final date for this board meeting will be decided at the annual meeting on May 8th.

Canyon School Fiesta:

The Fiesta will take place on April 22nd from 10am-4pm at the Canyon School. We have been invited to have an informational booth. Volunteers from SMCCA to staff the table for 2-hour shifts. Steve Richards will set up and notify by email everyone of their assigned time. Volunteers are: Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Dawn Forrester, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky and Lani Pagano

Nominating Committee:

Both Sanford Panitch and Jennifer Barker were nominated to the board, and unanimously approved.

Old Business.

- **Beach water quality issues.** No update on City progress.
- **Prop. K Project**. Board members lamented that the LVNOC meeting promised in February has not yet been scheduled. It was asked if we could use the $300,000 that was allocated recently and at least get irrigation improvements started. Alejandro Ortiz pointed out that the irrigation component is mandatory and only optional ADA improvements to the wheelchair access ramp and to the indoor bathrooms have been constructed. Mike Deasy brought up the possibility of a private foundation to buy back Rustic Canyon Park from the city.
- **California Incline Project-** The required EIR public hearing date has been moved again, this time to June.
- **VA Issues-** Alejandro Ortiz volunteered will take over for John Flynn on VA / FBI Building Issues

- **Late Night Fireworks-** Quentin Fleming said we should have a consensus about where SMCCA stands on this issue. He is contacting homeowners group in Castellammare area to develop a preferred approach.
- **Canyon Planning Issues/Neighborhood Character Study**- The Board discussed the status, which so far has excluded our area. George and Elizabeth explained the current concept, which excludes so-called "hillside" areas including the canyon and all of the Pacific Palisades. We sent a letter to City Planning after the recent hearing urging that the canyon be temporarily included under the new ordinance until an ordinance covering our area can be prepared and approved.

New Business.

- **Councilman Rosendahl's office report.** Andrea Epstein was present from Councilman Rosendahl's office. She said that we could name a room, etc., in memory of John Flynn. It was proposed that we put a park bench down under the Eucalyptus trees near the outfield of the baseball field. A committee was appointed to investigate. Members include: Lani Pagano, Alejandro Ortiz, Elizabeth Zaillian, Quentin Fleming, and Andrew Bergman. The Committee will follow up with Andrea.
- **Letter to Governor re. BHP Billiton LNG terminal.** Elizabeth Zaillian explained the situation with the proposed LNG terminal off the Malibu coast. The project has been disapproved by the State Lands Commission [3-2 vote] and unanimously by the Coastal Commission. Nevertheless, under the state's Byzantine procedures, the Governor also must take action to disapprove the project or it will automatically be approved. Elizabeth explained that she has drafted a letter asking Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to follow through on his "green" bona fides and veto the proposed Malibu/Oxnard facility. The Board agreed and the President will send a letter to the Governor asking for him to disapprove the project.
- **Beach Project.** Irene Stern reported that the ongoing beach improvements will include access ramps to the ocean. At her request the showers will be moved closer to the buildings and walkway so persons would not have to walk through the sand after showering off.

Adjourned at 8:48 PM

NEXT MEETING: TBA, either May 22 or June 19, 2007