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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes, January 16, 2007

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Betty Bradshaw, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, John Flynn, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg. Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Barbara Archibald, Jill Baldauf, Bob Bronstein, Babs Lebowsky, Shirley Fischer

Guests: Andrea Epstein (Councilman Rosendahl's office), Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore, Community Council Chairman Steve Boyers, Palisades Post editor Bill Bruns, Michael Pauls, Farzan Ghadooshanay, Adelle Carlson, Rich Holbrook, Alex Gregory

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President George Wolfberg.

Introductions:

Minutes December 2006

The minutes from December were held for future approval.

Treasurer's report: (12/31/06)

Savings	\$ 2,834.73
Checking	\$ 1,516.11
Certificate	<u>\$10,192.31</u>
Total	\$14,543.15

Old Business.

- **Beach Water Quality update.** We are awaiting the City's decision on which alternative will be selected for the project to expand storm water diversion to 365 days a year, except when it is actually raining.
- **Prop. K Project.** Steve Boyers (President Pacific Palisades Community Council - PPCC) reported that Neil Drucker (LA City Parks and Recs) will be attending the February 22 Community Council meeting. The Council intends to push Mr. Drucker on the issue of Prop. K progress for Rustic Canyon and a separate proposal to rehab the picnic areas along Temescal Canyon Road..

- **Canyon planning issues.** George has contacted Erick Lopez from the City Planning Dept. to take a tour of our canyon prior to initiating the Neighborhood Characterization ["mansionization"] study for our area. His supervisors want him to finish the current "flatlands" project first.
- **California Incline Project.** George reports that construction has been rescheduled to start Oct. 29th of 2008. The period of construction is penciled in at 205 days. Public workshop and a hearing on the EIR are tentatively scheduled for April 18th 2007. A revised timeline was sent to all board members.
- **Chevron Station update (signage proposal).** Owner Farzan Ghadooshany and his representative, Michael Pauls, presented the board with a lengthy report on the status of the station signage. A long and spirited discussion followed. Mr. Ghadooshany will be going to Chevron to negotiate the size and height of the proposed new sign. The existing and grandfathered pole sign stands 30 feet high. He believes a monument type sign of around 12-14 feet is adequate. Chevron wants them to keep the existing 30-foot sign. The Pacific Palisades Village Specific Plan has strict requirements for new signs in the business area. Changing or replacing the pole sign triggers the more strict requirements. The alternatives presented from Chevron do not meet the requirements and will require approval of the Pacific Palisades Design Review Board. There will be several public hearings before there is final approval.
- **Legal issues re proposed 1,000,000 sq. ft. FBI building in Westwood.** John Flynn attended a recent meeting of a coalition of property owners and veterans. The current standing federal building will be demolished and it is intended to replace it with two 14-story buildings. The coalition has hired an attorney to file suit to stop the development and is seeking contributions to its legal fund.

President's report.

- **Advanced planning for annual meeting.** The date for the annual meeting was set for May 15, but will need to be changed because a special election is scheduled for that date. The favored alternative date is ~~February~~ May [as corrected] 8 [note: Supervisor Yaroslavsky will attend on May 8 as will Councilman Rosendahl unless he must be in a budget hearing on that evening].
- **Newletter.** Marilyn volunteered to write on the California Incline project, and the city's new tree ordinance. Lisa Bittan volunteered to do a piece on recycling of electronics. George will interview Neil Drucker regarding the Rustic Canyon Prop K project. Elizabeth Zaillian will prepare information regarding the Neighborhood Characterization study. Deadline for copy is January 31

Officer Moore's report. The West LA division is looking at obtaining body heat identifying sensors. The vendor will make a presentation at the next PPCC meeting. Community funds will be sought to purchase the devices which may cost about \$8,000 for a vehicle and slightly higher for a hand-held device..

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2007