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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING --June 12, 2007

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Jill Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Bob Bronstein, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, John Murphy, Alejandro Ortiz, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Babs Lebowsky, Marilyn Wexler

Guests: Leroy Graymer, Rosemary Sostarich (Board member Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood coalition), Vikki Zale (Outreach for City of SM California Incline), Tony Antich (Santa Monica City Engineer), Mark Cuneo (Principal Civil Engineer), Steve Boyers, Kurt Toppel, Irene Stern, Rich Holbrook, Andrea Epstein (Bill Rosendahl's office), Gerald Hassan, Mel Blumenthal

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President George Wolfberg.

Introductions:

Minutes April 17th, 2007

The minutes from April 17th were approved.

Treasurer's report: [05-31-07]

Savings	\$ 2,835.32
Checking	4109.83
Certificate	10,383.94
Total	<u>\$17,329.09</u>

Membership:

There are currently 330 paid/voting members.

Election of officers for 2007-2008: The following were elected:

President – George Wolfberg
Vice President - Steve Richards
Secretary - Marilyn Wexler
Assistant Secretary - Dawn Forrester
Treasurer - Babs Lebowsky

Briefing from City of Santa Monica in regards to the California Incline and Palisades Bluffs projects:

City Engineers spoke and answered questions about tentative schedules, environmental processes and traffic impacts. A “talking points” PowerPoint printout was distributed. The PowerPoint document has been scanned and may be viewed at the following link: <http://potrero.info/bb/viewtopic.php?p=164#164> A Public Workshop will be held Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM at the Santa Monica main public library. The deadline for public input on the Draft EIR/EA is July 9, 2007. All comments regarding the California Incline or the Palisades Bluffs project should be sent to

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Once the projects have started construction and if there are any issues

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Canyon Fiesta comments:

The SMCCA table had fair interest paid for the first few hours and things were pretty slow toward the end of the event.

Annual meeting comments:

Everyone agreed it was a huge success. The speakers were terrific. Signage on streets worked particularly well at bringing people in. Isabelle Mizrahi suggested that the signs be in a larger typeface next year.

John Flynn Memorial Bench:

Andrea Epstein informed the committee that a bench would need to be approved by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. She stated that it would be easier and financially less if the committee were to dedicate a tree with a plaque or an existing bench or a smaller project such as dedicating a room in the Rustic Canyon building. Andrea will obtain a list and photos/sketches of the currently authorized benches from the department. The President asked the Committee, which was reappointed, to review the information to be obtained from Andrea Epstein. Committee Members are Andrew Bergman, Alejandro Ortiz and Elizabeth Zaillian.

Removal of No Parking restrictions on Entrada Drive between Amalfi and Adelaide

The board voted a resounding “NO” to this proposal (especially with the impending work to be done on the California Incline and Bluffs)

Proposed Ordinance to set fines for property owners who block sidewalks and streets with overgrown vegetation:

George indicated that the ordinance would permit small fines for persons who let vegetation grow and block the right of way. A particular problem are the weeds on the hillside of Entrada coming down the hill at Adelaide and some of the through lots from Sycamore Road to Mesa Road where growth sometimes interferes with traffic on Mesa. Alejandro remarked that there was a large redwood tree growing in front of his house where the sidewalk would be if there were a sidewalk. John Murphy added that there are Sycamore trees on Rustic with trunks that are intruding onto the street. George will notify Street Services of the unique character of our neighborhood and otherwise support the proposal if it is modified per comments of Alejandro and John.

Old Business

- **Prop. K Project.** Andrea stated she had a good meeting with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and that everyone is in agreement on the work that needs to be done and they are working on “smart” irrigation. A LVNOC meeting is in the cards.
- **VA Issues.** George attended the Brentwood Community Council on June 5 where representatives of Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Waxman as well as Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Councilman Rosendahl briefed the BCC. While a recent effort in Congress to expand the federally protected acreage failed, another attempt will be made. About 109 of the 388 acres are protected by the Cranston Act and the VA is mandated to complete a master plan. The VA will be constructing a 200-bed facility for veterans on the North Campus. The FBI is looking for another site in an expanded geographic area after abandoning its plan for 11000 Wilshire Blvd.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting set for July 17th, 2007.