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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – August 21, 2007

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Andrew Bergman, Betty Bradshaw, Bob Bronstein, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian.

Excused: Jil Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Lisa Bittan, Mike Deasy, Babs Lebowsky, Shirley Fischer, Alejandro Ortiz

Guests: Asta Young, Lauren Skinner (Board of Public Works), Richard Pedrozo (Bureau of Engineering), Mo Blorfroshan (LADOT), Bob Rodino (Great Urban Places), Maurice Rasgon, Leonard Horn, Steve Slavkin, Geoffrey Evans, Chris Casady.

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

Introductions:

Minutes July 17, 2007.

The minutes from the meeting of July 17, 2007 were approved.

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

Savings	\$ 2,840.84
Checking	4,254.83
Certificate	10,383.94
Total	<u>\$17,479.61</u>

Membership:

There are currently 333 paid/voting members.

Old Business.

- **Prop. K Project.** The City has come up with an additional \$150,000.00 to be spent within a year for Rustic Canyon Park. Intended use of the money is for

the stairway from the parking lot to the picnic area, rehabilitation of the entry patio, a replacement fence along Latimer, and the fence by the tennis courts.

- **California Incline Project.** George gave an update on the bluffs project that also will impact the incline. Also that we are to expect some closures on PCH from the tunnel to LA City line. The improvement of the intersection of Moomat Ahiko Road and Ocean Avenue to add a second right turn lane toward Pico Blvd. will occur first.
- **Fireworks issues.** No report.
- **John Flynn Memorial Bench.** Andrew Bergman presented photos of a suggested bench as currently used for dedications in the Palisades Park in Santa Monica. They will be forwarded to Andrea.
- **Removal of "No Parking" restrictions, Entrada Drive between Amalfi and Adelaide.** Mo Blorfroshan from the Los Angeles Department of Traffic informed the board that the request for additional street parking on Entrada had been denied. He said that he would look into the passenger loading zone at West Channel Road and the Restaurant parking there, and get back to us on that. He also told us that "Radar Enforced" signs are no longer used by the city and that another street speed study is due in July 2008.
- **Neighborhood Character Study.** No new report.
- **Bar-b-ques in beach parking lots.** The City Attorney emailed George the following: Pursuant to LAMC Sec. 63.44 B 17, fires are only permitted in parks (including beaches and parking lots) "on a stove or masonry or concrete hearth or fire circle provided for such purpose, or on a portable stove or hearth of an approved type and in areas specifically posted for such use." Under all other conditions, they aren't permitted and are a violation of that Code section, which is punishable as a misdemeanor. LAPD is responsible for enforcement issues.
- **Potential Canyon Development.** Bob Rodino, Great Urban Places, Development gave a presentation on potential ideas for commercial and residential development in the lower canyon. There was a lengthy discussion and it became apparent that the board was not interested in supporting any development in that area that would increase traffic. The Board thanked Mr. Rodino for his interest and giving us a presentation. He promised to keep us informed of any proposals.

Other Business

- **Sewer replacement/repair Amalfi Drive, Mesa Road.** Lauren Skinner, DPW and Richard Pedrozo, Bureau of Engineering reported that sewer rehabilitation in various areas of the canyon will begin in January of 2008. Some of the work will require trenches be dug in the street and the balance through "manhole" access. The program is Citywide and results from a consent decree the City signed in October 2004. Residents will receive at least 10-day's notice of construction and 24-48-hour notice to curtail water use. The City representatives gave the association maps showing project area. George

asked that a tabular listing also be furnished, as the exact locations are sometimes difficult to determine from the map.

- **Trash cleanup, Amalfi stairs.** The city has agreed to put a trash containers at the Amalfi stairs to facilitate collection of water bottles and other trash from the many stair climbers in this location..
- **Entrada traffic safety issues.** Board members and Maurice Rasgon also discussed with Mr. Blorfroshan other problems on Entrada and offered suggestions such as; cross walks, raised dots on the curve and reflectors on the guard rails near Kingman and San Lorenzo. Mr. Blorfroshan will follow up..

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting. September 18.