



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

September 9, 2008

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Jill Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Chris Casady, Mike Deasy, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

**Excused:** Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Alejandro Ortiz, Sanford Panitch.

**Guests:** Norb Hackett, Cindy Hackett, Randy Young, Betty Lou Young

**Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by George Wolfberg, President.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes August 26, 2008.** The minutes from August were approved.

#### **Treasurer's report: (08/31/08)**

Savings	\$ 7,841.25
Checking	2,223.91
Certificate	<u>11,021.18</u>
Total	<u>\$21,086.34</u>

**Membership:** There are currently 383 paid/voting members.

#### **Eucalyptus Forest briefing.**

Randy and Betty Lou Young reported on the status of the Eucalyptus grove at the park. A full written report from Jan C. Scow, a professional arborist has been prepared and presented to the City of Los Angeles, Recreation and Parks with its recommendations. Randy asked the board to support this project in regards to setting up a mechanism for private donors to donate funds to the SMCCA as we have non-profit status. There is currently a private party who wishes to donate a substantial amount of money to the project in memory of a motorcyclist killed last Spring on Sunset Boulevard. After looking at several sites, the family has determined that the Rustic Canyon site would be the best. Randy will be submitting a Community Beautification Grant for \$10,000 for forest rehabilitation. SMCCA will be the designee on this matching grant.

The PAB board grove committee is working on an agreement with David Card to prepare a grove landscape plan for City approval.

### **SMCCA web site options.**

The current status of the website and its need for updating was discussed. Chris Casady volunteered to take a look at it.

### **Old Business.**

- **Prop. K Project / Prop. 12.** Jaime Contreras, Project Engineer will be at the park this coming Friday for a walk through. Interested members are invited.
- **California Incline / Bluffs Project.** No new update.
- **John Flynn Memorial Bench.** Bench is at the service yard. Recreation and Parks needs to schedule a crew for installation.
- **Neighborhood Character Study.** George reports that Erick Lopez (LA City Planning) is tentatively scheduled to make a presentation at the Pacific Palisades Community Council meeting on this coming Thursday.
- **Loitering in the Chautauqua Tunnel.** George received word that the owner of the corner liquor store is no longer selling liquor to the local homeless population and that loitering in or near the tunnel seems to have stopped. Will check to see if a sign was posted in the Ocean Way tunnel.
- **Canyon LFD Upgrade.** George has reviewed the proposal, emailed it to all board members and intends to respond to its request for comments, primarily typos as he was satisfied that the plan takes in to consideration noise mitigation practices. A small control box will be constructed in the parking lot and is included on the drawings sent out and posted on the web site. There were no comments from the board.
- **Celebrate Ballona.** The Ballona Wetlands celebration is scheduled for October. A Motion was made (Wexler) and passed that the association donate \$1000.00 to the celebration. This entitles us to a dedication page [partial page] in the Association's name.

### **Other Business.**

- **Poop stations for dogs on Upper Mesa.** Lani Pagano volunteered to come back with a proposal and budget for establishing "poop stations" in the Mesa area.
- **Future BOD meetings.** This matter was discussed and it was decided to go back to holding board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.
- **Traffic Island Landscape.** Norb and Cynthia Hackett presented their plan for landscaping the traffic island near the school. They have contacted Pacific Palisades PRIDE for help. No one on the board objected to having the existing Agave plants removed from the median, which also will be landscaped. The Hackett's met with City Council Staff [Mark Antonio Grant] and Street Services on Monday and a meeting is planned for next week with DOT to seek input from that department.

- **Los Angeles City Council meeting on Billboards.** The issue of allowing electronic billboards downtown near freeways was discussed. The LA City Council will be addressing this at their meeting tomorrow. The Board opposes the proposal for distracting digital billboards adjacent to the freeway. George will notify Councilman Rosendahl's office..

**Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**Next meeting.**

**Tuesday, October 14.**