



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

February 17, 2009

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Jill Baldauf, Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Mike Deasy, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Babs Lebowsky, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

**Excused:** Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Cynthia Winter

**Guests:** Jessyca Avalos (Council Field Deputy), Irene Stern

**Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by George Wolfberg, President.**

**Introductions:**

**Moment of Silence.**

Marilyn Wexler requested a moment of silence in memory of long time board member Elizabeth Bradshaw.

**Minutes January 2009.**

The minutes from January 20, 2009 were approved as corrected upon motion by Joan Graves.

**Treasurer's report: (1/31/09)**

Savings	\$ 7,841.55
Checking	2,077.50
Certificate	11,021.18
Total	<u>\$20,940.23</u>

**Proposed City regulation of valet parking.** Jessyca Avalos is following up and will provide us with an update.

**Council Motion; public-private partnerships.** Jessyca provided us with information regarding this proposal, which involves the City of LA partnering with individual homeowners to pay for pruning of trees and other services similar to the popular 50-50 sidewalk repair program.

**Citywide Hillside Project / Neighborhood Character Study.** City Planning is holding kickoff meetings with the public starting this week. The board was urged to attend these meetings.

Remaining meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Westside Meeting**

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Henry Medina Parking Enforcement Facility

11214 W. Exposition Blvd., 2nd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90064

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**South Valley Meeting**

**Monday, February 23, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Marvin Braude Building

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Room 1A

Van Nuys, CA 91401

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**North Valley Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Council District Two Field Office

7747 Foothill Blvd.

Tujunga, CA 91042

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**Metro/Eastside Meeting**

**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

City Hall, Room 1010

200 N. Spring St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**Old Business.**

- **Prop. K Project.** Rec and Parks is following up with the City Engineer. The Plans are complete and were not prepared in a fashion that allows the City to obtain competitive bids in the current competitive contracting environment. Thus, the only option is to have the work done by General Services, the City Department which constructed the costly and much complained about ADA bathrooms and regarded access ramp to the children's play area.
- **Bluffs project.** Jessyca reported that the project has been delayed, pending completion of the funding package. Best guess is a start in September of 2009.

- **California Incline Project.** EIR still not revised. Cannot start until after completion of Bluffs project, *i.e.*, September 2010.
- **Neighborhood Character Study.** Hillside ordinance community meetings are starting this week.
- **Eucalyptus Forest plan preparation report.** Recreation and Parks is supposed to complete the Grove “clean up” this month. George said that a meeting is being set up by PAB Chair, Norman Cowie..
- **Support for our Senior Lead Officer.** Bob Bronstein reported that he was having trouble finding a place to donate the Board designated \$1000.00. The digital fingerprint scanners have been purchased out of Police budget funds. He will continue to search and check out other options including: “adopt a Fire Station” and a solar-powered traffic speed sensor.
- **Canyon infrastructure priorities.** This involves a formal request from our BOD to the City Council that our area receive some of the monies that the City should be getting from the Federal government. The Board authorized Mike Deasy and George Wolfberg to submit a request to the Council office to include repair of sidewalks, installation of stair railings and completion of the beach bike path.
- **Potential closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Street Stairway.** A Santa Monica community meeting was held to address concerns with the use of the 4<sup>th</sup> street median by physical trainers and inappropriate behavior on some adjacent property. No formal recommendations have been made..
- **Tsunami sign in front of the liquor store.** Jessyca reports that the sign has been relocated to a safer spot.
- **Entrada Traffic Issues, sidewalk extension at Adelaide.** Jessyca will continue to follow-up on this. Concern was expressed about the new traffic light system at Entrada and San Vicente and the dangers of traffic backing up down the Entrada Hill. Marilyn and Leslie volunteered to come up with a list of problems/photos etc., as to the safety of this new light. George will then present it to the Santa Monica City Manager.

#### **Other Business.**

- **Beach Shower Issues.** George will follow up with the County regarding the Shower near the Volleyball courts. A new concrete pad has been installed from the shower to the walkway. The showers are difficult to turn on and a lower head is needed for children and to facilitate washing sand off of bathers’ feet.
- **Speed Enforcement.** George announced that LAPD is stepping up traffic enforcement in the general Palisades area as a result of community demand following the traffic death of a teenager, Nicholas Rosser, on Palisades Drive on January 31. There will be “zero” tolerance for violations.

**Adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2009**