



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes November 13, 2007

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Jennifer Barker, Betty Bradshaw, Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Alejandro Ortiz, Sanford Panitch, Anne Marie Veschio, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

Excused: Andrew Bergman, Judy Golden, Babs Lebowsky, Lani Pagano

Guests: Andrea Epstein

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

Introductions:

Minutes October, 2007.

The minutes from October 16 were approved.

Treasurer's report: (10/31/07)

Savings	\$ 2,840.98
Checking	4,294.83
Certificate	10,383.94
Total	<u>\$17,519.75</u>

Membership: There are currently 336 voting members.

Newsletter Planning: The newsletter should go out in January. Marilyn volunteered to write a summary of SB 1818. Other items suggested were sewer and other local projects; cemetery update (Ernie). Deadline set for the first week of January. More articles are needed.

Old Business.

- **Prop. K Project.** Andrea reported that there was no update. Work is ongoing as funded by Proposition C.
- **California Incline Project.** No new report.
- **Fireworks issues.** Quentin reported that he had spoken with LAPD Sgt. David Podesta. The sergeant will be following up to seek cooperation from the Beach Club and Gladstones.

- **John Flynn Memorial Bench.** The bench has been ordered with delivery expected in about 10 weeks.
- **Valet parking/traffic issues-Entrada Dr./W. Channel Rd.** No new report. The item will be taken off agenda until we receive a report from Maurice Rasgon.
- **Neighborhood Character Study.** An excellent letter of support for Supervisor Yaroslavsky's opposition to the Mayor's overenthusiastic embrace of SB1818 re low income housing was written by Marilyn Wexler. Copies were sent to all our local public officials, all City Councilmembers and, of course, to the Mayor. The letter is posted on our website.
- **VA.** No new report.
- **Speed enforcement in canyon.** Andrea reported that a speed trailer had been set up on Entrada adjacent to Canyon school. Leslie Hope reported that speeds in excess of 50 mph were recorded. WLA Police Advisory Board holds a monthly meeting at the station and representatives from SMCCA BOD are urged to attend to press for enforcement.
- **415 PCH.** Here is the report from Norb Hackett who attended the workshop:

The Santa Monica Beach Club is a State park facility under management by Santa Monica. Santa Monica expects to lose \$600,000 per year on the operation!! According to Karen Ginsberg, Associate Director of Community and Cultural Services the already completed Environmental Impact Study addressed traffic and parking issues and has been "signed off on". The city agreed with the neighborhood to make a best efforts attempt to get Cal Trans to install a stop light at the entrance to the city beach parking lot in front of the Back to the Beach Cafe. Karen stated something in excess of 100 new parking spaces will be added all along the property adjacent to PCH. The opening date is contemplated to be Feb/March 2009. They took lots of suggestions for what activities should be offered and how the club should be operated in peak season; ie, reservations for specific day parts or just open it up and see what happens. Some talked about buses from South Santa Monica beach lots or possibly from downtown. They plan several follow up sessions to gather community input.

Looks to me like this can be a really wonderful asset for our Canyon residents. Could it be used off season to house book reviews, chamber music, and political discussions or as a European style coffee house where we go after a power walk or a bike ride? If so, it's worth forming a small group to monitor and think outside the box.

New Business.

- **PCH Task Force.** State Senator Kuehl holds meetings once or twice a year to discuss all PCH issues. George usually attends as a representative of the Community Council. At the recent meeting, Santa Monica gave a presentation on the Bluffs and California Incline Projects, basically the same as they presented to the SMCCA Board. LA Department of Water and Power also revealed plans to relocate a 1300 Megawatt Direct Current Intertie line to beneath Entrada, West Channel Road and PCH. They will brief our board in the future as plans progress.

- **Storm Water Diversion Project.** No report.
- **Safe Routes to School Program.** Andrea explained that an application had been made for a project to increase the safety of school children walking from Latimer Road and Mesa to Canyon School as advocated by Sanford Panich. It is a top priority of the Council Office. The SMCCA Board and Canyon School will provide letters of support as needed.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting. December 18.