



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

April 15, 2008

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Betty Bradshaw, Bob Bronstein, Quentin Fleming, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Babs Lebowsky, Isabelle Mizrahi, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

**Excused:** Jill Baldauf, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Leslie Hope, Cynthia Winter

**Guests:** Chris Casady, Alex Man, Jimmy Tokeshi (LA City Dept. of Public Works), Andy Flores (LA City Dept. of Public Works), Bob Cheung (KOA Corp.), Maria Martin (LA City Dept. of Public Works)

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President George Wolfberg.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes March 2008.**

Upon motion by Joan Graves, seconded by Betty Bradshaw, the minutes from March 18 were approved.

**Treasurer's report: (03/18/08)**

Savings	\$ 2,841.06
Checking	6,487.16
Certificate	10,736.16
Total	<u>\$20,064.40</u>

**Membership:** There are currently 324 paid/voting members.

**Briefing by Bureau of Engineering and City's traffic consultant regarding planned PCH relief sewer project/Low-flow diversion upgrade; Traffic Study (Andy Flores).**

Andy Flores of LA City Bureau of Engineering presented a Power Point status report on the Santa Monica Bay low flow diversion project. The purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing project to permit year round dry weather diversion of storm flows.

There will be two projects. One includes the upgrade of the Santa Monica Channel low flow diversion at an estimated cost of \$2.9 Million. Simultaneously, seven other storm drain diversion projects will be upgraded to the year round dry weather operation. The other project entails construction of the Coastal Interceptor Sewer to carry the additional flow at an estimated cost of \$11 Million. This 36 to 48" diameter pipe will traverse the Coast Highway and parking lots for approximately 6100', ending 415 Palisades Beach Road, site of the Santa Monica project at the old Marion Davies estate. Three links totaling 4,500 feet will be constructed within the right of way of the Coast Highway. George Wolfberg suggested that these three links be constructed simultaneously to reduce the number of days one lane will be closed on the highway. The construction phase is scheduled for October 2009--December 2010 and Mr. Flores believes Cal Trans will probably require the work be performed at night. Board members and guests asked other questions regarding traffic issues for PCH and urged mitigation of noise, and diesel fumes that may result from construction of this project.

The various agencies involved in the several announced projects along the Coast Highway have formed a consortium, "PCH Partners," in an attempt to coordinate and minimize adverse affects on traffic from these projects: [www.pchpartners.org](http://www.pchpartners.org) Alex Man encouraged the BOD to hire its own consultants to monitor these issues.

The City will attempt to put tonight's Power Point and a questionnaire on the new web site.

#### **Old Business.**

- **Prop. K Project.** No new update.
- **California Incline Project.** No new update.
- **John Flynn Memorial Bench.** Replacement bench on back order..
- **Neighborhood Character Study.** No new report.
- **Speed enforcement in canyon.** No new report.
- **Planning for Eucalyptus Forest.** Committee is awaiting a watering plan from Carl Mellinger and is hoping to organize a fundraiser.
- **Planning for Annual Meeting.** The following items were finalized; cookies and coffee only; Dawn Forrester will bring water bottles; Steve Richards will look into making "Thank Yous" for the speakers. BOD members should arrive by 6:30 to complete setup for the 7:00 meeting on May 6. Details attached.

#### **Other Business**

- Joan Graves reminded us the Pacific Palisades "Citizen of the Year" dinner will be held April 24 at the American Legion Hall in the Palisades.
- There were complaints about the traffic light at PCH and Entrada. George will follow up with a letter to the appropriate persons.
- Elizabeth Z wanted to know what to do about cleaning up Sunset Blvd. George suggested she take photos and get them to Jennifer Rivera.
- There was also a question about the removal of the mailbox from the park area. George said he would send an email to the appropriate persons.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

**Next meeting.**

**May 6 [Annual Meeting].**

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ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 6, 2008

Task	Who	Status
Notification / Announcements		
✓ Email to members /former members	George Wolfberg	
✓ Snail mail to members	GW mail on ??	All to assist
✓ Flyers to Community	Post 4/21	GW to prepare flyers
✓ Signs at Intersections	Isabelle Mizrahi	
✓ Press Release to <i>Post, Mirror</i>		
Secure Room / Banner set up	Elizabeth Zallian	Park Dir. notified / contacted
PA system / lectern?		Park Dir. to acquire
Check in of members / ballot hand out / other hand outs	Betty Bradshaw, Quentin Fleming, Joan Graves Marilyn Wexler [name tags] Need two more volunteers	Prepare check-in list at last moment, have extra dues envelopes available / board name tags [GW]
Program must haves:		
✓ Board Nominations	Elizabeth Z., Lani Pagano Judy Golden	
✓ Ballot Counting	Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan	GW: ballot box, ballots
Program elements		
✓ Officer Moore	Public Safety	Confirmed
✓ Randy Young	Canyon History.	Confirmed
✓ PCH Partners	Display-Informative “Boards”	Confirmed
✓ President’s Report	?	
✓ Token gifts to speakers?	Steve Richards	
Set up / Refreshments /Decorations – <b>all help at 6:30 to set up chairs/tables</b>	Cookies: Jill Baldauf, Bob Bronstein, Judy Golden Water: Dawn Forrester	GW, MW, EZ –Pots for Coffee and for hot water GW heavy duty extension cord
M/C	GW ?	
Order of Program	Business items first	
Display items?		
✓ Historical Society Photos		GW
✓ La Senora table?		email sent
✓ Emergency Preparedness		Joan Graves / Isabelle Mizrahi
✓ Canyon History Books sale?	Randy Young books? Palisades Bookseller?	Marilyn Wexler to follow up
Clean up	Everybody	