



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

June 16, 2009

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Andrew Bergman, Chris Casady, Norman Cowie, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Alexandra Sparling, Anne Marie Veschio, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Jill Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Bob Bronstein, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Babs Lebowsky, Elizabeth Zaillian

Guests: Jessyca Avalos (Councilman Rosendahl), Stephanie Molen (Fran Pavley), Roberta Conroy, Irene Stern

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

Introductions:

Minutes April 2009.

The minutes from April 21 were approved.

Treasurer's report: (05/31/09)

Savings	\$ 7,841.79
Checking	3,752.79
Certificate	<u>11,021.18</u>
Total	<u>\$22,615.76</u>

Membership: There are currently 316 paid/voting members. Cynthia Winters volunteered to do outreach to lapsed members.

Election of officers:

President	George Wolfberg
Vice President(s)	Steve Richards, Chris Cassady
Secretary	Marilyn Wexler
Asst. Secretary	Dawn Forrester
Treasurer	Babs Lebowsky
Asst. Treasurer	Anne Marie Veschio

Stephanie Molen is Sr. Field Deputy from Senator Fran Pavley's office. Stephanie introduced herself. She does casework and referrals and her office is on Ocean Park Blvd. Her specialty areas are: environment, water, parks and schools. She discussed the issues with California's State parks due to the State's fiscal problems.

Jessyca Avalos: Jessyca invited all to attend Councilman Rosendahl's swearing in ceremony on June 28 at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. She reported that the Safe Streets sidewalk project application is under the jurisdiction of Metro and no decision has been announced. Her report on the Prop. K project is below.

Annual Meeting. The meeting went well, and was well attended even though it was an election day. Next year's annual meeting planning and coordination will be the responsibility of committee volunteers; Chris Casady, Andrew Bergman, Steve Richards, Sanford Panitch and Marilyn Wexler

Old Business.

Prop. K Project report from Jessyca Avalos.

TO BE COMPLETED (PHASE III) *Design has been completed and approved

1. Upgrade the existing irrigation system to be fully automated and install new or upgrade irrigation systems where shown on plans. Refurbish baseball field-re-grade & re-seed.
2. Construct new stairs from parking area to the picnic area.
3. Repair edge of service road. Remove timber/asphalt curb and replace with concrete curb/wall
4. Replace existing stairs from Latimer Rd. to tennis courts
5. Remove and replace uplifted concrete/pavers
6. Construct concrete mow strips where shown
7. Removal of acoustical tiles throughout Clubhouse building and paint ceiling
8. Replace exterior Clubhouse doors with French doors

George stated that the acoustical tile item was misstated as the LVNOC had requested that the City remove a few tiles to determine the status of the original ceiling before deciding on the most appropriate future steps.

- **California Incline Project.** No new update. Bids should be advertised momentarily.
- **Bluffs project.** No new update.
- **Neighborhood Character Study/Hillside Ordinance.** PLUM meeting held today to decide on the new proposed map to differentiate "flatlands from "truly hillside" areas. Continued for thirty days after complaints from some Tarzana residents. Our canyon is defined as "truly hillside" and we will have to wait for completion of the proposed ordinance for all similarly situated properties.
- **Eucalyptus Forest plan preparation report.** On Monday June 29 at 1:00 PM there will be a tree grid party, at the park. The purpose of this event is to mark off "squares" in the forest so the planning map accurately represents the location of existing trees and shrubs. Lani Pagano, Marilyn Wexler and Anne Marie Veschio volunteered to help. More volunteers are needed to help document the

existing conditions. Please contact Chris Casady. Efforts are underway to determine the feasibility of obtaining more boulders. The most likely source is a donation from Ojai which raises questions of how to transport the load to the park. Randy Young will check with Bourget Brothers and bids are being sought to move the boulders from Ojai.

Norman Cowie noted that the PAB board meets on June 23 at 6:00 PM in the Library. Community buy-in on the Grove project will be sought. There is still need for volunteers to help water (contact George or Chris). The Grove committee consists of Chris Casady, Lani Pagano, Steve Richards and Elizabeth Zaillian. George Wolfberg noted that substantial contributions have been received from the "Friends of Scott Gerwehr" who are supporting the grove project in memory of Mr. Gerwehr.

- **Entrada sidewalk blockage at Adelaide.** Jessyca will follow up with Street Inspector Wanda West.

Other Business.

- **Pond at PCH tunnel:** The pond usually is drained at the end of the wet season (April), but progress has been disappointing. Jessyca will look into this. George will follow up with the County.
- **Rustic Creek fencing.** John Murphy will follow up with the county or other appropriate agency regarding the deteriorating wood fencing along the Rustic Creek channel.
- **Showing of the movie Airplane with Peter Graves.** George will email information on this. La Señora foundation is hosting this neighborhood event on Saturday, June 20.
- **Newsletter.** Committee volunteers to plan and prepare the next newsletter will include George, Cynthia W, and Joan Graves.

Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Future meetings: July 21 and September 15.