



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

July 21, 2009

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Bob Bronstein, Dawn Forrester, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Anne Marie Veschio, George Wolfberg

Excused: Jill Baldauf, Norman Cowie, Judy Golden, Babs Lebowsky, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winters, Elizabeth Zaillian

Guests: Jessyca Avalos, Irene Stern

John Murphy delivered a gavel donated by Sanford Panitch.

Meeting was gaveled to order at 7:10 by George Wolfberg, President.

Introductions:

Minutes June 16, 2009.

The minutes from June 16th were approved. John Murphy moved and Joan Graves seconded.

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

Savings	\$ 7,841.85
Checking	7,977.55
Certificate	<u>11,406.88</u>
Total	<u>\$27,226.28</u>

Membership: There are currently 323 paid/voting members.

PAB Proposal (Rustic Canyon Rec. Center "wish list")

Discussion regarding the proposal has been moved to the next meeting so as to seek input from Dahna Hall, the park director who was not able to be present.

Proposed construction at 367 Mesa Road

Scott Prentice, AIA could not attend the meeting. He reported to the President that all construction activity will take place along Sycamore Road and all construction will be "by right," with no zoning deviations requested.

Safe Streets Application/Safe Routes to School Act

Jessyca Avalos explained that the application is for federal money earmarked solely for robust improvements to streets, gutters, walkways, etc...within a certain radius of a school. Jessyca and George walked the entire area surrounding Canyon Charter school, with the city engineers who were very interested in all aspects of the situation. Jessyca stressed that we are competing with another school in Councilman Rosendahl's district for this money. A decision on which school will be receiving these funds will be made by the Metro board.

Community Beautification Grant-

The City will be holding briefings for parties interested in applying for funding from this annual grant program. The September 15 briefing will be held at the Venice Public Library. Randy Young [eucalyptus forest] and Norb and Cindy Hacket [traffic island near Canyon School] have been notified to attend. To focus on future Beautification and Improvement projects, a Beautification Committee was established. One of their first initiatives are the stairs in the canyon and Raymond Chandler Walk. Committee members are: Bob Bronstein, Andrew Bergman, Jennifer Barker, Lani Pagano, and Leslie Hope.

Graffiti in the Channels and Broken Fencing-

John Murphy has reported the broken cedar fencing along the Rustic Channel to the County. George reported that he is in touch with the County's graffiti manager for the channels. The increase in tagging in the channels has resulted in a higher priority for clean up by the county. The canyon channels will be added to the County's cleanup contract enabling residents to upload photos and exact locations to the County's web site.

Money proposed to aid police/fireman- Bob Bronstein informed us that they do not need money at this time and that we should put money towards another cause. George Wolfberg spoke of supporting projects at the park with has taken a heavy hit in the current budget.

Bottleneck at San Vicente and 7th- A motion by Lani Pagana and seconded by Andrew Bergman to contact the City of Santa Monica informing them of the problem created by the shuffle of lanes at the intersection. It was agreed that either 2 or 3 parking spaces should be taken out on the northeast side of San Vicente or there should be no parking during peak hours. George Wolfberg will send an email to Vikki Zale, the city's outreach person..

Free Mulch- Dawn Forrester announced the availability of a large supply free organic mulch. Just bring your own shovel, bags, containers, or pick-up truck and load it up! Take as much as you need. This one is in Culver City. Go East from Overland on Jefferson Blvd. And make a right on Holdredge (there is a light there). At the top of Holdredge is Bowcraft, make a right and you will see a big pile of mulch on the right hand side of the street. To see a map go to 6000 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016

Old Business.

- **Sidewalk Repair-** Jessyca Avalos stopped by the home on Entrada and Adelaide (in regards to clearing ivy and brush from obstructing walkway) and

talked to one of the owners and she said she'd talk with her husband and get back to her.

- **Prop. K Project** – Jessyca Avalos said she'd have to get back to us on Prop. K as the City Engineer failed to provide the requested information.
- **Eucalyptus Forest-** A meeting was held at the park with Arborist Carl Mellinger who will be doing the test of "air spading" as a method of breaking up the hard pan soil. A location for the test was identified. Randy Young will provide big rakes which are well suited to moving excess mulch from the test area. As soon as Mellinger obtains a right of entry from the City, the test can proceed. Hamid Tadayan from the Watershed Protection Division visited the forest today and will be studying the possibility of diverting some of the flow in 'Rustic Creek to water the forest.
- **California Incline Project:** Waiting for EIR which may happen Sept./Oct. The Bluffs Project will probably start in September.
- **Neighborhood Character Study-** Still trying to amend flat land study to incorporate "hillside" areas that actually are flat, or no more than 15% grade...The PLUM Committee continued consideration until September 1st.
- **Draining Pond Between PCH tunnel and sand berm-** The County obtained permission from the state to fill in the area between the bike path and the surf line. One pond still remains and more pumping has been scheduled to send the water upstream and through the diversion pipe.
- **Beach Shower.** Irene Stern reported that the County has installed a new shower next to the volleyball courts which is far superior to the previous unit.

Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: September 15.