



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

November 17, 2009

**Recorded by:** Dawn Forrester

**Attending:** Bob Bronstein, Norman Cowie, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Steve Richards, George Wolfberg,

**Excused:** Jennifer Barker, Chris Casady, Lani Pagano, Anne Marie Veschio. Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter

**Guests:** Jessyca Avalos {Councilman Rosendahl's office}, Carolyn DelliSanti, Lisa Danielle Rachuba

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

#### Introductions:

#### Minutes October 2009.

Upon motion of Joan Graves, seconded by Judy Golden, the minutes from the board meeting of October 20, 2009 were approved.

#### Treasurer's report: (10/31/09)

Savings	\$ 7,842.09
Checking	7,987.03
Certificate	11,439.18
Total	<u>\$27,268.30</u>

**Membership:** There are currently 334 paid/voting members.

**New Chief Meeting:** George went to the Mayor's press conference downtown where the new chief of police, Charles Beck was introduced. After the event, George met with Pat Gannon the Chief's point person regarding Graffiti. The Police Department will be borrowing a computer program from Orange County Sheriffs to track graffiti tags. Accumulation of tags enhances the violation to a felony and the City's manual program is difficult to process. If you see graffiti take a photo and write down the address where you saw it. Send the photos and address to [pacificgraffitisolutions@yahoo.com](mailto:pacificgraffitisolutions@yahoo.com), the City contractor for cleanup and also to [wlatag@yahoo.com](mailto:wlatag@yahoo.com)

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Eucalyptus Forest:**

Chris Casady was unable to attend and report. George informed the board that a proposal for a grant from the Junior Women's Club has been filed. A list of winning proposals will be announced in the Spring.

### **Beautification:**

Bob Bronstein gave a comprehensive report. The committee is looking for ideas for future beautification grants. Priorities include landscaping, traffic safety, cleaning, installing a bench on "Raymond Chandler" Way with an ocean overlook and enhancing the safety of the fence along Rustic Creek. Sources of landscape materials were mentioned, including, Tree People and Palisades Beautiful. Jessyca Avalos indicated that the Council Office has a file of grant applications which she would share with anyone interested in learning how the system works.

### **Nominating:**

Steve Richards and committee will follow up with a possible "welcome wagon" greeting package for new residents to introduce them to the Canyon and the Association.

**Newsletter:** Waiting on definitive information about the California Incline.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting is in May. Isabelle proposed to create a permanent banner which could be put up each year at the Canyon School two weeks before the annual meeting. We must check with Canyon School.

### **Old Business:**

- **Prop K-** Jessyca Avalos passed out a sheet with bids for a stairway. It was not clear whether this was the new stairway to the picnic area or replacement of the rustic stairway near the tennis courts. It has been awarded to the low bidder. Status of the remaining priority items is unclear and Jessyca will attempt to get a copy of the approved plans. Isabelle Mizrahi observed that the Clubhouse is deteriorating and its rehabilitation should be a priority.
- **Sidewalk Repair-** Jessyca Avalos talked to homeowner on Entrada and Adelaide (in regards to clearing ivy and brush from obstructing walkway). The homeowner says they have complied and cleared the brush. Jessyca added that there is a lightpost there so people will still have to come off the sidewalk in order to get around the lightpost. George stated there was no post in the area that should be cleared. He and Jessyca will meet the Street Use Inspector on the site in a few days.
- **Bottleneck at San Vicente and 7<sup>th</sup>--**Marilyn communicated with the Santa Monica Sr. Traffic Engineer who admitted there is a problem with the timing and metrics of this complicated light. He agreed to come out to observe morning rush hour traffic to assess what should be done.
- **Beach water quality update:** Excavation for the new low flow diversion has continued in the beach parking lot and City and County engineers have made a commitment to get rid of the pond.
- **Bluffs Project-** Project will be under way within the next week

- **Neighborhood Character Study-** No report.
- **Traffic at Canyon School-** Norm Cowie asked if the Board knew of any IT people to help create a website that would aid parents in finding other parents that live nearby so that they could carpool together. There are 80 new families enrolled at the school and parents have been double parking, parking illegally and even crossing busy Entrada with their children, which is quite dangerous. Parents have set up suggested parameters for clockwise traffic flow to reduce congestion.
- **Valet Parking-** Lisa Danielle Rachuba, a resident of Mesa Road brought up the problem of valet parking in front of residences on Mesa Road. George informed her that we have talked at length about this problem and that she might want to call Zev's office to see if the County would be more flexible and allow valet parking at the beach lot at a reasonable rate to reduce the impact of this activity on nearby residents.

**Other Business:**

- **Trash Cans near school.-** The cans were overflowing and Chrysalis, the contractor, has emptied them.
- **Street Lights-** Several reports have been received about street light outages in the upper canyon. Jessyca has reported them and will follow up.

**Adjourned at 8:30pm.**

**Next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**