



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

January 15, 2010

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Jill Baldauf, Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Bob Bronstein, Chris Casady, Norman Cowie, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Lani Pagano, Steve Richards, Anne Marie Veschio, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

Excused: Quentin Fleming, Sanford Panitch, Marilyn Wexler

Guests: Kendra Sosothikul, Terri de la Peña, Reese Relfe, Sharon Siebuhr Reyes, Sharon Kilbride

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

Introductions:

Minutes from December 15th, 2009

The minutes from December 15th were approved. Isabelle Mizrahi moved and Chris Casady seconded.

Treasurer's report: (12/31/09)

Savings	\$ 7,842.21
Checking	7,974.51
Certificate	11,439.18
Total	<u>\$27,255.90</u>

Membership: We finished the 2009 calendar year with 337 paid/voting members. So far for 2010 there are 10 paid/voting members. A membership appeal will be included in the Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Eucalyptus Forest: With all the rain, we will see how much rain gets saturated to the roots. Isabelle talked about a pipe that broke on Sunday where there was a lot of water which was let out into the grove. Chris Casady showed a color rendition of an arch entryway to the park which is still going through the completion process. A preliminary plan will be sent to rec and parks and then cultural affairs.

Beautification: Bob Bronstein stated that the committee is working on getting together to go over what needs to be done.

Nominating: Committee will meet to discuss possible policy options for board members living outside the canyon.

Newsletter: Committee [Joan Graves, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg and Anne Marie Veschio] will meet this weekend to discuss articles for newsletter.

Annual meeting: Will be held on May 18th. George has sent out an invitation to the Mayor to be a guest speaker. Another option is Fran Pavley.

Old Business.

- **Sidewalk Repair on Entrada @ Adelaide-** Inspector sent letter asking property owner to clear the sidewalk. They have until the 20th of February to respond.
- **Prop. K Project** –Concrete for the new stairways has been poured. A request was made that the tennis court gate should be self closing to make it more difficult for a child to run out onto Latimer Road. George will follow up with the City and look for a private contractor if the City is unwilling/unable to fix the gate.
- **California Incline Project:** Still waiting for final EIR; expected in the “Spring.”
- **Neighborhood Character Study-** No report.
- **Bluffs-** Work continues.
- **LFD/beach water quality update-** Project in parking lot is ongoing.
- **Facebook and Canyon Communication-** No report.
- **San Vicente / 7th Street Signal Bottleneck-**Marilyn was not present to report. Jennifer Barker volunteered to work with Marilyn.

Other Business:

Signage/Street Furniture—The Board of Public Works has asked City Council to request a blanket waiver from the Coastal Commission for installation of “Street Furniture” advertising along the beach and scenic corridor. There is much opposition. Members are urged to contact Bill Rosendahl’s office [310 575-8461 / 213 485-3811] if opposed to:

1. New modern bus shelters with attached advertising
2. Free Standing signage
3. Bathrooms

Fire Station-The “closed” sign at the 69 Fire Station caused some concern and George explained that it is NOT closed. On nine days a month one engine is not staffed as usual. This sign is due to fire union politics in response to the budget shortfall.

The Marquez Family Marquez/Reyes descendents briefed the board and agreed to provide information about the historic San Lorenzo cemetery for our next newsletter.

Leaf Blower being used at Rustic Canyon-A board member noticed that a gas powered leaf blower was being used by Park maintenance people and asked George to contact the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting February 16.