



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

February 16, 2010

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Jill Baldauf, Lisa Bittan, Chris Casady, Norm Cowie, Mike Deasy, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Sanford Panitch, Anne Marie Veschio, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, Cynthia Winter

**Excused:** Andrew Bergman, Bob Bronstein, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, John Murphy, Lani Pagano, Elizabeth Zaillan

**Guests:** David Card, Randy Young, Brian Norbury, Erich Haas (Recreation and Parks)

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

**Introductions:**

**Minutes January 2010.**

The minutes from January 15 were approved.

**Treasurer's report: (01/31/10)**

Savings	\$ 7,842.27
Checking	8,074.51
Certificate	<u>11,439.18</u>
Total	<u>\$27,355.96</u>

**Membership:** So far for 2010 there are 84 paid/voting members. A membership appeal was included in the Newsletter.

**Committee Reports:**

**Eucalyptus Forest Plan, Randy Young, Chris Casady, Brian Norbury.** Plans and renderings were presented by the designer, David Card. 40 new trees are promised by our partner the Friends of Scott Gerwehr, primarily eucalyptus. The plan anticipates an additional 14 new exotics. Separate irrigation levels will be required for the exotics versus the other new trees. Renderings of the two arbors prepared by Chris Casady were shown (one rendering will be in the newsletter. Tile samples were passed around. Mr. Norbury was acknowledged for the pro bono identification of the existing trees. Randy stated that the next step would be to get informal sign off by Rec and Parks before

seeking approval from Cultural Affairs. The final approval will be required from the Rec and Parks commission.

**New Recreation Center Management.** Erich Haas, the Senior Director at the Palisades Recreation Center had been given additional duties over the park as the retiring director, Dahna Hall will not be replaced. New coordinator for the park is Jacqueline Koci. Erich's phone no. is (310) 454-1412 and he can be contacted via email at [erich.haas@LAcity.org](mailto:erich.haas@LAcity.org)

#### **Committee reports.**

- **Beautification.** Jill Baldauf presented a list of ideas gathered by committee chair Bob Bronstein. The committee will meet next Tuesday and all interested parties are invited.
- **Nominating.** No report.
- **Newsletter.** At the printer. Volunteers needed to fold and stamp; probably beginning Friday afternoon.
- **Annual meeting on May 18.** Options for featured speaker include new Police Chief Charlie Beck and Senator Fren Pavley. Having a debate on annexing the canyon to the City of Santa Monica was also briefly discussed as another option. Marilyn will not be in town for the annual meeting.

#### **Old Business.**

- **Prop. K Project.** No new report.
- **California Incline Project EIR Pending.** At least four months away.
- **Bluffs project.** Project under way; appears on schedule with the contractor doing much of the work without lane closures.
- **Neighborhood Character Study/Hillside Ordinance.** No new update.
- **Sidewalk at Entrada and Adelaide.** No new report from Jessyca Avalos.
- **Hillside Neighborhood Character Study.** Erick Lopez is holding a series of workshops to brief the hillside communities and gather input. George and Marilyn said they would be attending the session at Mirman School tomorrow evening..
- **Facebook and Canyon communication.** No report.

#### **Other Business.**

- **Palisades Post.** A commemorative issue of the Post is scheduled for June 24. They are soliciting advertising spots from local service clubs and organizations. It was agreed that we should place an ad and Marilyn and Lisa Bittan agreed to work on it.

**Adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

**Next meeting March 16.**