



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

March 20, 2010

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Jill Baldauf, Lisa Bittan, Chris Casady, Norm Cowie, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Lani Pagano, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zallian

**Excused:** Bob Bronstein, Quentin Fleming, Joan Graves, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Anne Marie Veschio

**Guests:** Diane Wolfberg, Sara Jane Boyers, Kate Brooks, Jackie Koci (Recreation and Parks)

**Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by George Wolfberg, President.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes March 13, 2010.**

Upon motion by Lani Pagano, the minutes from March were approved.

**Treasurer's report: (03/31/10)**

Savings      \$ 7,842.39

Checking      10,900.68

Certificate      11,439.18

Total      \$30,182.25

**Membership:** There are currently 307 voting members

**Committee reports.**

- **Beautification.** No report. Norman Cowie will contact Bob Bronstein with a goal of combining the committee's ideas with the Park's wish list..

- **Nominating.** Committee chair Isabelle Mizrahi nominated Sara Jane Boyers and Kate Brooks for the board. Both were unanimously approved. Isabelle and Elizabeth Zaillian will be contacting each board member to verify their intention to continue on the board. On paper there are no board vacancies.
- **Eucalyptus Grove.** George, Randy Young, David Card, Norman Cowie and Chris Casady will be meeting to be held with Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan and Irrigation Supervisor Alfred Pinnaro from Recs and Parks this Thursday.

### **Old Business.**

- **Prop. K Project.** George was to meet today with Jessyca Avalos from the council office and City Engineer Jaime Contreras. The meeting was postponed due to Mr. Contreras' illness and they will try to reschedule for next week. The railings were just installed on the new stairways.
- **Park Directorship update.** New park manager, Jackie Koci introduced herself.
- **Neighborhood Character Study/Hillside Ordinance.** Draft ordinance is to go to LA City Planning Commission on Thursday. George sent a letter of support.
- **Sidewalk at Entrada and Adelaide.** The location has been surveyed by the LA City Engineer to determine what portion of the blocked sidewalk is within the City of Los Angeles. Jessyca is continuing to follow up.
- **Palisadian Post Commemorative Ad.** Marilyn has met with the Post and will be working with Mike Deasy, Chris Casady, Lisa Bittan and Sara Jane Boyers on the ad. Voted to place a ½ page ad.
- **Facebook and Canyon communication.** Leslie volunteered to take charge of this project.

### **Other Business.**

- **Welcome wagon material.** George presented a "welcome wagon" package that Steve Richards has assembled. Steve Richards, Isabelle and Cynthia Winter have volunteered to deliver them to new residents.
- **Tree for Peter Graves.** Isabelle investigate having a tree planted in the park or grove in honor of Peter. Tree planting will be placed on next agenda.
- **CD renewal.** BOD voted to renew the cd for 6 months.
- **Domain name expiration.** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve up to \$1500.00 to hire a website designer to re-design our website.

## **Annual meeting.**

- **Planning list.** The planning list was reviewed and modified.
  - **Refreshments.** Napkins, cream, sugar and nine table cloths (Jill Baldauf), coffee makers (Elizabeth and George), cookies (Jill, Dawn Forrester and Cynthia), water (Lani).
  - **Name tags and table sign in.** Leslie will be the name tag wrangler. The important sign in table will be staffed by Dawn, Quentin, Jill Barker, Anne Marie Veschio, Cynthia and Leslie
  - **Ballot.** The ballot will have the names of those running for election or re-election and also two proposed by-laws changes. Change no. 1, to decrease the mandated quorum at the annual meeting from 15% to 10%. Change 2, is to authorize the BOD to create additional officers as needed.
  - **Lectern/PA system.** Jackie says that she will be able to provide this and also that she will follow up with maintenance supervisor Peggy Kelly regarding the electrical outlet problems in the gymnasium.
  - **Gifts for Speakers.** Mike will handle.
  - **Village Books.** Lisa will contact Village books.
  - **Emergency Preparedness.** Isabelle will contact Flo Elfant for items for the table.
  - **ZAPLA Display.** ZAPLA will mount a display with information on the City's leafblower ban. Diane Wolfberg will be previewing the display materials at this weekend's "Green Garden" expo in Mar Vista.
  - **Grove Display.** Chris Casady will follow up to present "boards" at a table to provide visual information on the eucalyptus grove project.
  - **Beautification/"Wish List" Table.** Bob and Norman will coordinate.
  - **Fire safety/brush clearance.** Cynthia will contact the Palisades Fire Department to see if they would make a short presentation.
  - **Emergency Preparedness Kits.** Dawn will contact W.L.A P.D. to see about getting kits to sell at the meeting. The kits are available for a tax-deductible \$75 contribution and quickly sold out. More are on order.

**Adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**Next meeting -- Annual meeting May 18.**