



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

October 12th, 2010

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Jennifer Barker, Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Norman Cowie, Mike Deasy, Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Chris Moore, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zaillian

Excused: Jill Baldauf, Chris Casady, Joan Graves, Anne Marie Veschio, Marilyn Wexler

Guest: Jackie Koci, Director, Rustic Canyon Recreation Center

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

Introductions:

Minutes from September 14th 2010

The minutes from September 14th were approved upon motion by Judy Golden, seconded by Elizabeth Zaillian.

Treasurer's report: (09/30/10)

Checking	\$ 301.28
Savings	12,843.01
Certificate	11,482.19
Total	<u>\$24,626.48</u>

Membership:

There are currently 365 paid/voting members.

New Business:

Mesa Road—Elizabeth Zaillian informed the board that at the corner of Mesa Road and Latimer there are stubs of metal poles sticking out of the ground. They are on the sidewalk and it was stated by another member that they are possibly street signs which have been knocked down, but part of the metal post is still sticking in the

ground causing a tripping hazard. George Wolfberg said he would go down and take pictures and forward them to the LADOT.

Committee Reports:

Eucalyptus Grove: We are still waiting for Randy to get a sign-off on the plans from Cultural Affairs. Because the Grove is a landmark facility, we need to obtain approval of our plans from Cultural Affairs and the Recreation and Park Commission. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 20th at 8 AM in the Grove with the City's vendor of paths consisting of a porous rubberized material. The SMCCA received a grant (in the amount of \$1,200 this year) from the Pacific Palisades Junior Women's Club for DG (decomposed granite) for the paths, however we are looking into other options which might require less maintenance going forward.

Beautification: Bob Bronstein talked to Jackie from Rustic Canyon Park as per last month's request by the board to determine the top priorities for the park that we might be able to assist in purchasing. Four priority areas were identified.

1. Various improvements in the basketball area.
 - a. New hoops---better quality and adjustable for the younger kids. Price \$3000 installed.
 - b. New scoreboard----\$4000 installed
2. Curtains for the stage---the mechanics that make them work are old and worn out.
3. New nets for the tennis courts---Courts 4, 5 and 6 do not get priority as they are for the general public and not the tennis pro. They need new nets.
4. Irrigation and rehabilitation of the baseball field--- this would be much more expensive and this was mandated by the voters under Prop K.

Both Jackie and Bob informed the board that the Basketball improvements would bring in intramurals and leagues (especially for girls and the younger children). Jackie indicated that Rand Corporation has included the park in a large study and is offering to donate funding for improvements.

Bob made a motion saying that if Rand Corporation (who has said they would fund the hoops) comes through then the SMCCA would purchase the scoreboard, otherwise we would purchase the new adjustable hoops. Isabelle Mizrahi seconded.

Jackie also informed us that they will be holding a mini-fundraiser at the park to resurface the floors. The annual art show and sale will be reinstituted and held on the first or second weekend after Thanksgiving.

Rec Center Operations- Norman Cowie informed the board on the budget impact on the Rec. Center and Jackie responded to questions. The park has have lost 35% of their annual budget and narrowly escaped losing all central funding. The park will now be closed every Sunday unless there is a paid event such as a picnic. The board had an intense discussion regarding the park funding situation with numerous ideas floated. Isabelle Mizrahi moved to start a new committee that would raise

funds for the park. Joining her are Cynthia Winter, Lisa Bittan, Lani Pagano, Leslie Hope Quentin Fleming, and Elizabeth Zaillian

There will be a PAB meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 19, at the Rustic Canyon Park where further support options will be discussed.

SMCCA Facebook Page- Leslie Hope informed the board that we now have a presence on Facebook. Please become a friend. Here is the direct link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Santa-Monica-Canyon-Civic-Association/143896845655355>

Welcome Wagon: Steve Richards has all the packets ready to go out to new residents in the neighborhood. Dawn Forrester joined the committee and will deliver packets this week along with Isabelle Mizrahi and Steve Richards.

Old Business.

- **Sidewalk Repair on Entrada and Adelaide-** A work order for the sidewalk at Entrada and Adelaide has been put in.
- **Prop K. Project-** The City Engineer keeps promising to prosecute the work, but nothing is happening. Elizabeth Zaillian remarked that the park maintenance road is hazardous where the edge has not been repaired as planned.
- **Neighborhood Character Study-** The final ordinance is being prepared by the City Attorney after which the City Council will vote.

Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting is on November 9th, 2010

