



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes February 8, 2011

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Norman Cowie, Mike Deasy, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Isabelle Mizrahi, Chris Moore, Lani Pagano, Sanford Panitch, Steve Richards, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Jill Baldauf, Sara Jane Boyers, Chris Casady, Quentin Fleming, Dawn Forrester, Anne Marie Veschio, Elizabeth Zaillian

Guests: Jackie Koci (Rec and Parks), Reese Relfe, David Tractenberg

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by George Wolfberg, President.

Introductions:

Minutes January 11, 2011.

Joan Graves moved to approve minutes from January 11th meeting; seconded by Cynthia Winter, and approved.

Treasurer's report: (1/31/11)

Checking	\$ 2,359.57
Savings	<u>20,842.30</u>
Total	<u>\$23,201.87</u>

Membership: Dues envelopes will be included in upcoming newsletter.

Committee reports.

- **Financial Issues.** No report. Will be taken off agenda until committee has a report.
- **Eucalyptus Grove.** Still waiting for sign-off by Rec and Parks on irrigation plan and overall grove plan. Rec and Parks was unable to determine how a vehicle recently enter the grove.

- **Nominating Committee.** The Board unanimously elected Reese Relfe to the Board. The committee is looking for representation from the Mabery/Ocean Way area. Committee members Judy Golden, Cynthia Winter and Norman Cowie will contact members whose terms are expiring to determine who will be on the ballot at the annual meeting.
- **Newletter.** Slow progress. Info will be sought from LA and SM engineers on the pending Coast Highway-related projects.
- **Website.** Mike Deasy, Marilyn Wexler and Sara Jane Boyes are following up on options. Need to determine costs of various options and locate a webmaster. It was suggested that the committee look at the Brentwood website for ideas..
- **Financial Issues Committee.** No update.

Old Business.

- **Prop. K Project.** Still promises from City Engineer but no action. The board had an animated discussion of options for field repairs as the City has dropped the ball and it is unsafe for softball or T-ball. Sanford Panitch and Chris Moore have been investigating the possible use of the same people who built the Field of Dreams in the Palisades to repair the ball infield. Estimate is \$4,000. It was stressed that less competitive programs are envisioned for the field. There is concern that the money will be wasted if the field is repaired and the City then comes in and rips it all up to make the long overdue irrigation repairs. Jackie reported that there is a short window before the department reorganizes and volunteered to set up a meeting on the field with the current Superintendent, Sophia Piña-Cortez. Upon motion by Sanford, seconded by Cynthia, the Board voted to set aside \$5,000 to repair the ball field/infield subject to irrigation evaluation and Rec and Parks signoff.
- **Sidewalk repair.** Street Services refuses to even place temporary asphalt oo dirt path at corner of Adelaide Drive and Entrada Drive because a handicap ramp also must be constructed. George will follow up.
- **Hillside Neighborhood Character Study.** City Attorney still drafting ordinance.

Other Business.

- **Advance planning for annual meeting.** Fran Pavley is unavailable because of commitments in Sacramento. Suggested speakers were; Doug Suisman (Bob Bronstein to contact), and architects Leo Marmol and Ray Kappe (Mike Deasy to contact). A briefing on historic and architecturally significant houses in the canyon is a favored option. If none of these speakers are available, Randy Young and the update on the cemetery could fill in. The May date for election of new board members is mandated by our bylaws. Tentative date is May 10, but could be shifted to the 17th to accommodate a featured speaker. Chris Moore volunteered to give a presentation on the development and use of a "Booster Club" for the Park. A Booster Club could be used to raise money to fund projects.

- **Motion.** GW moved that the BOD contact the City and ask them to immediately restore the tennis courts to safe condition.
Second. Andrew Bergman. **Approved.**

Adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next meeting March 15, 2011.

