



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

January 10th, 2012

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Norm Cowie, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Judy Golden, Joan Graves, Leslie Hope, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Lucinda Mittleman, Isabelle Mizrahi, Chris Moore, Sanford Panitch, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg, Elizabeth Zallian

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Sara Jane Boyers, Quentin Fleming

Guests: Sam Morrissey and Sarah Johnson (City of Santa Monica), Joaquin Macias (Councilman Rosendahl's office), Philippa Murthy

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by George Wolfberg.

Introductions:

Minutes December 2010.

Upon motion by Judy Golden, seconded by Joan Graves, the minutes from December were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Savings	\$ 3,612.80
Checking	\$20,960.91
Total	<u>\$25,488.33</u>

Membership: We concluded the past year with 327 voting members

Santa Monica City Traffic Engineer Sam Morrissey and Community Relations Coordinator Sarah Johnson: for the third year in a row the LA Marathon will be returning to Santa Monica on March 18, 2012. Mr. Morrissey and Ms. Johnson reported on the plans for traffic changes due to the marathon that would affect the canyon. Marathon Fact Sheets were distributed to all members. Fact sheets included information on the route, parking availability, things to keep in mind on the Race Day, etc. Information regarding the race is available on the following websites; www.smgov.net/lamarathon, www.smconstruction.org/smalerts, and on twitter. George requested that another look be taken at the format and placement of electronic message boards to announce events where access to San Vicente Blvd.

will be temporarily blocked. He also requested that an annual schedule be provided so we can inform our canyon community in the upcoming newsletter. Marilyn suggested that this information also be given to the Palisadian Post and to the online newspaper, the PaliPatch.

Marilyn asked that Mr. Morrissey take another look at the traffic problems with the intersection of 7th and San Vicente Blvd., specifically the build-up of stopped traffic heading southward from the canyon into Santa Monica. Mr. Morrissey stated that installation of a “beacon” to warn traffic approaching the blind curve near Kingman would be an appropriate option to increase traffic safety. The Board thanked Mr. Morrissey and Ms. Johnson for attending.

Rustic Canyon Park projects. Joaquin reported that they are waiting for the sign-off from engineering/parks and recreation for the ball field. No new word on the concrete work yet.

Speed Humps on Entrada. Joaquin said that the traffic count on Entrada may be too high for speed bumps to be ok'd. He thinks that DOT will take a look at it but most likely deny the request. The BOD asked him to take another look at options to increase traffic safety on Entrada for us. **New committee: Entrada Dr. Traffic Issues.** Norm Cowie volunteered to spearhead a committee to look at the specific traffic issues to Entrada. Other members will be Marilyn Wexler and Leslie Hope.

160 Ocean Way: new house. Wesley Hough reported that the Coastal Commission is meeting in February, in Northern California, to act on the applicant's request. The owners have hired an architect, but no new drawings have been seen. In February the Commission will have a final vote, unless the applicants request a delay.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held in May and George asked members to start thinking of format/program for this event.

Committee reports.

- **Welcome wagon material.** No new update.
- **Nominating Committee.** The Board unanimously elected and welcomed new BOD member, Sharon Kilbride.
- **Newsletter:** George acknowledged the terrific research by Cynthia Winter to research the residents' names to enhance the mailing list. One newsletter article has been submitted thus far. Marilyn will contact the following members;
 - Mark Landay and speed humps on Entrada
 - Jacki Koci and updates on the park
 - Red flag days, what are they and how does this affect you-Marilyn
 - Eucalyptus Grove status-Sara Jane Boyers, Norman Cowie and Sanford Panitch
 - Park Tennis Courts update-Chris Moore
 - Crime prevention-Marilyn

- **Website/Social media:** Leslie has established a Facebook page for the SMCCA, and urged members to sent text for posting on our site. Website redesign is at a standstill.
- **Eucalyptus Grove.** Much work, finally, has been accomplished in the past few days. The boulders have been set, the DG path along Latimer Road has been put in place. The contemplative seating area stones have been set and holes have been “pre-dug” for trees. Norm reports that the project still needs donations to finish it. Next step: Recreation and Parks will install the irrigation system using materials to be purchased by SMCCA.

Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Next meeting – February 14th.

