



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes October 9th, 2012

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Stone Douglass, Dawn Forrester, Leslie Hope, Sharon Kilbride, Chris Moore, Steve Richards, Ron Staake, Nico Vilgiate, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Sara Jane Boyers, Bob Bronstein, Norman Cowie, Judy Golden, Wesley Hough, Lucinda Mittleman, Isabelle Mizrahi, Sanford Panitch

Guests: Jaqueline Koci (Rustic Cyn Park), Marlene Grossman (MoveLA)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Chris Moore..

Minutes July, August and September, 2012.

With no corrections made, Chris deemed the minutes from July, August and September as approved.

Treasurer's report:

Savings \$19,962.40

Checking \$5,567.08

Total \$25,529.48

Grove Acct _____

Membership: There are currently 350 voting members

Measure J briefing. Marlene Grossman from MoveLA summarized Measure J and asked the BOD for their support of the measure. Measure J is intended to help LA County rebuild its economy and create hundreds of thousands of good new jobs by accelerating completion of transit, highway and local street projects that have

already been approved by voters. **Motion** made by George and seconded by Dawn that SMCCA endorse Measure J; approved unanimously. More information can be found at www.MoveLA.org.

Rustic Cyn Park Projects. Jackie gave the following summary. The PAB is trying to raise continuous funding for park projects, the baseball field is set for reseeding, Halloween haunted house and carnival plans are in the works. The carnival will be held Saturday, October 27 from 4-8 PM. A recent RAND study of Los Angeles City Parks gave Rustic Canyon a positive review for its increase in programs and use. The yearly Holiday Boutique has been scheduled for December 8th, 11-4 PM, and is expected to be larger than in the past.

Traffic Committee. Marilyn said that she plans on attending the LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee tomorrow. Two local issues to be brought up at this meeting will be the Stop sign at Amalfi and Entrada, and the upcoming “Jane’s Addiction” music concert at the school this coming Sunday. Leslie asked to be added to the traffic committee.

Eucalyptus Grove. GW reports. Rec and Parks has agreed to give us a few more boulders and Jackie is the department’s contact and has responsibility for this.

The Board of Rec and Park Commissioners last week, approved extending our ROE into 2013 to give adequate time for completion of the project. They were very supportive. George told them about this being Betty Lou Young’s vision and the Board president nodded knowingly. George also stated our appreciation for Kevin Regan’s strong support of the project.

Next steps are installing the cross-grove dg path and other dg features, protective work for the Hilltree hillside as well as construction of the Latimer-themed wooden arbor at the corner of Latimer and Hilltree. Randy has stated that he will be doing the arbor construction with a friend. The four concrete bases for the wooden arbor will be installed by our contractor of record, Great Western Landscape. We believe we have most of the funding for this phase of the work.

We are looking to complete funding for the Stone Arbor which will cost in the vicinity of \$15K, waiting for firm bid from Great Western.

Presidents report. Chris reported that he got a good response from BOD members for his request for input as to what issues are important to them. The following were the consensus priorities; Digital Communication Strategy; Website; Emails; Blogs; more newsletters. Practical Communication Strategy: Growing the membership, welcome kits for new members. The Park: To open it on Sundays, maintenance, and the Grove. Stone volunteered to chair the Digital Communication Strategy

project, Chris volunteered for the Park, and Nico volunteered to head up the Practical Communication Strategy.

Other Business.

Norm Cowie's request for BOD support for the "educateourstate" organization was discussed at length, and decided that this type of action was not appropriate for the BOD.

Bill Rosendahl. It was discussed that we should book a date for holding a town hall meeting of all candidates that will be running to replace Councilman Rosendahl in 2013.

"Jammin in the Canyon". Chris informed the BOD that this coming Sunday the Canyon school will be holding its annual fundraiser, with live music, and one particularly well known rock group, Jane's Addiction. This was a heads-up, potential traffic/parking problems. We will send out an email to all persons on this list to inform them of the event.

Next meeting November 13.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.