



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

August 13, 2013

Recorded by: Lorraine Todd

Attending: Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Isabelle Mizrahi, Chris Moore, Sanford Panitch, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, Ron Staake, Lori Todd, Nico Vilgiate, David Wang, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg

Excused: Sara Boyers, Norman Cowie, Wesley Hough, Nina Houghton, Steve Richards, Cynthia Winter

Absent: Andrew Bergman, Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Stone Douglass, Stephen Malley

Guest: Debbie Dyner Harris, Chief Deputy to Councilman Mike Bonin

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Chris Moore, President.

Introductions

Minutes June 17, 2013.

Minutes from June 17, 2013 meeting deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Savings	\$ 14,963.26
Checking	17,505.62
Total	<u>\$ 32,468.96</u>

Grove balance included in above: \$2,836.47

PAB fundraising included in above: \$3,688.24

Funds allocated for new web site: \$1,000

Of the nearly \$25,000 currently not designated, Chris Moore and George Wolfberg suggested holding a minimum of \$10,000 in reserve. Nico Vilgiate moved, Chris seconded, unanimously approved.

Some projects are in the works already and Chris is looking for closure on these. This includes the Grove, and the Tennis Court fencing. Chris brought up the Marquez archive. Sharon said it is not just family photos but artwork, here and in the Valley, a lot of memorabilia. Randy Young is very open to talking to Chris about some fundraising or

something to participate; Chris will call Randy to follow up. The Huntington would be a good home, and is in discussions for this. Ronald asked how much the Grove and the Tennis Court fences will cost to complete? Maybe we can complete some minor projects. Sanford asked whether the money from the last fundraiser was all used, or is there some not yet allocated? Chris stated that since Jackie is not here, we will skip that part of this meeting. We received some donations and refinished the three Tennis Courts, but are still very short. Chris asked each of the Board members to go to "their" constituency to see how they believe the \$15,000 available funds should be allocated. Between now and the next meeting, we will ask members for their wish-list to discuss at the next meeting, and that list will then be closed to further additions; emphasize that it will be everyone's final opportunity to lobby for what they believe SMCCA should do with the available \$15,000. There was a serious discussion about the Board's role as a fundraising/donor group itself, critical to effectiveness since no city funds are available. Chris: We should be driving everyone to the website, but it is not ready yet. We should be like Canyon School, which publishes who did what pretty much weekly, forming a community. Stone Douglass is developing the new SMCCA website. It presently exists through the Neighborhood Link, a free vendor where the minutes are shown, posted on our public website. Chris, Nico and Lori Todd agree to meet with Stone Douglass to assist with the website project. Nico volunteered to seek funding, to focus the effort, and to find resources to complete the new website (see project listing below).

City Council Briefing:

Debbie Dyer Harris, Chief Deputy to Councilman Mike Bonin, spoke, mostly about development, traffic and safety. A big priority for the Councilman is development and traffic. He has hired a team of experienced planners to study these issues.

Marilyn Wexler asked about traffic issues; who is our point person? Debbie: Transportation deputy Paul Backstrom. Regarding the California Incline Project, they will come to us with planned closures. They have approved many of the SMCCA requests for better signage and will have more opportunities to pursue this. George: We will get a briefing on a transportation plan; who wants to attend? There is also a weekly report on street closures that Marilyn gets and will send to the general membership of SMCCA for those who are interested.

Marilyn: Can we get Debbie's transportation group here for a meeting? Debbie: Yes, give her date. Marilyn is on the subcommittee of SMCCA on transportation issues. Dawn Forrester asked about the speed humps that were removed from Brooktree Road. Debbie: Signs and speed humps on Brooktree that were there before were supposed to be put back in; even though there was a theory that this would slow traffic unnecessarily, they are a very important safety necessity.

Dan Seaver: Repaving started on East Rustic, they put up signage saying they were doing all of Rustic, but then they got to West Rustic and just plain STOPPED repaving, a year ago. Debbie: If it was for a new line under the street or something, they would only repave up to where the new work was scheduled. She will check.

Chris: George, do you have anything you would like Debbie to address, restoration parks funding? They are coming up with a four or five year plan for funding. George has a copy of a recent City Council motion about that and he can share.

George: New zoning code -- City Planning is rewriting the zoning code, a five year project that will start with downtown rezoning for about two years. Debbie: The consolidation of Planning and Building and Safety should be completed in January although they might be late. George: Murals – PP has concerns that if you allow them somewhere, you have to allow them anywhere, so if you do not want murals on houses or whatever in your area you have to get a specific planning designation which is a complex, lengthy process. Right now the limit on the height of a mural is 100 feet. Also, the police are looking at the possibility of making more minor offenses like noise be a ticket offense rather than having to take someone to jail. Chris – what about shooting pornography in the neighborhood? Debbie: With a permit from Film LA it is legal. Marilyn: There is a spec house that has not sold for years that gets advertised for \$2k/nt as a party house, what can be done?

Debbie presented Sanford Panitch a certificate of commendation from the City for the work he and his wife have done to beautify the entrance landscaping at the Clubhouse as well as his relentless advocacy for safe sidewalks, all of which is making Los Angeles a better place to work play and live. Sanford thanked everyone, and also gave heartfelt thanks and credit to Jackie Koci, Lissa Theony and Nina Houghton.

George: There will be another meeting Thursday on the baseball field which is showing several severely worn areas.

Park-It Report:

Chris – Sept 21st scheduled but Bob Bronstein is not here to speak about it.

Membership: Dues: Only one board member is in arrears.

Other Business:

Sharon Kilbride handed out brochures about this Saturday's wine tasting fundraiser for La Senora Institute. She discussed the idea of taking a neighborhood survey of what people feel is successful/not in what SMCCA is doing, to get feedback.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Future Meetings: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

2014: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 (ANNUAL MEETING), Jun. 10.

Santa Monica Canyon Projects

Project	Description	Status
Rehabilitate Historic Eucalyptus Grove/ 1887 Forestry Station site	Protect and restore grove purchased by SMCCA and City on 3/11/54.	Pending items: completion of three arbors, final placement of protective boulders and curbs, planting of trees and shrubs per plan, installation of tree map and acknowledgement feature.

Project	Description	Status
Repair Tennis Courts	Resurface courts, repair nets and fencing	Three courts finished; three to go. PAB fundraiser held 6/2/13. Funding status:
New web site	Create and install robust new website	Beta pending
California Incline	City of Santa Monica will rebuild Santa Monica Incline Bridge. Monitor project to minimize traffic impacts on canyon to the greatest possible extent	Engineering drawings underway. Review of preliminary Traffic Management Plan is pending
Brooktree speed humps	Restore speed humps removed for Brooktree resurfacing	City Council office investigating
Resurface Gym Floor		PAB fundraiser held 6/2/13. Additional funding needed
Monthly ParkIt work day	General Park Cleanup	Next: 9/21/13
Entrada sidewalk improvements.	Installation of proper sidewalks on Entrada Dr. from Amalfi to Adelaide and, if possible, on Upper Mesa Rd.	Project is in design.
Improve safety of beach bike and ped. paths.	Separate ped path is required from Annenberg to Temescal Canyon lot	All talk, no action.
Restoration of the Canyon stairs		
City funding for tree work.		
Clean up of the tunnel at Chautauqua.		
Rehab of historic clubhouse		
Improve the Board-Canyon school relationship		
Improve digital communications with Canyon community		

Project	Description	Status
Individual liaisons from the Board to local organizations		
Establish an annual budget process		
Support for Cemetery		
PAB Liaison		
Transportation/traffic issues		
Offer educational courses at the Park		
Membership survey to determine priorities		