

SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes January 14, 2014

Recorded by: Marilyn Wexler

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Sara Boyers, Bob Bronstein, Dawn Forrester, Nina Houghton, Sharon Kilbride, Rachel Kuhnert, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, David Wang, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg

Excused: Andrew Bergman, Mike Deasy, Wesley Hough, Isabelle Mizrahi,

Sanford Panitch, Ron Staake, Lori Todd, Cynthia Winter

Absent: Stone Douglass, Stephen Malley, Steve Richards

Guest: Jackie Koci, Cathy Russell, Doug Suisman

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Marilyn Wexler, President.

Introductions

Minutes 2013.

Minutes from December 10, 2013; motion made by Sara Boyers, seconded by Sharon Kilbride, and minutes deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

 Checking
 \$14,000.70

 Savings
 \$14,963.93

 Total
 \$28,964.63

 Grove balance
 \$ 2,458.39

Committee Reports:

Nominating: One BOD vacancy. Sharon Kilbride said that she would contact Julie Silliman a parent at the Canyon school.

Annual Meeting: Bob Bronstein reported that the committee had met informally and would be presenting a draft agenda for the Board to review this week. It was discussed and decided that an invitation to Councilman Mike Bonin and to Sam Morrisey (City of SM, DOT) be extended.

Traffic: Marilyn reported that West Los Angeles did not hold a traffic meeting for the month of January.

Grove: George presented and in-depth summary of the Grove project. The newly purchased trees and shrubs are being scheduled to be planted. More tree sponsorships are needed. (Send \$200 donation to our PO Box). Randy Young is hoping that in early May it will be ready for ceremonies as appropriate for donors and for marketing.

Website update: Still a work in progress, committee reformed and now includes Sara, Marilyn, Nina and George. They will schedule a meeting shortly.

Park Update: Jackie's report included the following; Windscreens are up at the tennis courts, April 19 is the Spring festival, the Winter program is a full one and in full swing, another Rustic Nights fundraiser is planned for June 7. There are plans to initiate a sprucing up of the gymnasium. **Parklt**, Bob will help Jackie with establishing a schedule for quarterly Parklt events. If you have any park issues including maintenance, Jackie can be reached at iqueline.koci@lacity.org. Park Advisory Board meets the third Tuesday most months and will combine their meeting with ours on February 18.

George Reports: CIRS. The Coastal Interceptor Relief Sewer (CIRS) phase 2 contract has been awarded and the contractor is pulling permits and trying to get Caltrans sign off. There will be one reversible lane between the Entrada beach parking lot and the Annenberg beach house during rush hours. It appears this project will overlap with the California Incline project. California Incline is still on track to start summer of 2014 (this year) and will not close any lanes on PCH..

Old Business: Newsletter. Sharon will coordinate the newsletter. The following volunteered to write articles for the upcoming Newsletter-Sharon, Marilyn, George, Jackie and Doug Suisman. Marilyn would like to have the articles in by the end of January.

Panhandling on West Channel Road. Dawn Forrester and Rachel Kuhnert volunteered to attend Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the West LA Police station to lobby for enforcement of aggressive panhandling in the canyon.

160 Ocean Way. Doug Suisman presented his summary of the 160 Ocean Way issue. He thanked the Board for their consistent support during this process. The California Coastal Commission (CCC) last week turned down the request from SMCCA and BOCA for a revocation of the building permit for this residence. This ends the three year saga to have the City of LA and CCC require the owners of the construction project to bring the building into compliance with the Los Angeles Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

BOCA. Doug is the newly elected President of BOCA and expressed his desire to work more closely with SMCCA on issues of mutual interest, such as traffic, the California Incline, safety issues, linking web sites, tunnel maintenance and trash issues.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Future Meetings 2014: Feb. 18, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 (ANNUAL MEETING), Jun. 10.

NOTE, NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 18