



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

June 10th, 2014

Recorded by: Rachael Kuhnert

Attending: Andrew Bergman, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Rachel Kuhnert, Isabelle Mizrahi, Ron Staake, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg,

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Sara Jane Boyers, Bob Bronstein, Nina Houghton, Sanford Panitch, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, Julie Silliman, Nico Vilgiate

Absent: Stone Douglass, Wesley Hough, Lori Todd, David Wang

Guest: Norman Kulla, Jackie Koci, Doug Suisman, Marla Mayer, Deborah Castleman, Cathy Russell

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

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 8th, 2014. Minutes deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$ 18,087.51
Savings	14,964.40
Total	<u>33,051.91</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 1,716.78</u>

Elections: As per bylaws election of officers was held; President elect-Marilyn Wexler, Secretary-Rachel Kuhnert, Treasurer-Ron Staake.

Committee Reports:

- **Annual Meeting:** was deemed a success. Suggestions for next year include moving the registration table outside the hall and having more people staffing it.
- **Nominating Committee:** Two vacancies on the committee have been filled. Marla Mayer and Deborah Castleman were unanimously elected to the board.

CD-11 Report: Norman Kulla in attendance.

The DRAFT EIR (Environmental Impact Report) has been released for the SYLMAR GROUND RETURN PROJECT. It is viewable on the DWP website and the comment section is now open. Additionally, a presentation on the project will be given to the Palisades Community Council at the Palisades Library at 7pm on June 26th. Interested parties are very much encouraged to attend. Project start date is currently set for 2017 and is projected to last four months.

Mike Deasy proposed a motion for the board to formally oppose the Sylmar Ground Return Project being routed through the Canyon, pending attendance at the June 26th PP meeting. Motion was carried. Marilyn Wexler will write letter to DWP, cc'ing CD-11.

The board highlighted the proposed sidewalk project from Entrada to Adelaide. This project will cost \$600,000 in grant money. Norman Kulla was unaware of the project and asked SMCCA to include Mark Grant on any future Public Works Projects communications. SMCCA has in years past worked with the city on proposals to fix sidewalks to address student walkability for Canyon School. However, these proposals have not been funded.

Norman responded to a request for status updates on master list for improvements in public safety drawn up by Doug Suisman (BOCA representative). This list can be seen on the BOCA website, which is open to view for all:

<http://www.bocaneighbors.com/news/2014/6/4/the-livable-canyon-project>

According to Norman, a request has been put in to schedule a meeting to address all issues.

Park Update: The Grove Dedication was a great success with over sixty people in attendance. As was the Rustic Nights Party on June 7th. Over 180 people were in attendance as an estimated \$35,000 was raised for the park. The first project these monies will go towards is the Gym floor renovation (projected to occur in September.)

PPPC Update: The Caruso group had no new updates at a recent community meeting. Escrow is expected to close in the fall. Board elections are to be held this fall, interested applicants have until July 10th to submit. Cathy Russell will re-run.

PCH Task Force: Meet on June 11th.

New Business:

- Beach Access Tunnels

1. SMCCA is taking under consideration a request from BOCA to split the cost of repainting the beach access tunnels, pending review of total project cost.
2. A reminder that BOCA has an initiative for people to sign up to help clean our beach access tunnels. Volunteers are asked to commit to one session a year.
3. New 'No Loitering' Signage for the tunnels has been requested.

- The Creek will be cleaned by Flood Control thanks to the efforts of Dawn Forrester.

Summer Meetings: SMCCA will be on Summer Holiday for July. Next meeting scheduled for August 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm