



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes **October 14th, 2014**

Recorded by: Rachael Kuhnert

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Bob Bronstein, Cathy Russell, David Wang, Sara Jane Boyers, Steve Boyers, Deborah Castleman, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Isabelle Mizrahi, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, George Wolfberg, Rachael Kuhnert, Wesley Hough

Excused: Nina Houghton, Marla Mayer, Cynthia Winter, Lori Todd, Nico Vilgiate, Marilyn Wexler

Absent: Stone Douglass, Sanford Panitch, Andrew Bergman,

Guests: Doug Suisman, Steve Malley, Tracie Field, Roberta Conroy, Debbie Dyner Harris, Leslie Steiner, David Steiner, Afzal Chaudry

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by George Wolfberg.

Introductions.

Minutes 2014.

Minutes from September 9th, 2014, deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

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| Checking | \$12,649.98 |
| Savings | 14,964.88 |
| Total | <u>\$27,614.86</u> |
| Grove balance | <u>\$2,322.69</u> |

CD-11 Report.

Debbie Dyner-Harris (representing Councilman Bonin's office) reported that the Request for Proposal bids on the Cal-Incline work will be submitted this month. There will be an overlap with the ongoing CIRS project.

SMCCA board gave formal thanks to Ms. Dyner-Harris for listening and acting on the proposed LADWP Sylmar Ground project, which will not be routed through the Canyon.

Ms. Dyner-Harris noted how impacted our community has been by recent projects and commented that the SMCCA makes it easier to help the community with its rational and organized appeals.

Tunnels/ Homelessness

Several arrests have recently been made in and or near the beach tunnels in recent weeks. Sharon Kilbride has requested extra details to keep the homeless campers off the beach and out of the tunnels. Owner of Canyon Liquor store Afzal Chaudry reported that his business has been negatively impacted by theft perpetrated by this group, who have become an increasingly threatening presence.

Ms. Dyner-Harris suggested involving the County to enforce a no camping ordinance. She agreed that CD-11 need to be more educated on this issue and promised to bring it up in her quarterly meeting with Norman Kulla this week. She also agreed to contact the County on SMCCA's behalf to see what else can be done.

Additionally, BOCA is in negotiations with ACS patrol to incorporate a twice daily walk-through of both tunnels to keep them cleared.

Cathy Russell reported that PPCC dedicated their last meeting to address the ongoing homelessness issues, which are also affecting the Palisades community. A Task Force is being established and volunteers requested. This is a joint venture with California State Assembly-member Richard Bloom. Please contact Stephanie Cohen – Stephanie.cohen@asm.ca.gov. if you would like to join.

Park Report

The Park Advisory Board is looking for new members. It is an effective group that meets quarterly. The application is attached and should be completed and turned in to the office..

BOCA report

Doug and George met with our LADOT district traffic engineer and walked the length and breadth of the lower canyon. The result of which is a distilled list of identified issues that need addressing. If any SMCCA members would like to see this list, please email George directly.

Doug also suggested interested parties should attend the “Kick-Off” meeting regarding the Cal-Incline work which will be held by City of Santa Monica at the beginning of 2015. This will be an opportunity for mitigations to be requested by the community directly to the contractors. These mitigations will be implemented by contract. Money is currently available for general mitigations. BOCA will be requesting that it is assigned in several ways: 1. A full time traffic officer in front of Canyon school; 2. A comprehensive overhaul of the striping and signage throughout the canyon; and 3. a physical barrier to block downhill left-hand turns onto Mabery for the duration of the project.

Clubhouse restoration

The committee had a productive meeting late September. In addition, Randy Young walked through the clubhouse with a restoration architect. His opinion is that the structure is in surprisingly good shape. Mike Deasy stated that the next two steps moving forward are to raise the funds for a thorough survey, and structure the

appropriate organization to receive funds. A meeting will be set up with the head of the Friends of Barnsdall Park which is a nonprofit similar to what the committee is considering. Once the survey is completed and seen, the committee will be in better position to set costs and start a capital campaign.

George's Report

SMCCA voted to hear DWP presentation on proposals to inject recycled water back into ground table. In addition, it was voted to request Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore's attendance at the next meeting.

Park Report

This Friday the 24th of October is Fright Night at the park. Candy donations are welcome!

PPCC Report

The PPCC is looking for nominations for the annual community service award. Also, for any interested parties within the SMCCA area, they are also looking for a Second Alternate.

Sara Jane Boyers requested SMCCA send a letter to the Beach Clubs requesting advance notification of fireworks displays in an attempt to minimize pets' distress.

And finally: a reminder to call 9-1-1 and the City for any emergency problems. Police allocations are made city-wide using statistics built up in part through 9-1-1 emergency calls as well as reporting of crimes to the Police Department. The more reports received, the more services we will be assigned.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting November 18th, 2014.

Note, November 11 is Veterans Day, park closed

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
Park Advisory Board
Interest Form**

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____

Please take a moment to answer the following questions about your interest in Park Advisory Boards.

What is your definition of an Advisory Board? _____

What improvement would you like to make in your neighborhood park? _____

Please list six of your personal values (example: integrity);

1) _____ 4) _____

2) _____ 5) _____

3) _____ 6) _____

What resources would you bring to the Park Advisory Board? _____

I accept that I am a candidate and this is a preliminary step in the process of applying for a position on my Recreation Center's Park Advisory board. I understand that there is a limited number of Park Advisory Board seats, but that there is also an unlimited number of other volunteer opportunities at my local Recreation Center. I also understand that in doing volunteer work with the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Recreation and Parks I will abide by all department rules and regulations relating to confidentiality.

(Signature of PAB candidate)

(Signature of Recreation Center Director)

(Date)

(Date)