



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes February 10, 2015

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Sara Jane Boyers, Deborah Castleman, Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Isabelle Mizrahi, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, David Wang, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg.

Excused: Lisa Bittan, Mike Deasy, Wesley Hough, Rachael Kuhnert, Sanford Panitch, Nico Vilgiate, Marilyn Wexler.

Absent: Bob Bronstein, A. C. Chaudhry, Stone Douglass, Nina Houghton, Marla Mayer, Lori Todd,

Guests: Tracie Field, Norman Kulla, Cathy Russell, Doug Suisman, Roberta Conroy, Libby May, Sharon Chadha, Leslie Steiner, Cori Davenport, Carolyn Perry, Stephen Sacks, Rick Leslie, Laura Ornest, Shelly Sloan, Shelby Sloan, Veslemoey Zwart

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by George Wolfberg.

Introductions.

Minutes January 13, 2015.

Minutes from January 13 were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report for January 2015:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$10,761.73
Savings	14,965.48
Total	<u>\$25,727.21</u>
Grove balance included in Total	<u>\$ 3,125.89</u>

CD-11 Report

Norman Kulla reported that a motion was moved in City Council committee Monday, February 10th to start a pilot project which would allow access ways to the beach in Dockweiler State Park and Will Rogers State Park to be open 24 hours. When it is passed people still will not be allowed to sleep on the beach. This is part of a

settlement with the Coastal Commission regarding beach access. It still is in the discussion stage and comments are being accepted. The Council file is #14-1350

Sunset Boulevard will be closed this February 14th and 15th between Kenter Ave. and Barrington Place. On the 14th the eastbound side will be open and on Sunday the 15th the westbound side will be open.

Advanced Gas meters

Ray Burgess from Socal Gas advanced meter project talked to SMCCA about how Socal gas is upgrading their infrastructure by adding a communications device to natural gas meters. This technology will automatically read and transmit gas usage information to their customer service and billing center eliminating the need for meter readers. They will be mounting a data collection unit (DCU) on a street pole located east of 751 San Lorenzo Street. For more information and to learn about the project visit socalgas.com/advanced. For questions contact Mike Harriel Public Affairs Manager mharriel@semprautilities.com - 213-244-4633

Park Update

Friday, February 13th the park is having Parents Night Out from 6pm-10pm where parents can drop off their kids for fun and games and pizza while parents have a night out. \$25 per child

On April 4th, the park is having its Spring Festival. There will be a Youth Tennis Tournament (round-robin) from 2-4 PM, a Strut your Mutt parade at 2 PM and pet adoptions.

PAB Board

PAB Board member Roberta Conroy asked the SMCCA to support the concept that no permits be given for high impact organized sports groups (soccer and football) that are for kids over the age of 8 as per Prop. K guidelines. Ms. Conroy stated that the goal is to protect the grass on the field from being destroyed by team training as happened this past fall. Dawn Forrester moved, Ron Staake seconded and Motion was passed unanimously.

BOCA Report

Doug Suisman said that BOCA concluded an agreement with the security company ACS that because a certain number of families agreed to use ACS services that ACS will also patrol public access areas on foot 3 x a day. These public access areas are the two tunnels to the beach as well the Mabery Rd. stairway to the highway.

Homeless Task Force

Sharon Kilbride accompanied police officers and other volunteers in counting homeless in the Palisades. They found 74 makeshift encampments (32 from Chautauqua to Sunset Blvd.). Most homeless are populating the beach and the bluffs. Numerous amounts of trash have been found in the bluffs area between Chautauqua and Temescal.

There will be a meeting with Councilman Bonin's office, Michael Moore and Caltrans in order to: 1. Remove the accumulated trash; 2. Have LAFD anti-trespassing signage put up along the highway every 600 feet; and, 3. Work on getting homeless into services.

Canyon School update

Julie Silliman reported that Canyon School was broken into over the holidays and a computer and projector were taken.

Last Wednesday, students and volunteers installed native plants in a habitat to protect the Rustic Creek Watershed which is along East Channel Road.

March 22nd is Canyon's Fiesta Day and Silent Auction

4th graders will take a field trip to the cemetery on May 6th.

The 2015 Canyon School Talent show will be held at Rustic Canyon park.

PPCC report

The Westside Neighborhood Prosecutor will be at the Palisades Library at 7 PM on February 26th.

The community is invited to a Hillside Fire Safety meeting at 6:30 PM on March 4th at Paul Revere Middle School in the auditorium.

Incline and Sewer Project Report

George Wolfberg informed the board that the sewer project has been extended to mid June in order to fill voids around the new pipe and under the pavement. The California Incline restoration project will result in the road closure soon after the LA marathon which is being held on March 15th. Sarah Boyer mentioned that eucalyptus trees were becoming top heavy along the bluffs in Santa Monica.

Alternate Secretary

Dawn Forrester agreed to serve as Alternate Board Secretary.

Continued Items

Reports on Clubhouse restoration and website were continued to next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next meeting March 10, 2015.