



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

July 14, 2015

**Recorded by:** Dawn Forrester

**Attending:** Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Wes Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Marise Relfe, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Lori Todd, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Carrie Frazier, Dan Seaver, Ron Staake, Cynthia Winter

**Guests:** Cathy Russell, Michael Moore (LAPD), Christopher Baker(LAPD), Mark Landay, Emile Levisetti, Rob Wood, Colleen McAndrews Wood, Tom Baker, Debbie Dyner-Harris (CD-11), Henry Lichstein, Maryam Zar (PPHTF), Judi Jensen

**Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Marilyn Wexler.**

**Introductions:**

**Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were deemed approved.**

**Treasurer's report:**

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| Checking: | \$14,961.94        |
| Savings   | \$14,966.07        |
| Total     | <u>\$29,928.01</u> |
| Grove     | <u>\$ 3,765.89</u> |

**Membership:**

There are 372 paid/voting members.

### CD-11 REPORT

Debbie Dyner-Harris informed the SMCCA that Sharon Shapiro will replace Norm Kulla as the new senior field deputy for Brentwood and Pacific Palisades.

## **PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT From June 24th**

Cathy Russell reported that the community had many concerns about the Shell Station/Proposed MiniMart on Via de la Paz and Sunset Blvd. The top three concerns were:

1. Hours of operation (the owner proposes 24/7) and community would like to see 6am -10pm. The owner is willing to work with the neighbors.
2. Selling of alcohol
3. Size proposal is 2700 square feet and neighbors want 600.

PPCC Discussed the PCH Pedestrian Safety Project, a \$125,000 grant in which Entrada Drive/West Channel Road/Chautauqua Blvd. are included among assessment zones and areas of concern. Comments are due by the end of July 2015. Go to <http://californiawalks.org>

Tony Dan, Deputy Director and Caro Juaregui, Southern California Policy Manager briefed the attendees.

## **BOCA REPORT**

Doug Suisman, BOCA president, informed the committee that neighbors have received notices from the city that they will be repaving on Ocean Way, Ocean Avenue Extension and Mabery. Doug asked Debbie from Mike Bonin's office if they could postpone this until after the California Incline is finished. Debbie said that shouldn't be a problem to put it off but that if it is put off for too long the streets may not get repaved as the city has a certain allotment to do a year. The proposed repaving of East Channel Road from the 500 block to its northerly terminus will be done in August as previously announced.

Doug also commented on the Entrada Sidewalk Proposal. BOCA urges that any change on Entrada must be for ALL that use it and that it should not be rushed into without careful consideration. The Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services considers it a sidewalk project but really it is a street design as the city is proposing to narrow the roadway from 40 feet to 37 feet, moving the concrete curb and gutter to provide three feet of the necessary width for the sidewalk. This will make it more dangerous for bicyclists traveling up Entrada to San Vicente. One suggestion Doug had was to use the adjacent dedicated public property as an appropriate location for the new sidewalk. Doug agreed to lead a discussion amongst those interested after the SMCCA meeting was adjourned.

## **PACIFIC PALISADES HOMELESS TASK FORCE**

Maryam Zar, Chair, Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness and VP of the Pacific Palisades Community Council reported. She stated that there are approximately 150-180 homeless people in the Palisades and that most of them are

located on the bluffs, beaches and streets. With the hillside as a fire hazard, the Highlands will be the first community with LAFD signage which will be about \$300 installed. The task force is looking to have more meaningful and life changing impact on the homelessness and not heavy handed law enforcement. The PPHTF have signed an agreement with OPCC for two outreach people (social workers) to help the homeless with medication, mental health services, counseling and housing solutions, however this is not a quick fix as it takes social workers six months to a year of working with a person to get them off the street. Making it less convenient to stay in the Palisades and informing the public not to give to panhandlers will help. Michael Moore stated that there are only four officers covering the 64 square miles of West LA and that for most transients spending a night in jail is not a deterrent but a welcome meal and place to stay and then they are released back to the streets. Maryam told SMCCA that LA County Beaches and Harbors have put up signage along Will Rogers Beach stating that the beach is closed dusk to 6am—No camping or sleeping allowed. Also Capt. Nieto secured an ATV to use on the beaches to help LAPD enforcement. There also is a dedicated transient unit vehicle that LAPD now has. Maryam said that as a community we can pool resources to help bolster the LAPD's efforts and that if anyone wanted to help, the PPTFH are accepting donations (For the reimbursement money for the ATV as well as ongoing efforts of the task force).

From CD-11, Councilman Bonin's office: "The Palisades and West LA areas are understaffed in LAPD... but... we are aware and so is the city, of your issues! The non-emergency number does in fact work (877-275-5273). If you can, please continue to hold and report non-emergencies to this number because staffing is analyzed based on processed reports which means that the more issues reported from your area the more staff will be distributed there.

Secondly, the Front Desk and Watch Commander number for West LA division is: 310-444-0701. If they do not pick up the phone, it is often because they are dealing with a walk-in and/or filing a police report. Feel free to call back but keep in mind they only have 1-2 people assigned to the desk thus limiting their availability hence why no one may pick up the first time you call."

### **Old Business.**

- **SIRS project**—Finished
- **California Incline Project**- On-going

**Adjourned at 8:30 pm**

**NEXT MEETING, September 8, 2015**