



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

October 13, 2015

**Recorded by:** George Wolfberg

**Attending:** Lisa Bittan, Sara Jane Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Reese Relfe, Dan Seaver, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Wesley Hough, Lori Todd, Marilyn Wexler

**Absent:** Bob Bronstein, Carrie Frazier, Mike Deasy, Amy Hopper, Pelle Johansson, Rachel Kuhnert, Isabelle Mizrahi, David Wang

**Guests:** Alexandria Bordas, Tracie Field, Cathy Russell

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by George Wolfberg, President Emeritus.**

**Introductions.**

**Minutes September 8, 2015.**

Minutes from September 8, 2015, were deemed approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking: \$15,094.62

Savings \$14,966.43

Total \$30,061.05

Grove \$ 3,980.57

We have 377 paid/voting association members vs 366 at this time last year.

**CD-11 Report.** No report. Sharon Shapiro did respond to Marilyn Wexler's email inquiry regarding the Entrada Sidewalk project: The City has requested clarification of its options from the project funding agent (Caltrans). More information expected sometime in November.

**Park Report.** Tracie reported the following:

- A very large Oak tree in the parking median had a catastrophic multiple limb failure mid-day last Friday. A vehicle was crushed, thankfully no human injuries.

SMCCA and Tracie are following up with their contacts to demand RAP carefully inspect the other Oak in this area for safety concerns.

- The following events are coming up: October 30, 4:30-7:30 PM-Haunted House will take place as part of an event lasting until 8:00 PM, October 31, 12-4 PM-1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Fall Festival; pre-Thanksgiving-canned food drive; November 24-December 20-Toys for Tots Toy Drive; December 12, 3-8 PM-free kids night babysitting; December 19, 11-3 PM-Holiday Boutique.
- **PAB Board.** Meeting will be next Tuesday at 6:00 PM. All invited.

**BOCA report.** Doug was unable to attend. Sharon Kilbride informed the board that tunnel cleaning is ongoing despite the cleaner having been “beat up” on a neighboring hillside with medical attention required.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Traffic.** No specific new report was made. However, the board members raised numerous issues;
  - ✓ Request was made for the timing of promised E. Channel Rd. resurfacing by school.
  - ✓ Sara Jane Boyers stressed the imminent danger to motorists from dead and overgrown eucalyptus trees hanging over Sunset Blvd between Chautauqua Blvd. and Brooktree Rd. Sara agreed to compose a letter for the association to send to the City.
  - ✓ Drivers are racing down Entrada to make the signal at PCH. A note will be sent to our Senior Traffic Engineer, Mo Blorfroshan, requesting a study of alternatives to stop this practice.
  - ✓ The mirror at the intersection of Sycamore Rd. and Mesa Rd. has disappeared. We will ask the Council office to investigate and report back.
  - ✓ Comments were made regarding the barrier at Mabery and OAE and its visual and traffic impact.
  - ✓ The edge line area near the Amalfi stop sign is frequently used by drivers racing to make a right turn on Amalfi. Refer to Mo.
  - ✓ Drivers exiting the gas station continue to flout the “No Left Turn” sign, jamming up traffic in that area. Council office will be asked for help in getting needed enforcement.
  - ✓ There was universal acclaim for the new Caltrans signs on PCH to direct pedestrians to the tunnels. Jaywalking has been reduced and pedestrian safety increased.
  - ✓ A large, orange, “Construction Ahead” sign on the 100 Block of Entrada Dr. has defied all attempts to have it removed. It is believed to be an artifact of the long since completed CIRS (sewer) project.
- **Homeless.** Sharon reported that most of the beach campers’ illegal tents were removed in August. LA County mental health outreach is ongoing on the beach with positive response. Two homeless veterans have left the area; one transitioning to housing and the exact status of the other not known. On October 7, the first “Keep Out” and “Restricted Entry” signs to protect the bluffs from illegal campers and fires were dedicated at Temescal and PCH. Councilman Bonin and

Fire Inspector John Novela attended. Board members were interested in signs to deter people from our local hillsides. Sharon explained that the signs cost \$265 each. The Board agreed to purchase one of the signs if BOCA would do the same. The Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness ([www.pptfh.org](http://www.pptfh.org)) will have a fundraiser at Marquez School on October 27, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Money is being raised to contract with the Ocean Park Community Center for outreach services. Tax deductible contributions may be mailed to PPTFH, Box 331, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Please make checks payable to OPCC with the memo "PPTFH". The SMCCA Board previously unanimously agreed to make a \$2,500.00 donation to the PPTFH/OPCC. (See last page of minutes, below).

**PPCC Report.** Cathy Russell gave a comprehensive report.

- Veuve Clicquot fundraiser will take place at Will Rogers State Historic Park Polo field on October 17. The sold out event anticipates 4,000 partying attendees and the organizers are promising to do a better job reducing inebriated behavior. Parking will be at Paul Revere MS with shuttles to the park. To report event day problems call 424.277.7732.
- The owner of the Mobil Station in the Palisades Village is relocating his business to the current Shell Station (he has been bought out by Caruso Affiliated) and proposes a 24-7, 2400 sq. ft. mini-market at the station with beer and wine sales. Since the new location is adjacent to residential property, there has been much concern expressed by the neighbors and others. A zoning hearing has not yet been scheduled.
- The Pacific Palisades Community Council has established a committee to look into the details of the proposed Caruso development in the Palisades village north of Sunset Blvd. (Cathy and George are on this committee). A public meeting with Caruso representatives to discuss technical project details will be held on October 29 from 6 to 8 PM at the former US Bank Building at 15245 Sunset Blvd.

**Clubhouse restoration.** No update.

**George's Report.** The PCH Task Force is redoing their mailing list and inadvertently left George off the email notification. This is supposedly fixed and the next meeting should happen near the end of the year or early next year. Waiting to hear from Santa Monica regarding the plan for replacing / rehabbing the pedestrian bridge from Palisades Park to the beach and over the California Incline. This is a four-month project and the pedestrian bridge is in worse shape than thought and must be redone soon. If the current contractor can do this via change order two month's construction time will be saved.

**New Business – Torrey Pines on Adelaide Dr.** Two iconic Torrey Pines were cut down on Adelaide by an LA City homeowner who wanted to expand his front yard parking. This activity resulted in numerous phone calls to and visits by LA and Santa Monica officials. It was finally determined that the first 10 feet of property north of the curb is in Santa Monica and LA City apparently has no jurisdiction. Landmarking the remaining tree by the City of Santa Monica appears to be the best option.

**Adjourned at 7:58 pm.**

**Next meeting November 10.**



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October 7, 2015

Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association  
c/o Marilyn Wexler  
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Dear Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association,

You are the reason we are able to save lives!

We are grateful for your generous gift of \$2500 to the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH). PPTFH's mission is to provide leadership and resources to manage and eliminate the destructive consequences of homelessness in the Palisades so this community is protected, remains safe and our homeless people receive compassionate, effective services with access to permanent housing. In partnership with OPCC, PPTFH seeks to protect the community from the impacts of homelessness, and is committed to helping homeless individuals whom are law abiding and willing to receive the compassionate services and permanent housing that they need.

We look forward to keeping you updated on our work. If you have any questions at any time about OPCC, or if you'd like to come for a tour and see your support in action, please contact Sean Martinez, Individual Relationship Officer, at (310) 264-6646 ext. 176 or [smartinez@opcc.net](mailto:smartinez@opcc.net).

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and most importantly, the people we serve, thank you again for your generosity and commitment to our mission.

Sincerely,

John Maceri  
Executive Director

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