



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

March 8th, 2016

Recorded by: Dawn Forrester

Attending: Lisa Bittan, Deborah Castleman, Dawn Forrester, Amy Hopper, Wes Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Reese Relfe, Natalie Schaefer, Julie Silliman, Marilyn Wexler, George Wolfberg

Absent: Melissa Campos, Rachel Kuhnert, Isabel Mizrahi, Lori Todd, David Wang

Excused: A.C Chaudhry, Ron Staake, Cynthia Winter

Guests: Paige Barnes, Stephen Boyers, Cliff and Rebecca Damavaudi, Joan Kramer, Mark Landay, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein, Zander Lichstein,

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

Introductions:

Minutes from February 9th deemed approved

Treasurer's report:

Checking	\$11,761.72
Savings	\$14,967.02
Total	<u>\$28,388.74</u>
Grove	\$4,115.57

Membership:

There are currently 218 paid/voting members.

Park update: Paige Barnes is the new park director and she and her family spent her first weekend at Rustic Canyon making all the rooms, including the bathroom and kitchen more presentable. The Spring Festival with an egg hunt and games will be on Saturday, March 26th from 11am-4pm. Please let Paige know if there are any classes you'd like to see at the park. Her email is paige.barnes@lacity.org

BOCA: Joan K. Kramer is the new president of BOCA. She informed the board that there is a petition that is going around to continue the turning restrictions onto Mabery and therefore keeping it closed to the public. BOCA has not taken a position on the

petition but they are looking into a pilot program to allow parking on the south side of the street on weekends which may slow down traffic by narrowing the street.

CD-11: No report.

Committee Reports:

- **Entrada Sidewalk-** There still is not a finalized plan. Members of the Upper Santa Monica Canyon Association, which had a meeting two weeks ago, would like to see a more comprehensive plan that takes into account sidewalk improvements on both sides of Entrada as well as Ocean Way and crosswalks. The City is saying they do not have the budget for more than one sidewalk. Marilyn is formulating a letter with the sidewalk subcommittee requesting we get more final drawings from the City including a final DOT striping plan. This letter will then be shared with the board once the input from the subcommittee is incorporated.
- **Homelessness Task Force-** Sharon Kilbride reported that there has been an upswing of tents on the beach in the last three weeks. The Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) outreach workers are aware and Michael Moore did a sweep and warned tented campers that they had to leave. There was an incident at Will Rogers State Beach on March 8th where one of the homeless threatened a film crew member with a metal object. If you call [310-460-2630](tel:310-460-2630) you can anonymously report homeless individuals. Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness and Theatre Palisades are presenting the play, The Liar's Punishment, on May 21st and 22nd at 8pm at the Theater Palisades and proceeds will benefit OPCC and PPTF.
- **Newsletter:** Everyone has received a newsletter although Reese's did not come until almost a week later than everyone else.
- **Canyon School news:** LAUSD proposed a temporary solution of placing bollards to stop cars from illegally driving down the right shoulder of Entrada to turn right onto Amalfi, but they have not gotten any response. Julie informed the board that there is a bee problem at the school, however the school has zero tolerance for them and once they are reported the city must kill them. Julie wanted to know if anyone knew of people with beekeeping hives in the area.
- **PPPC-** Steve Boyers told the board that the Design Review board has been dismissed from considering the Caruso plan because some members impermissibly attended a PPCC meeting in which the Caruso development project was being discussed. Now the City Director of Planning will be the hearing officer for the Caruso.
- **LADWP** proposed temporary facilities to increase power capacity due to overloaded circuits in the Palisades. Marquez residents are opposed to placing the needed distribution on LADWP land next to Marquez School. To reduce power outages during the coming months, LADWP will hold a meeting on March 14th at Marquez School at 7:30pm to talk about these proposals, such as putting the power on poles, at this meeting.

Old Business: Clubhouse restoration-no new report. 2016 Rustic Nights is scheduled for September 24.

Grove: George informed the board that there were concerns from homeowner's near the park about trees falling. City Arborists inspected the trees and determined that three

trees were a danger and should be removed. Additional boulders have been purchased by a neighbor, Tina Beebe, to prevent cars from driving into and through the grove and to protect irrigation lines. They will be placed early in April and George will send out an email to those who volunteered to help: Henry Lichstein, Steve Boyers, Amy Hopper, Marilyn Wexler, Joan Kramer, Mark Landay, Sharon Kilbride and the Rustic Canyon staff.

New Business:

- **Nominating committee:** The following are board retirements: Bob Bronstein, Julie Silliman, Sara Boyers, Mike Deasy, Dan Seaver and Pelle Johanson. The board approved the following new members: Henry Lichstein, Emile Levisetti, Mark Landay and Julie Rasgon.
- **Point of interest:** A new 3000 square foot home is being proposed on 263 Entrada. They have an exemption from the coastal commission.
- **Annual Meeting:** This year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th. Job assignments were discussed. The "sign-in" committee will meet to discuss realignment of the entry feature. Rustic Canyon coffee will be approached to provide coffee. Councilman Mike Bonin is the confirmed featured speaker as is Maryam Zar, president of the Palisades Homeless Taskforce. Up for election this year are: Dawn Forrester, Sharon Kilbride, Rachael Kuhnert, Ronald Staake, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg, Emile Levisetti, Mark Landay, Henry Lichstein and Julie Rasgon.

Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting April 12th.