



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes

January 10, 2016

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Sharon Kilbride, Natalie Schaeffer, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Lisa Bittan, A.C. Chaudhry, Wes Hough, Mark Landay, Henry Lichstein, Julie Rasgon, Ron Staake

**Absent:** Steve Boyers, Amy Hopper, Emile Levisetti, Isabelle Mizrahi, Lori Todd

**Guests:** Debbie Dyner-Harris, Joan Kramer, Cathy Russell, Mark Ryavek

**Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.**

President Marilyn Wexler informally polled the board to get their approval for guest Mark Ryavek to address the board at the end of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### **Minutes December, 2016.**

Minutes from December 6 were deemed approved.

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

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$ 14,145.93
Savings	26,620.96
Total	<u>\$ 40,766.89</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 4,899.49</u>
Aircraft noise	<u>\$ 12,196.66</u>
Courtyard	<u>\$ 764.03</u>

**At the conclusion of 2016 there are 386 paid/voting members.** Numbers have increased every year since 2013 (365)

**CD-11 Report**—Debbie Dyner-Harris presented a brief overview on the status of the proposed BMO/BHO (“mansionization”) amendments. Another LA City Council Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) meeting will be held to discuss the ordinances, next

Tuesday, downtown City Hall, 2pm. Ms. Sharon Commins will be attending this Thursdays PPCC meeting to give an update on Recode LA. Debbie suggested that we ask Ms. Commins to give a presentation to SMCCA. There were questions about the Entrada sidewalk, specifically whether or not a bus bench could be installed at the Blue Bus Stassi Lane bus stop. Debbie said the City is looking into it. It was brought to her attention that the street lights at the Sunset Blvd-Chautauqua intersection are not functioning, and that a large eucalyptus tree branch fell into Sunset Blvd. recently. She will follow up on the street lights and said that tree trimming is supposed to start on Sunset Blvd in February.

**Park Update**—Not in attendance, no report.

**Boca Report**—Joan Kramer reported that BOCA is currently in their membership drive, and that the previously discussed left turn onto Mabery has been discontinued. She informed us that the house at 160 Ocean Way has constructed a structure on the roof, blocking the view for homes above it, but is apparently legal due to it appears to be a temporary structure.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Traffic-** No new update.
- **Homelessness Task Force-** Sharon Kilbride reported that Task Force meets again January 23 and that the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will be taking place Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:00 am. Volunteers are needed. To register go to <http://www.theycountwillyou.org/15777bowdoinst>.
- **Aircraft Noise Update-** Debbie Warfel presented the following update. The FAA will be holding a Public Information Briefing on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM, to discuss changes in flight paths, which will occur in March and April. These changes are the result of the Southern California Metroplex, the FAA's procedure to upgrade the existing system, based on radar, to a satellite based technology.  
The Briefing will take place in Mercer Hall, at Palisades Charter High School. Everyone should attend this briefing to hear from the FAA how Santa Monica Canyon and the Pacific Palisades will be impacted by the changes to the flight paths.  
Additionally, regarding SMCCA's Petition for Review, the Ninth Circuit has issued an Order transferring all of the cases to the District Court Circuit. This was expected as SMCCA's attorney, Steve Taber, filed the first case in the District Court so that the District Court would hear the cases instead of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.  
Our case has also been entered into the Mediation Program of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (along with all of the other cases). No date has been set yet for the mediation, however, the mediation briefs are due on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **PPCC Report-** Cathy Russell reported that the PPCC did not hold a formal meeting in December, but will be meeting for the first time this year, Thursday, January 12, 7:00 pm. The agenda will include Los Angeles Sidewalk vending

Ordinance, an update on the Beglari residence in the canyon, the Tiger Woods Foundation tournament at the Riviera and also that Sharon Commins from Recode LA will address the council. For information on the Pacific Palisades Community Council see their website, [www.pacpalicc.org](http://www.pacpalicc.org) .

- **School Report:** No report.
- **George's report.** PCH Task Force did not meet this past month. George is looking at and has proposed to PCH Task Force supervising elected officials (Bonin, Bloom, Allen and Stern) that the "Michigan Plan" of using a drone to survey accident scenes be implemented to reduce PCH highway investigative blockages from several hours to about 15 minutes. Nothing heard yet, but Malibu City Council rep is strongly in favor. Finally, Assemblyman Bloom has been requested to introduce legislation to equalize penalties for drunk driving and hit and run driving.

#### **New Business-**

- **2017 Newsletter.** Articles for the 2017 Newsletter are due to Marilyn and George by January 26. The following volunteered to contribute; Sharon (Homelessness, the Cemetery), Joan (BOCA).
- **Mark Ryavec** - Mr. Ryavec is running for City Council, 2017, District 11. He spoke with the Board for twenty minutes providing information on his priorities.

**Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**Next meeting February 14, 2017**