



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

April 18, 2017

Recorded by: Lori Todd

Attending: Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, Wes Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Mark Landay, Marise Relfe, Natalie Schaefer, Ron Staake, Lori Todd, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: Lisa Bittan, A.C. Chaudhry, Carrie Frazier, Amy Hopper, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein

Absent: Isabelle Mizrahi

Guests: Nancy Frey; Joan Kramer

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

Minutes March 14, 2017:

Minutes from March 14 were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

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| Checking | \$ 14,581.53 |
| Savings | 26,626.19 |
| Total | <u>\$ 41,207.72</u> |
| Grove balance | <u>\$ 5,184.49</u> |
| Aircraft noise | <u>\$ 10,799.66</u> |
| Courtyard | <u>\$ 794.03</u> |

Membership – Current paid/voting membership is 306.

Park Update — Paige Barnes reported that the Easter event had good attendance, lots of young kids, an Easter egg hunt and bouncy house; also that the tennis area looks cleaned up and great, and the little concession stand by the tennis courts is being used.

CD 11 Report – Marilyn Wexler reported that Sharon Shapiro is no longer working for CD-11. Debbie Dyner-Harris states the Council office is seeking a replacement; no report

Boca Report — Joan Kramer: 1) During Incline construction, the turn from Ocean Avenue Extension onto Mabery had flexi-posts in the intersection to eliminate cut-through traffic. Now the intersection has been restored and people are making wide fast turns. LADOT was requested to create a “neck down” of the intersection with new posts, or maybe painted traffic controls; status unknown; 2) BOCA paid a homeless man to weed-whack some Canyon traffic islands, but the one at West Channel is really a mess and needs cleanup. Sharon Kilbride reported two very recent home burglaries, one to Wes Hough’s guest house where visitors lost valuables from a brazen break-in while another burglary occurred on Rustic, similar MO

Committee Reports

- **Homelessness:** Sharon Kilbride reported that Mike Bonin ran on a campaign of “more cops in cars,” resulting in our beach patrol officer Rusty being pulled from his beach bike patrol, and put in to a car with a radio. He has now been moved to a Z-Car not generally subject to answering radio calls, but he is required to attend roll call and cannot get to the beach until around 9:00 am, as contrasted with the previous 4:00 am arrival time which is more effective for patrolling the beaches. Early release of felons per AB109 is expected to exacerbate the homelessness problem. There are 10 new homeless camps. At the PPCC meeting last week, a motion was made to request TWO beach patrols in place. SMCCA and BOCA will submit letters requesting same; Joan and Wes will draft the letters. Also, Restricted Entry signage has been installed in the remaining areas needed along PCH, and new encampments were identified and the homeless engaged during that exercise. Finally, the Board approved the SMCCA’s annual contribution of \$2,000 to support the Homeless Task Force’s outreach team.
- **Traffic:** The Entrada Sidewalk project is still ongoing. There is a drop in gutter level reflecting the inappropriate street surface level which has always existed. The City will grind down the street surface to the properly engineered level, then resurface and repaint it, which will take several days and has been delayed.
- **Aircraft Noise Update:** Debbie Warfel reported that they have reached out to Kamala Harris’ and Deborah Feinstein’s, offices as well as to Geoff Thompson (Mike Bonin’s new airport person) to keep the pressure on regarding aircraft noise. The noise from aircraft during the March FAA trials was somewhat reduced and now has gotten louder recently with no explanation. The City of

Santa Cruz advises that congressional reps were most helpful in their city's similar airline noise abatement efforts.

PPCC Report: George Wolfberg reported that the SMCCA has applied for an ad hoc seat on the PPCC Board.

School Report: The Canyon School's annual Fiesta fundraiser will be held on May 21 this year.

PCH Task Force: George Wolfberg reported that Sheila Kuehl many years ago formed a task force on PCH re Santa Monica-LA-Malibu-Ventura highway traffic issues and maintenance, and that there is now a pedestrian-activated red light to provide a safe crossing at the intersection of PCH and the Tahitian Terraces roadway for pedestrians to cross PCH

Old Business:

- Board Member vacancies – the Board approved the nominations of Kathy Russell, Chris Cassidy, Nancy Frey and Julie Silliman to the Board. This fills the board to its authorized level of 25 members.
- Annual Meeting May 9: Mike Bonin and Randy Young are featured speakers. Marilyn Wexler will let board members know their assignments if not included already

Natalie Schaefer spoke briefly about a proposed development on an empty vertical lot at Sunset near Brooktree, which lot has no staging area for construction and Sunset is two lanes there. She suggests interested parties send letters objecting to the project, and will provide a draft letter with specifics to Marilyn for circulation

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting ANNUAL MEETING on May 9, 2017.

Next regular Board Meeting: June 13, 2017