



SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Revised Board Minutes

August 14, 2018

Recorded by: Melissa Campos

Attending: Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Bob Doblinski, Carrie Frazier, Nancy Frey, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Emile Levisetti, Henry Lichstein, Scot McIntosh, Marise Relfe, Natalie Schaefer, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

Excused: None

Absent: Lisa Bittan, Amy Hopper, Isabelle Mizrahi, Cathy Russell, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake

Guests: James Kim (Apollo Security), Don (Apollo Security)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.

Minutes June 2018.

Minutes from June were deemed approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Scot McIntosh will take over for Ron Staake as treasurer. Current status as of July 31 bank statement and SMCCA accounting is as follows:

Checking	\$ 5,521.09
Savings	24,153.53
Total	<hr/> \$ 29,674.62 <hr/>
Grove balance	\$ 6,220.58
Aircraft noise	<hr/> \$ 3,428.41 <hr/>
Courtyard	<hr/> \$ 757.90 <hr/>

The new transition in Treasurer means that checks cannot be signed by the current Treasurer until the bank receives a signed letter from SMCCA certifying that the board has approved the new list of people allowed as signatories on the account.

Motion Made. By George Wolfberg that the board approve Scot to be a signatory on the SMCCA account. Seconded by Carrie Frazier, passed unanimously.

Currently there are 351 paid/voting members.

CD-11 Report – no updates from Lisa Cahil; not in attendance.

Park Update – Park Director Paige Barnes could not attend the meeting but emailed an update. The Clubhouse will have its interior and exterior painted. She also indicated that some of the water lines in the park are broken. Marilyn suggested calling Councilman Mike Bonin's office to address the ongoing water line issues or reaching his office by emailing him or Lisa Cahill. Separately, the LA Clippers have donated \$30M to repair basketball courts in all recreation centers in the city of LA.

Boca Report – Sharon Kilbride provided an update. She mentioned that their annual summer party was Sunday, August 18th. Officer "Rusty" Redican provided an update to the Boca community at their last meeting. There are a few ongoing construction projects that the community has discussed. The house at 207 Entrada Dr. near Short St that was approved for windows was doing more than it was permitted; the additional work has since been shut down. Three lots on Ocean Way near Mabery Ave are expected to be combined to build a single house and an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). A third construction site also located on Ocean Way has placed "No Parking" signs in front of the site. Residents impacted by limited parking availability should call Parking Enforcement at (818) 374-4823 to verify the status of posted signs.

Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg provided an update on various traffic projects. The crosswalk at Entrada Drive and Stassi Lane appears to be moving forward with the Department of Transportation (DOT) after numerous inquiries from residents. He reported that DOT officials were concerned that the lighting was poor and did not provide enough visibility. Positive conversations with LADWP to increase the wattage of the light at that intersection resolved that issue but DOT mentioned that there were still other hurdles that needed to be resolved before getting the crosswalk in place, including adding a break in the guard rail and adding a dip in the curb.

He also discussed the request to add paddles for the right lane on West Channel Rd. to force people to go up Chautauqua Blvd rather than trying to cut back over to the left to continue onto the PCH thus backing up traffic. This is a nonstarter as the lane does not have enough width. There is a possibility of just adding two or three bollards at the turning point.

- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride gave an update on the PPTFH. She provided updated metrics on numbers, including 37 incidents of vehicle dwelling, five sites with evidence of fire, 18 citations issued, and one new encampment.

She also provided an update on the beach curfew issue. The city didn't have the necessary Coastal Permit. The city's recently approved permit still is subject to approval by the Coastal Commission. A hearing about the permit has been postponed until November. The police department, fire department, and Beaches and Harbors are all on board in support of the curfew, but they anticipate continued opposition from some residents in Venice. All residents in favor of the beach curfew should sign the petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/keep-the-beach-curfew-in-los-angeles>.

- **PPCC Report** – Steve Boyer provided updates on the latest PPCC meeting. The last PPCC meeting focused on the ongoing elections through August 30th for all positions, and George Wolfberg is now the Board Chair of PPCC. Residents of the canyon are eligible to vote for a representative in Area 7 and the At-Large representative. A board member inquired whether the ballot allows for write-in candidates. Answer: this is not possible. To get more information, view candidate statements, or cast your ballot, visit the PPCC website at www.pacpalicc.org where voting is open until August 30th at 9:00 PM. The next PPCC meeting will see the launch of an effort to find alternates to stand in for elected PPCC representatives.
- **School Report** – Scot McIntosh reported that the Canyon School began this week and that the parents, students, and staff were kicking off a new school year. He met briefly with the principal to set up a meeting once things settled to discuss broader issues and understand what the school's goals for the upcoming school year will be, including the slated construction project. More information is expected following this meeting.
- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie Warfel reported that a hearing has been scheduled for October 18th for oral arguments. She indicated that our lawyer has made a Freedom of Information (FOI) Act request to review the data from the FAA's study on the Next Gen program that found no significant impact would be had on neighborhoods which several communities disagree with. The FAA has responded to initial FOI requests by asking for a narrower scope, but they have not provided any information yet.

She also circulated a WSJ article recently through SMCCA that highlighted similar aircraft noise complaints in other regions. The article mentions using the Airnoise Button or its website in addition to traditional airport complaint channels to report noisy aircrafts to regional airports. To read the complete article, see the WSJ's article [here](#).

Debbie has also asked the lawyer for a budget to know how much we need to raise based on what's left in the Aircraft Noise budget. If you would like to support the ongoing litigation with the FAA, please donate today by mail or online. Please specify that the contribution is for the "No Aircraft Noise Legal Fund" in the check memo line or in the online form's purpose section.

- Mail a tax-deductible donation to the address below:
SMCCA
P.O. Box 3441,
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3441
- Donate online using PayPal at www.smcca.org

If you are affected by the aircraft noise, register your complaints using any of the following methods:

- Download the LAX app <http://www.lawa.org/laxanc>
- Fill out the complaint form on the LAWA website <http://www.lawa.org>
- Call LAX's Noise Complaint hotline at 424.64.NOISE

You can also contact the following government representatives and officials directly:

- Congressman Lieu's representative: Joey Apodaca, 323 651-1040, joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
- Senator Feinstein's representative: Jeanette Cheng, 310 914-7300, jeanette_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov
- Senator Harris' representative: Brent Robinson, 310 231-4494, brent_robinson@harris.senate.gov
- Senator Harris' staff assistant: Morgan White, 310 231-4494, morgan_white@harris.senate.gov
- Councilman Bonin's representative: Geoff Thompson, 310 568-8772, geoffthompson@lacity.org
- LAWA, Dir. of Planning & Environmental Affairs: Kendrick Okuda, 424-646-7357, kokuda@lawa.org
- LAWA, Noise Management: Kathryn Pantoja, 424 646-6501, kpantoja@lawa.org

Old Business.

- None

New Business.

- **Palisades News.** Deborah Castleman inquired about the status of the Palisades Post and if anyone had received a copy recently. It was sadly reported that Scott Wagenseller, publisher of the Palisades News, shut down the publication a few months ago. However, the former editor, Sue Pascoe, continues to maintain a blog called Circling the News. For interested readers, please visit: [Sue's blog](#) .
- **Plaque in the Grove.** Steve Boyer noted that there used to be a plaque in the Grove commemorating donors but that it was no longer there. He inquired as to its location, and to get an estimate of how much it would cost to repair and reinstall the plaque. George replied that Randy Young, who originally installed it did not want to reinstall it. Emile Levisetti volunteered to bring his tools next week to install the plaque himself if someone showed him where they wanted it to go. He will coordinate details with George.
- **Limited Parking.** Nancy Frey indicated concern about the amount of illegal parking occurring on West Channel Road. Going forward, New School Construction Plans should include faculty, staff and visitor parking as defined by the LAUSD 2018 Design Guide. George Wolfberg will remind the LAUSD team of this imperative. The current unofficial signage is inadequate to deter parent parking on West Channel Rd. across the creek from the school
- **Apollo Security.** Representatives from Apollo Protective Services, owner Jimmy Kim and patrolman Don, attended the meeting to provide an overview of their services. Their company offers active patrol services up to 24 hours in their designated areas. They have been contracted by residents in the Upper Santa Monica Canyon, including Kingman, Dryad, and Entrada, who recently switched from ADT. The company surveils the area for 16 hours, and provides supplemental alarm coverage, so they can coordinate with residents' existing alarm systems to respond to calls quickly. Plans are monthly and include unlimited responses. The current average monthly cost is \$160 / house, but that rate goes down as more houses in a particular area sign up. For more information contact Henry Lichstein.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting, September 11th.