



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **Board Minutes November 18, 2014**

**Recorded by:** Marilyn Wexler

**Attending:** Sara Jane Boyers, Deborah Castleman, Mike Deasy, Dawn Forrester, Wesley Hough, Nina Houghton, Sharon Kilbride, Marla Mayer, Isabelle Mizrahi, Dan Seaver, Julie Silliman, Ron Staake, David Wang, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Bob Bronstein, Rachel Kuhnert, Sanford Panitch

**Absent:** Lisa Bittan, Stone Douglass, Lori Todd, Nico Vilgiate,

**Guests:** Tracie Field, Roberta Conroy, Norman Kulla, Leslie Hope, Officer Michael Moore, Sarah Jensen, Steven Boyers, Afzal Chaudhry, Sharon Keith, Carolyn Perry, Reza Gostar

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

**Introductions.**

**Minutes 2014.**

Minutes from October 2014; minutes deemed approved.

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

Ron Staake submitted report prior to meeting.

Checking	\$12,649.98
Savings	\$14,964.88
Total	\$27,614.86
Grove balance	\$2,541.79

**CD-11 Report.** Norman Kulla reported on the following;

- Old Ranch Road, protected trees. Sullivan Canyon residents learned of an impending development only after more than 50 protected California Oaks and Sycamores had been cut down. The project has been halted temporarily for further city review. Stating that the system is broken, Councilman Bonin is preparing to submit a motion to the City Council that will require a 30-day public

notice and public hearing for any permit application for the removal of three or more trees on private property.

- Newly organized Pacific Palisades Homeless Task Force. The Pacific Palisades Community Council have formed a task force to work with the City of Los Angeles to solve problems associated with the homeless population in Pacific Palisades (and the Canyon areas). The first step is to assist Los Angeles City with a formal homeless count in the Palisades scheduled for January 28, 2015. A sub-committee has been formed to do this and is looking for volunteers to help out. The chair of the Task Force is Maryam Zar, J.D., Vice Chair is Stephanie Cohen, Sr. Field Representative Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom, Secretary is Robin Degtjarewsky and Adviser is Norman Kulla Senior Counsel, Office of Councilman Mike Bonin. (Please contact: [maryamzarjd@yahoo.com](mailto:maryamzarjd@yahoo.com) for information or to volunteer.)
- New LA Westside Neighborhood Prosecutor-Victoria de la Cruz-Robles. Ms. De la Cruz-Robles will be introduced by LA City Attorney Mike Feuer December 4, 6:30-8 PM, WLA Municipal Building, 1645 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles 90025
- Mr. Kulla reminded the Board that the website [MyLADOT.lacity.org](http://MyLADOT.lacity.org) allows you to obtain a service request for street/traffic services.

**Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore's Report.** SLO Moore reported on the following;

- Homelessness issues. One of the biggest concerns is the fire danger presented by homeless encampments. Officer Moore briefed us on the legal particulars involved in homeless individuals camping out on public and or private properties.
- Crime, recent increase in daytime residential break ins. There have been two recent daytime burglaries in the Canyon, one on East Rustic where they killed the homeowners dog. No suspect for this yet. The other one was on Kingman Ave and the suspect is in custody.
- [www.LAPDOnline.org](http://www.LAPDOnline.org) is an official website of the LAPD which has a link to what a homeowner should do to prevent break-ins and other criminal activity.

**BOCA report.** No BOCA report.

**Park Report.** Roberta Conway reported on the new flooring installed in the gym and that ongoing fundraising was discussed. Sanford Panitch sent an email stating that he has requested numerous times that the broken curb in front be repaired. He wanted to know if the SMCCA monies could be used for this and other needs at the Park. Roberta said that she would be in contact with Sanford. If you need to email Tracie Field, Park Director, use [tracie.field@lacity.org](mailto:tracie.field@lacity.org)

**Committee Reports:**

- **Nominating.** Mr. Afzal "A. C." Chaudhry was unanimously elected to the board to replace Andrew Bergman who has moved from the canyon. Mr. Chaudhry is the owner of the State Beach Liquors.

- **Traffic.** Mr. Mohammad Blorfroshan, has been promoted to Sr. Transportation Engineer and recently returned to the West District Office for LADOT where he is in charge. Doug Suisman and George Wolfberg recently met with Mr. Blorfroshan on October 10 and walked the lower canyon BOCA streets. The ongoing current traffic issues were pointed out to Mr. Blorfroshan and he is to follow up on them with BOCA and SMCCA. These problems/issues included requests for roadway markings and signs throughout the canyon be restored/repared, a review of speed limits and signage, and the Ocean Ave extension/Mabery intersection. The California Incline project is still scheduled to start early 2015, with public meetings starting in January.
- **WLA CPAB.** We currently need a member to volunteer to attend WLA CPAB monthly meetings.

**Website.** No activity.

**School report.** Julie Silliman stated that Canyon school is reporting one of the lowest rates of childhood vaccination compliance in the city.

**PPCC Report.** Steve Boyers reported. The PPCC is working with SMCCA and the City of LA regarding local homeless issues. In January of 2015 there will be a LA City sponsored “count” of the homeless and they are looking for volunteers to assist with the count. Mr. Boyers also brought up the subject of Disaster Preparedness and that PPCC is beginning to look at this issue more and that his immediate neighborhood in the canyon will be meeting to discuss it also. Mr. Boyers said he would report back next meeting to let us know how productive their meeting was.

**Clubhouse restoration.** Mike Deasy reported that he has met with two potential, interested large donors. He will be meeting with Marshall Lewy, President of the Board of Directors for the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation, next week.

**Georges Report.**

Issues regarding canyon traffic signage and California Incline included above.

**Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**Next meeting December 9, 2014.**