

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Christmas in the Canyons “undecorating” is this Saturday, 9am-noon.

III. Election for Directors

- a. Three positions open with 3 candidates running
1. Steve Duff
 2. Scott Breeden
 3. Dion Sorrell

Ballots were distributed and collected at this meeting, and all three candidates were elected.

IV. Director Reports

- a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

The new board will choose officers from among themselves. President Emeritus Geoff will continue with musical and taco services.

- b. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The December minutes were approved 5-0.

- c. Treasurer---Linda May

Linda provided treasurer's reports for August through December of 2016, which she will also try to post on the ICL website. Some minor year-end adjustments are still needed. About \$5,000 of country fair proceeds has not been disbursed to the Children's Center yet.

The General Fund has about \$27,000, with income mainly from the country fair saloon and contributions for John McLendon's Sil-Mod Plan legal analysis. The Library Fund has about \$31,000 and the Canyon Watch Fund has about \$5,400. Over the course of 2016, Canyon Watch funds declined but the others gained.

Fees for the legal analysis were capped at \$3,000. The special treasurer's report shows ICL payments of \$1,500, but other organizations contributed without going through ICL.

Fran Williams said that about \$400 for native plants was donated because it was left over from Eagle Scout projects at the Silverado Community Center. Francesca Duff asked if ICL could donate for gardening at the Modjeska Home. Janet Wilson said that the Modjeska Home Foundation should come to an ICL meeting.

A motion to accept the treasurer's reports was approved 5-0.

- d. Vice President---Steve Duff

There is a “glimmer of hope” in wireless communication regulation. Verizon's permitting is done; they agreed to some landscaping around cell sites. The county responded to ICL's comments letter. Verizon is now looking at using the Silverado Community Center instead of the Children's Center as the site of a communications center; it will take months to finish; stay tuned.

The new wireless ordinance helped. The current proposal is for Verizon only, using existing poles, for LTE cell phones only (not flip phones). Southern California Edison is exempt from the ordinance. There is a Joint Pole Authority for pole replacement; see the ICL website for contact information.

- e. Director---Janet Wilson

Janet sent ICL's letter about code enforcement (largely Russel Taylor's draft) to Colby Cataldi at OC Public Works. Colby replied that he's ready to talk. Maybe there could be some constructive dialog. Russ will be in England for a few days, but perhaps three or so people could meet with Colby—see Janet.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Fran talked to Helen Fried, head of OC Public Libraries, and Jane Deeley, supervisor of library staff. In response to her questions about the new library planned for the Silverado School site, Fran learned the following:

- There is “not enough room” for the canyon archives currently stored in the library.

- Shelving space at the new library will be no bigger than what it is now. Computer/laptop space will increase.
- Staff will increase; they expect people to “flock” to the new location.
- OC Parks will be in charge of access (opening the gate out front). According to John Gannaway, they will follow the library schedule.
- There will be no book drop outside the gate.
- There will be no used book area.
- Friends of the Library help with “programs” would be welcome.
- Estimated opening date is May.
- The new “no cats” rule (not just for this library) is due to concern about (a) liability and (b) some staff allergies.

Fran and Phil McWilliams have removed the canyon archives, which were never county library property. The Silverado-Modjeska Park and Recreation District will probably allow storage for “a while” (currently at the Modjeska Community Center). Fran believes that it's time to restart the ICL History Committee to organize, digitize, and provide access to these historical documents.

Marion Schuller asked if the archives could be stored in the Maple Springs building. That is federal property now. Pam Ragland wondered if the archives could stay at the current library. Janet Wilson said that Steve Franks at the county is in charge of both Library and Parks. She asked that Fran and Linda May get someone to come speak at the next ICL meeting. (Jane Deeley said she would be willing to attend an ICL meeting.)

A motion to establish a History Committee with Linda as acting chair was passed 5-0.

b. Holiday Helpers---Pam Ragland

Five families were helped this year, using \$625 in cash and \$275 in “in kind” donations. Donations included firewood and labor such as Mormon volunteers. A couple of shut-ins were also told about the Thursday luncheons at the Silverado Community Center.

The Christmas in the Canyons booth was good advertising, and the Paypal account set up by Steve Duff for online donations was also helpful. Pam is thinking of starting some sort of fundraising effort around Thanksgiving next year; ideas could be presented at ICL meetings before then. Linda said that she can't help but would like a board member to be part of the committee.

c. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

Is there a petty cash amount that Canyon Watch can spend without prior board approval? Linda would like there to be a budget for that.

The GMRS radio in the library will not be moving to the new library, but Gene Robinson or someone will take care of that—it might not be used or even working now. Also, the Silverado market now has a radio. And anyone needing help with radios that they already have can ask Marion or Gene.

d. Sil-Mod Plan Committee---Janet Wilson

Janet recommended that Scott be the point person for keeping up with the county's short-/medium-/long-term plans for Santiago Canyon Road “improvements.”

e. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

f. Country Fair---Jane Bove, Chay Peterson (inactive)

No report.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: February 7, 2017 in Silverado *****