

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President May.

II. General Announcements

a. Grant Possibilities---Kim Brown, OCFA

Brush clearance for emergency vehicles and evacuation on private roads is now available. The service is free, paid for by CalFire fire fees, if property owners give permission. Vegetation will be cleared with hand tools (no chemicals) and hauled away. Fire Safe Council is helping. Maximum clearance on each side is five feet, though that much isn't always possible. See the flyer for Kim's contact info.

b. Other Announcements

Phil McWilliams presented a large thank-you card from children at the Silverado Children's Center for ICL's donation of Country Fair proceeds to the Children's Center.

Kevin Topp called attention to the new lighting in the Silverado Community Center.

Fran Williams relayed a message from Deborah Johnson that the Verizon cell phone work is on hold. It is not clear if Silverado Canyon Road was officially accepted as a county road in the early 1900s. If it was, that should settle an easement question. The county is investigating. Kevin said that they are not talking to the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District now.

Janet Wilson thanked Francesca Duff for the public memorial event for Steve Duff.

Fran would like the History Committee added to the agenda. All the local archives have been moved out of the library, mostly to the Modjeska Community Center for now. Many people are interested in working on the archives, and Bruce Newell offered to help with finding storage space at the Silverado School site.

Francesca Duff added that people can make donations to the Steve Duff memorial fund for preservation.

Kevin announced that the next Children's Center chili cookoff will be May 6. Tomorrow's planning meeting may be Chay Peterson's last—more people are needed.

Scott Breeden noted that Joanne Hubble forwarded a recent press release from the US Forest Service about removing several dams on Silverado Creek (as well as Holy Jim and Upper San Juan Creeks). The goal is to allow movement of aquatic species. The dams were not built for flood control.

Nina MacDonald is helping with the ICL web site; Francesca updated the interactive calendar.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Linda May

No report.

b. Vice President---Janet Wilson

1. Mesa Update

Janet is investigating whether The Wildlands Conservancy is selling Orange County land to purchase land elsewhere. ICL authorized spending up to \$125 for IRS Form 990 records if necessary. One media outlet is interested; she is hoping for more.

Maps show a trail. Janet urged Pam Ragland to work with Supervisor Spitzer to have an easement recorded.

Chay Peterson reportedly characterized Conservancy behavior as “mixed”--some grading, but non-native plants removed.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved 5-0.

d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Francesca is helping with bookkeeping. Last month's meeting raised \$120 from memberships and \$70 from tacos.

Francesca was presented with a commemorative gavel in honor of Steve.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

Through the Modjeska garden club, four performances per year are envisioned for the Modjeska House to celebrate Madame Modjeska's career as a Shakespearean actress. The house will be open June 3, and the amphitheater at the Tucker Wildlife Center can be used by people interested in acting.

IV. **Advisory Committee Reports**

a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

The next swap meet fundraiser will be April 8-9 at the Silverado Community Center. There is a sign-up sheet at the library for volunteer help, and a place to drop off donations starting a week ahead of the event. Connie Nelson will haul everything to the event site.

Lucille Cruz is still in the hospital, which is working on stabilizing her breathing.

Linda said that County Librarian Helen Fried will send word on setting up a date for meeting about the new library site. There might be a way to allow continued selling of books.

b. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

No report.

c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

There was some car and tree damage from the most recent storm, but overall we are “way ahead of the game.”

Bruce Newell reported that 43 people attended the recent Canyon Emergency Preparedness Academy.

d. Code Enforcement---Russell Taylor

Bruce Newell reported that at the January 30 meeting with Colby Cataldi and other county planning personnel, they were “very good to us; they listened.” As for property records, the county didn't seem to have much, but it was still being worked on. Possibly there was a fire 40 years ago, paper records may have deteriorated, and electronic records may have been lost during system upgrades. For example, there might be window permits for a house, but no permit for the house. But the goal is probably fairness. It was suggested that ICL get feedback from the county and report results to the community.

“Coming”: In 2 to 5 years, probably everyone will need something more than a traditional septic system for a house—it might cost \$25,000 or so. Mary Schreiber says this is true now for a new house in Silverado.

V. **Adjournment**

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: April 4, 2017 in Modjeska *****