

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Community Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President May.

II. General Announcements

a. Update: changes to Santiago Canyon Road

Janet Wilson said that email from Orange County Public Works stated that Santiago Canyon Road “will have” passing lanes. Was there any community input? She proposed writing to OCPW Director Silsby and/or Supervisor Spitzer stating that not much information was provided and that ICL does not support passing lanes at this time.

Geoff Sarkissian recalled Steve Duff saying that the proposed lanes seemed too long, but Geoff is not against passing lanes altogether.

Did the county solicit passing lane support from outside the canyons? Linda May said she has information from someone with knowledge of that.

Mary Schreiber wondered if adding lanes would encourage speeding.

Janet moved that ICL send a letter to Silsby and Spitzer saying that ICL is “extremely concerned” about OCPW stating that there “will be” passing lanes, and that outside support was solicited, and that ICL would like to be asked for input. Passed 5-0.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Linda May

Thank you to Modjeska for use of the community center for this meeting.

b. Vice President---Janet Wilson

1. Mesa Update

According to Pam Ragland, people are continuing to assert their right to use the Irvine Mesa by using it. They would like to make a document for people to sign asserting prescriptive easement rights. They have also sent a letter to David Myers of The Wildlands Conservancy asking that he reconsider selling parcels to the county. The real estate agent and broker were also informed about easements on the land that should be listed.

Linda was interviewed by a local reporter.

As of May 10, some land is “pending escrow” and other TWC land is also being sold off.

A motion for Linda to write Supervisor Spitzer requesting that the county re-open negotiations with TWC about buying Irvine Mesa land was passed 4-0 (Scott abstaining).

2. Tree Ordinance

Geoff contacted Gloria Sefton about the Planning Commission meeting where moving forward on a tree ordinance was approved. Gloria is not sure if the county will use the draft ordinance submitted by Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved 5-0.

d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian

1. Approval of Finance Report

The reformatted February and March finance reports were approved 5-0. Liability insurance was the big expense.

The April finance report was also approved 5-0. This included \$1,300 in donations to the Steve Duff fund from the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District and others.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

1. Report on the Shakespeare Festival at Arden

Approximately 100 people attended two sample Shakespeare performances at the Modjeska House on June 3, the same weekend as a Tucker event and Chipper Day. The Modjeska House would next like to stage a full Shakespeare production. One person in the theater group does Shakespeare for kids; other players could come from Cal State Fullerton or Chapman University.

IV. **Advisory Committee Reports**

a. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

Cle Robertson said that radio use needs more visibility. There are training sessions the first Sunday of each month. These are family radios: one license per family.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Fire season is here---Joanne attended an Orange County Fire Authority press conference about wildland fires.

Clear fire hazards on your property. According to Gene Robinson, "cabin inspections" by the fire authority have also started.

c. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

1. Plans for the move

Opening date for the new library will now be Monday, June 12 (maybe). Friends of the Library have offered to do an open house.

The summer reading program will be June 6 to July 31. The Silverado and Modjeska fire departments have once again donated funds for rewards for the children.

There are currently two temporary librarians plus Ruth Loc. One of the new positions is Children's Librarian, temporarily filled by a Children's Librarian from the Tustin library, which is undergoing some repairs. Fran has talked to the Silverado Children's Center about doing some coordination.

There is now one bookcase for used books.

As for donations, the library is most interested in equipment for the children's area. FOL is making a list. A motion to allow FOL to spend up to \$3,000 without coming back to the ICL board passed 5-0.

Much of the Silverado archive material is currently being stored at the Modjeska Community Center, with some at Fran's house---more was discovered during the move. This needs to be looked through. There might be a possibility of using closet space in the new park/library building.

V. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: July 11, 2017 in Silverado *****