

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President May.

**II. General Announcements**

Fran Williams requested \$100 from ICL for this year's children's Halloween party in Silverado. A motion to approve this was passed 5-0. Coordinators Allison Landry, Melissa Malpass, and Mollie Stiso will submit receipts later. Volunteers are needed to set up and man the haunted house.

**III. Director Reports**

**a. President---Linda May**

No report.

**b. Vice President---Janet Wilson**

**1. Mesa Report**

The Transportation Corridor Agency informed the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District that TCA is unable to purchase the Irvine Mesa property: for mitigation purposes, TCA needs land in the San Mateo watershed instead, with live oaks, not chaparral.

The asking price has not tripled; the original figure was \$7-9 million but is now \$3.75 million.

Bruce Newell reported that a different agency said it was not interested in buying the land.

Heidi Murphy-Grande and Pam Ragland met with a new person in OC Parks who is on the trails subcommittee.

He is interested in working with other groups on trails. When the county separated its parks and planning departments years ago, some things wound up fallen in the cracks, leaving parks people not knowing where trails are, for example.

OC Parks wants to use its money now for things that were deferred during the county bankruptcy, not purchasing land. But they might be willing to manage land. Janet suggesting besieging Supervisor Spitzer with emails (copying David Whiting at the OC Register) urging him to look for funds for the Mesa property, much as he did last year. Paul Dixon said he was willing to help.

**c. Secretary---Scott Breeden**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The September minutes, amended per Janet Wilson's comments, were approved 5-0.

**d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian**

**1. Finance Report**

The August financial report was approved 5-0. An emergency radio expense will appear in the September report.

A resolution to add the chairs of the Friends of the Library and Canyon Watch committees as signatories to their respective ICL checking accounts, for up to \$1,000 per month and excluding reimbursements to themselves, was approved 5-0. Current Friends of the Library chair is Fran Williams, and current Canyon Watch chair is Marion Schuller.

**2. Fair Report/Credit Card Reader**

Geoff is looking into credit card processing via cell phone; the Silverado Community Center reportedly has expanded its wi-fi coverage.

**3. Red Rock Wedding Garden Permit Hearing**

Geoff and Dion attended a county Planning Commission meeting where the owners of the Red Rock Chateau near Modjeska requested a permit for a commercial event center handling up to 20 events per year, mostly weddings. This was the proponents' third attempt at approval. County staff recommended denial, citing incompatibility with the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan. Geoff submitted comments from ICL also urging denial due to the Sil-Mod plan conflict as well as potential problems with traffic on Santiago Canyon Road. Two neighboring property owners expressed support for the proposal. The proponents' lawyer said that this case was like the Giracci case (which was approved).

Commissioners did not seem bothered by specific plan issues. Commissioner Rice said that he agreed with what staff presented, but that the purpose of the commission was to “not be black and white” but “take best judgment.”

The commission decided to continue this subject at a later meeting in order to go back to staff about some traffic questions. Afterward, proponents invited Geoff and Dion on a tour of their facility, which they accepted. According to Geoff, coming out of the property is “really scary.”

Janet wondered if OC Parks was notified about this proposal. Someone said that park rangers spoke in the past about parties next to a wilderness park (the adjacent Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park). There was speculation about adding a turning lane. Santiago Canyon Road is supposed to be a scenic corridor. Linda expressed concern about commercial activity gaining a toehold in an area where it is currently prohibited. Janet recommended that people with concerns write the Planning Commission. Phil McWilliams will forward to SMRPD a copy of ICL's letter. Geoff will also post the letter on the NextDoor website.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

“All good news.” There was a Madame Modjeska birthday celebration (with Shakespeare performance) to thank the docents, foundation, and other supporters of the Modjeska House. The Polish Vice Consul attended.

A children's Shakespeare group might make use of the new library facility.

#### IV. **Committee Reports**

a. **Fair---Jane Bove**

Silverado Country Fair setup starts at 10am Thursday, October 12. Help with construction, trash cans, etc. is welcome. Geoff started a signup sheet.

Disneyland tickets obtained by Fran Williams will be raffled at the ICL booth.

b. **SMRPD Report---Francesca Duff**

The Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District board meets at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of every month.

c. **Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble**

No report (Joanne absent).

d. **Friends of the Library---Fran Williams**

This weekend (Oct. 7) Trabuco artist Robert Meyer will speak about his animal paintings at 2pm at the new library. He contributed the library's animal tracks and cave-style art.

FOL is paying for a magician at the library's Halloween gathering on the Thursday before the holiday. They are also paying for a one-year license to show movies in the big hall.

Linda added that along with Dion, local authors Andrew Tonkovich and Lisa Alvarez will be reading from their collection of stories on October 21 at the library.

For the Silverado fair, volunteers as well as gift quality items and baked goods would be appreciated for the FOL boutique.

e. **Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller**

The recent “Coffee with a Cop” was without a cop due to a mixup, but a party featuring search and rescue stuff is planned for Oct. 22.

Patrols may be needed Sunday due to predicted winds.

The Explorers came through, and will help with parking at the Silverado fair.

Thanks to Joanne Hubble for reporting on the Canyon Fire. She needs her base antenna replaced and raised, though.

A radio generator was repaired, but it may also need auto-start work.

#### V. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held: November 7, 2017 in Modjeska \*\*\***