

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM Canyon Library/Park Community Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Treasurer Duff.

II. County Public Works engineering presentation—Santiago County Road

OC Public Works (OCPW) staff members gave an overview of safety improvements contemplated for Santiago County Road next year, and solicited comments. Traffic Engineer Ed Frondoso said that OCPW is interested in context sensitive design, which takes into account whether traffic measures “fit” a particular area. Seeking public input in the early stages of a project like this makes it easier to make changes.

The first improvement planned is High Friction Surface Treatments (HFST)—special paving for improved traction on curves. Also under consideration are curve warning signs, flashing beacons at curves, additional guardrails, buffered bicycle lanes, and road delineators (flexible posts with reflectors, which might be dropped based on recent feedback).

At their community open house last month, OCPW was also asked about increasing law enforcement and adding left turn pockets near Modjeska. They are pursuing contracts with the California Highway Patrol for enhanced enforcement.

Mary Schreiber brought up the idea of reminders for bicyclists to ride single-file. Bruce Newell wondered about taking bike lanes off the road. Marion Schuller asked if raised pavement markers could help separate bikes from cars. Pam Ragland wondered about dirt separations in existing easements, and accommodating horses.

Mark Levy noted that original Sil-Mod Plan documents envisioned biking, hiking, and scenery along the road, which he called one of the last of its kind in the county. But now many commuters are using the road to avoid tolls and backed up traffic where the 241 toll road fails to merge well with the 91 freeway. This seems to have increased following the Canyon 2 Fire, when more drivers “discovered” the road via Waze.

There was a comment about accidents on Ortega Highway caused by illegal passing: perhaps that happens sometimes because slower traffic has few places to pull over. Would turnouts or passing lanes on Santiago Canyon Road be an improvement?

Someone also stated that two big causes of accidents on Santiago Canyon Road are illegal turns and excess speed, not running off the road. How would flashing lights make any difference? Drunks run into flashing lights, but animals avoid them. Spend the money instead on law enforcement.

Current plans call for a 40 foot roadway divided in each direction into 12 feet for cars, a 3 foot buffer, and 4-5 feet for bicycles. Any more than that would take much longer to implement, and can't be promised. And giving cars 20 feet (if bike lanes were moved) would likely encourage faster speeds.

Pursuing additional right of way for bicycles could take years. And even adding passing lanes for cars would be a separate project—that is already included as part of a seven-year program but it is not “set in stone.”

III. General Announcements

Generally speaking, there were no announcements.

IV. Director Reports

a. President---Janet Wilson

No report (absent).

b. Vice President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report (absent).

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The November meeting minutes were approved 3-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

The preceding month was slow: one insurance bill was paid, and a \$500 donation to Canyon Watch was received from Orange County Pumping. The November financial report was approved 3-0.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

There were no changes to Shakespeare events; there will be a public performance May 18.

Dion will meet with the Federal Communications Commission later this week about starting a local AM or FM radio station. The rationale for this is that during an emergency, it might be better to have a single broadcast point for information rather than scattered GMRS radios (that not everyone has). This might also benefit any Saddle Crest residents.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Land Use---Scott Breeden

There is nothing new regarding the proposed county tree ordinance, last modified to apply only to the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan area. At least one Planning Commissioner is opposed to it. Commissioners will vote later on what to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

b. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

Francesca will be talking to Verizon about phones being out of service when there is no power (including planned outages). The new wireless boxes need vegetation, and are they pink instead of brown? Cle Robinson said Sprint boxes are brown.

c. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Marion Schuller, Emily Graham, Cle Robinson

Marion is still not caught up from the Silverado Fair, and will report next month.

d. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

e. Fair---Jane Bove

Jane is waiting on the insurance situation due to wind damage after the fair concluded.

f. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Friends of the Library paid for renewing the license to show movies at the library. Movies for adults were a dud but movies for children were successful.

Fran will continue heading Friends of the Library until she can find someone to take over for her. Pam Ragland suggested asking people like moms of the kids for specific needs. And Anjan Purohit volunteered to post library information on NextDoor.

g. History---Melody McWilliams

Bob Hunt donated a scanner, and Leo Hetzel has made digital photographs of framed documents.

h. Holiday Helpers---Pam Ragland

Pam and Francesca are working on getting the web site up like last year.

VI. New Business

a. ICL Elections

Along with Geoff (nominated in absentia), Dion, Scott, and Anjan said they would be candidates for the three open ICL Board of Directors seats. Voting is next month.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held January 8, 2018 at the Silverado
Community Center *****