

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

a. New Officers---Janet Wilson

Following January's Directors election, the new ICL Board chose officers: Janet Wilson, President; Geoffrey Sarkissian, Vice President; Scott Breeden, Secretary; and Francesca Duff, Treasurer.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Janet Wilson

No report.

b. Vice President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were approved 5-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

1. Approval of January (agenda correction: not December) Financial Report

There was not much activity in January except for some insurance bills. ICL's coverage now includes terrorists, but maybe not nuclear war. The report was approved 5-0.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

The Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District has offered funds for children's theater. A canyon expert is interested, and activity is anticipated for Spring, culminating in a late Spring performance at the Modjeska House.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Proposed Communications Committee---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

Janet proposed establishing a committee to address issues like problems ICL has had with sending email. This was approved 5-0.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

1. Emergency equipment funding request

Joanne would like \$80 for a fire watch antenna for her house. Cle Robinson will send Marion Schuller information about the antenna.

Joanne has also had problems sending email alerts via Cox Cable, and would like to switch to using Constant Contact. A motion authorizing spending a maximum of \$400 from the General Fund for this passed 5-0. Geoff will reimburse Joanne for what she has already spent.

c. Land Use---Janet Wilson, Scott Breeden

1. Wildlands updates

Reportedly, escrow closed on The Wildlands Conservancy's 250 acres above Silverado (the Irvine Mesa). Janet asked TWC about the status of that property, their Modjeska 45-acre parcel, and the remaining 400-acre Williams Canyon land currently involved in a lawsuit. According to Steve Enochs, there is no immediate action regarding the "Modjeska 45"—

that might require a TWC board meeting in Oakland. OC Parks would also be interested in swapping land for some other land around the former Silverado School, for example.

2. Red Rocks appeal---Scott Breeden

The county Planning Commission approved use of a Santiago Canyon Road residence near Modjeska for 12 events per year, mainly weddings, hosting up to 200 people each.

Conditions on the Red Rock Gardens project, adjacent to Whiting Canyon Wilderness Park, include widening and restriping Santiago County Road, additional traffic signs, and flashing message signs during events. County planners had recommended denial of the permit due to inconsistency with land use and zoning regulations.

ICL previously authorized spending up to \$500 to appeal the Planning Commission decision to the Board of Supervisors, if necessary. The deadline is Thursday. When the Board of Supervisors responds to the appeal, ICL will let people know. Janet heard that “noise at the Supervisors meeting” can be good. She also recommended that when people submit written comments, they write to all five Supervisors since the site is in a popular recreation area—it’s not just canyon people.

3. Library night lights

John Gannaway and Griselda Castillo of OC Parks are “looking into options” for reducing the night lighting at the former Silverado School.

d. History---Melody McWilliams

Regular meetings have begun—the first and third Saturdays of each month, 9am to 12pm at the Modjeska Community Center. There is a documented procedure for cataloging the artifacts currently stored there. Some people have asked if a weekday/evening time could be added.

Benevity sent ICL a matching donation for the History Committee. Francesca said that the committee now has \$1,200. OC Parks or the Library is also trying to reach Melody about providing space.

Geoff will email Susan Hardy an ICL logo so she can use it for a thank-you note to someone who donated an artifact.

e. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Geoff relayed Fran's reminder that the swap meet fundraiser is April 21, and volunteer help would be appreciated.

f. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

No report.

V. New Business

a. Priorities for 2018

Geoff would like to work on improving the acoustics in the Modjeska Community Center.

b. Location of March meeting

The next meeting will be in Silverado, but maybe some future meetings could be at the new library/old school.

c. Other

Melody said that Modjeska neighbors are planning a home and garden tour to benefit the Modjeska animal rescue. (The county's Modjeska House is not involved.)

Mary Schreiber announced that the Fire Safe Council will be sponsoring a community meeting March 15 about threats to trees like the gold-spotted oak borer and shothole borer. O'Neil Park has been decimated; firewood from outside the park is no longer allowed in. Canyon residents might learn to recognize problems using information to be provided by the Forest Service and UC Riverside. Mailers will probably be sent out.

When Vincent Sanchez introduced himself as Representative Walters's canyon liaison, Janet asked if there might be some Federal money available for purchasing TWC land, or perhaps extending the US Forest. Carl Armbruster added that if people lose access to a trail on TWC land, they lose local access to the forest. Phil McWilliams and Mary earlier asked Rep. Walters if another ranger could be added to the local USFS staff. Mary said that recent efforts to relocate homeless people could mean more coming to our area. It might require more vigilance about illegal camping, for example.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held March 6, 2018 at the Silverado Community Center *****