

# INTER-CANYON LEAGUE



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, September 4, 2012 AT 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

**ATTENDANCE:** see attached

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President McWilliams.

**APPROVE AND FILE MINUTES**

Mike proposed a revision to the minutes of the August 26 Special Director's meeting. He proposed adding in the following wording to the minutes:

*"The purpose of this committee is to help the community and potential developers understand the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan and how it applies to developments and other proposals (for instance, general plan amendments, fire breaks, etc.) within or affecting the plan area."*

Phil made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4 and August 26 with corrections (as stated above). Chris seconded. The motion passed.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Phil McWilliams

Phil asked that all members be courteous to each other and follow the golden rule.

**Vice President:** Mary Schreiber

No report

**Secretary:** Carolyn Hayden

No report

**Treasurer:** Chris Riegler

\$40 was donated to the general fund by William Labar. Next month, Chris will have a prepared list of expenses and income. Please pay your \$5 dues as soon as possible. Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for August 2012. Chris seconded. The motion passed.

**Director:** Mike Colgan

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Emergency Disaster Preparedness: Mary Schreiber**

Joanne Hubble asked that people update her with their contact information so she can disseminate emergency information.

Tom Smisek stated that on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an "Intercoastal Water Cleanup". The same day is "All Canyons Clean-up Day". This is an opportunity to get rid of all the junk in your yard. No chemical or dangerous waste can be collected. The dump location has not yet been determined but it will

either take place at the mouth of Modjeska Canyon or perhaps at Irvine Lake.

The Firesafe Council would like all residents to work on road clearance for emergency vehicles. The Firesafe Council is working with the Conservation Corps and will pick up your debris generated from the clearance. The Corps will stay on the main road, so bring your debris to the designated locations for free pick up. Debris must be ready by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

One of our neighbors (who is disabled) has been unable to clear her property and has been issued a citation by the Fire Authority. There is a group of neighbors that will be going to her property to help clear it on September 15<sup>th</sup>. See Lisa Collins if you would like to volunteer.

### **Policies and Procedures: Bob Hunt**

No Report

### **Sil-Mod Committee: Geoff Sarkissian**

Geoff provided 50 copies of a handout of frequently asked questions. See attached in minutes (Attachment 01). Geoff reviewed what happened in the first meeting of the Sil-Mod Committee. The group developed hopes/fears for the canyon.

Next the committee reviewed Sil-Mod Plan history. Next they analyzed the ICL board directive for the committee which is:

*"The purpose of this committee is to help the community and potential developers understand the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan and how it applies to developments and other proposals (for instance, general plan amendments, fire breaks, etc.) within or affecting the plan area."*

The committee made a 3-step proposal for action based on this directive. It is as follows:

- a. *The SMC will not specifically invite applicants/developers to present to the committee.*
- b. *The Board can decide what forum is the best to discuss individual projects, either in a regular meeting or a special meeting.*
- c. *The Board will vote on the recommendations in an open meeting.*

Geoff reviewed the FAQs as they are written. Carolyn made a motion to approve the proposal as written. Chris seconded. Mike voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Many comments and questions from the members followed (summarized below)

A member asked if there is a plan for the sphere of influence beyond the Sil-Mod area. This needs to be addressed. A member asked if the meetings of the committee would be closed. The meetings would not be closed but potential developers will not be invited to present at committee meetings.

Debbie Johnson noted that the proposed process is reactive, not proactive. Debbie stated that the ICL has very little sway and weight on the county. We are one small voice and the county mostly ignores us.

Mike Colgan stated that he does not think that the ICL should be taking positions on land-use issues. Mike does not think that this process falls under the umbrella of charity or education. Mike is concerned with proposed item B. He wants to make sure the corporation is protected. He presented a "what if?" situation and suggested that the ICL could be sued.

Judie Bruno asked if the original Sil-Mod plan was supported by the ICL. It was. Therefore Judi disagreed that the ICL should not be involved in Sil-Mod issues. Judi sees the proposed process as an extension of the historical stance of the ICL supporting the Sil-Mod Plan.

Janet Wilson stated that she does think this process is educational in nature.

Jim Mamer stated that the committee will simply come to the board with recommendations and is essentially educating the board.

Geoff stated that the committee is not approving or disproving projects.

Dick Ertman asked if the committee has the authority to call on expertise if needed. He would like the committee to consult with expertise from all sides.

Tom Smisek stated that the purpose of the committee is to understand the origins of the Sil-Mod Plan and to understand what it is and what it does.

Wendy Hayter stated that the ICL is dedicated to preserving our unique way of life.

Sarah Sarkissian stated that it is within an individual's right to petition the government.

Chris stated that education is comprised of synthesis, analysis, and evaluation. He feels that this process is clearly educational.

**Canyon Watch: Gene Robinson**

No report.

**Fair Committee: Jane Bove**

Thirty booths have been sold. There is space for a total of 56 booths. There is a sign-up sheet on the table if you would like to help volunteer. The Fair will be October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Silverado Community Center.

**Friends of the Library: Fran Williams**

The summer reading program was very successful. The next fundraiser is the swap meet. Fran is collecting donations and looking for volunteers to help set-up and run the event. October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is the Country Fair and the Friends of the Library will be running the boutique. Ruth Locke will be making a quilt with canyon t-shirts. Please donate old canyon t-shirts to Fran for the quilt.

**Gateway Safety and Security: Mike Colgan**

The group has not met in several months. Lora Meadows is willing to take over the responsibilities as chairperson for the committee. Mike recommends that we make it so. Mike made a motion for Laura to replace Mike Colgan as chairperson of the Gateway Safety and Security Committee. Phil seconded. The motion passed.

**ICL By Laws Committee: Bob Hunt**

The committee did not meet last month but will try to do so next month.

**Grant Writing: Phil McWilliams**

The committee has not been very active lately. Judi Bruno has been working on a grant for an ADA compliant toilet in Modjeska Canyon. The grant has been sent in but no word yet on whether it has been awarded.

**Fund Raising: Deanna Craig**

The swap meet is scheduled for September 22 and 23. The group would like to sell vendor space. The fee has been lowered by \$10 (a selling space now costs \$25 for one day or \$40 for the entire weekend). Any monies collected through this fee will go directly to the general fund. The "Beckman items" will be sold. ICL members made some recommendations about how to make the fund raiser more profitable

and/or popular.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Abbey and Saddlecrest Projects**

Linda May lodged a complaint about a visual clutter that has come from the trespassing signs that are being put up all around Holtz Ranch.

### **Silverado School Sale**

The school board will soon vote to put the property in the surplus property list. The only serious contender for the property is the county. The price is a point of contention. There was a long discussion by members about how they might like to see the property used.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Project: Dean Brown and Marvin Crocker**

Marvin talked a little bit about how he acquired the property and why.

Dean stated that he feels that the Sil-Mod Plan needs to be followed and supported. An area plan was completed. Area plans require many studies. Many such required studies have been completed (hydrology, traffic impact, fuel modification, tree preservation, etc.). Dean passed around a visual of the proposed pads. He presented a detailed preliminary grading plan. He passed around a visual showing drainage and hydrology and talked about the water quality management and hydrology plan. This project is dedicated to compliance with the Sil-Mod Plan.

Judi Bruno asked if there are any known problems with the plan. Dean stated that some neighbors are concerned about flooding. He feels that this concern has been addressed.

Janet asked if Dean and Marvin would be willing to have the Sil-Mod Committee look at the plans and give feedback. Dean and Marvin agreed. Janet stated that some neighbors are concerned about the trees on the property. Marvin stated that the biologist recommended moving some of the trees to fill in holes in the rows. Janet asked about the viewshed. Dean stated that the development will not interfere with the viewshed.

Connie Nelson asked if PERC tests were completed. Dean stated that although they were done, new PERC tests will have to be completed.

### **Letter to the Board of Supervisors: Chris Reigle**

At the last monthly meeting there was a proposal to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors commenting on the proposed changes to the general plan and the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan. Chris made a motion to send the letter. Phil seconded the motion. Mike did not vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Geoff asked how much time we have before we need to send this letter out. Janet stated that this issue has not yet been agenzized.

Colleen Colgan asked when the board members first saw the letter. Chris stated that it was sent several days ago. Mike Colgan stated that he saw a copy of the letter two days ago.

Janet stated that the one of the proposed changes (which would affect all future projects) is a change to the designation of the road that would have far reaching ramifications. Many comments followed about the problems associated with changes to the status of the road.

Deanna stated that she does not feel that the ICL represents residents of the canyon. Chris stated that

the letter does not imply that it represents all residents.

**Meeting Location**

The next meeting (October 2012) will be held at Modjeska Canyon Fire Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

**Attendance September 2012**

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Adams	Mary									
Adams	Tim									
Agopian	Kristina		1							1
Agopian	Michelle									1
Alton	Kim					1				
Alvarez	Lisa						1		1	
Amador	Ed	1	1		1					1
Andres	Barbara	1			1					
Andres	Lynne	1			1				1	
Andres	Sarita	1								
Ater	Danny							1		
Ater	Denise							1		
Ayers	Fran	1	1		1					
Bass	Colleen									
Bass	Larry									
Bates	Greg	1			1					1
Bella	Geoffrey			1						
Bennett	Laura									
Bickley	Chris									1
Bickley	Teri						1			1
Boeck	Mike			1	1					
Bolton	Janet									
Borsheim	Scott					1				
Bove	Jane	1		1				1	1	1
Brail	Mike	1					1			
Breedon	Scott	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Brown	Dean									1
Brown	Kim									
Brubaker	Donna									
Bruno	Judith	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Bryer	Aimee									
Buller	Phil									
Carlson	Rick	1								
Carrier	Barbara	1		1		1		1		1
Carter	Connie									1
Carter	Diane	1	1				1			
Carter	Jim	1	1							

Casuga	Elizabeth									
Champion	Anne Marie									
Chapman	Chuck	1								
Chapman	Jean	1	1		1			1	1	
Chapman	Robyn	1		1					1	
Chessell	Gay	1	1				1	1		
Cipolla	Donna	1								1
Cipolla	Michael	1			1					1
Click	Bob	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Colgan	Colleen	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Colgan	Mike	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Collins	Erin									
Collins	Lisa	1	1	1	1			1	1	
Combs	Aarom									
Connors	Brenden									
Covas	John								1	
Craig	Deanna	1	1	1	1			1	1	1
Craig	Kayli	1		1						
Craig	Kip	1	1	1				1	1	1
Crary	Jessica	1			1			1		
Criste	Gregory									1
Cristie	Ambrose					1				
Cummins	Arthur									
Daggett	Adrienne									
Davis	Brian									
Davis	Jaimie						1			
Delaney	Nicole									
Dick	Gregory					1			1	
Dixon	Paul									
Duff	Steven						1		1	1
Dulac	Daniel		1	1						
Dunn	Morgan	1								
Dunn	Sandi	1	1			1				
Eadie	Dave		1	1						
Eadie	Mike		1	1						
Ehret	Frank	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
Englesby	Kristi									1
Englesby	Scott									1
Enochs	Lisa	1								
Enochs	Steve	1					1			1
Erickson	Pam									
Ertman	Dick	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fainer	Jim	1	1							
Fredette	Edward						1		1	
Fredette	Lore									

Furman	Randy	1								
Gaasch	Shelley					1				
Garth	Natalie	1	1					1		
Gilchrist	M									
Gomez	Richard								1	
Groenewold	Bill	1			1	1		1		1
Groenewold	Leslie	1			1	1		1		1
Grossman	Marc									
Hall	Dawn									
Hausmann	Mary					1				
Hayden	Carolyn	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Hayter	Wendy		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Hetzel	Leo									1
Hirsch	Dick									
Holmes	Owen									
Hommes	Alex	1	1							
Hommes	Michelle	1	1							
Hov	Erik									
Hubble	Joanne	1	1	1			1		1	1
Hughes	Stephen	1			1			1		
Hunt	Bob	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Hunt	Pat	1	1	1			1	1	1	
Janca	Tim	1				1				
Johnson	Christine				1			1		
Johnson	Deborah		1		1		1			1
Johnson	Liz									
Johnson	Mike									
Johnson	Robert				1			1		
Joley	Sue									
Jones	Windy	1			1					
Judd	Dana	1	1		1					
Kane	Douglas	1	1			1				
Kearns	Chad	1	1	1	1		1	1		1
Kearns	Linda	1	1	1	1		1	1		1
Kelly	Debra									
Keranan	Karl									
Kerrigan	Steve			1	1					
Killingsworth	Greg									
King	Annie			1	1			1		1
Klinger	Lynda									
Klinger	Richard									
Labar	Bill									
Labar	Paula									
Lane	Becky									
Larissa	Fainch									

Lau	Pam			1					
Lawson	Doug								
Lejsek	Mike								
Levy	Leslie								
Levy	Mark					1			
Lewis	Gale			1					
Lewis	Kerry			1					1
Lindner	Josh	1			1				
Link-Scheibel	Vickie					1			
Loui	Annie	1	1						
Lynch	Marcus								
Machan	Tibor			1					
Mamer	Jim	1	1			1	1	1	1
Manriquez	Ann								1
Marotta	Stephanie		1			1			1
Martin	Derek	1	1		1				
Martin	Lori	1			1				
Martz	Laurie					1	1	1	1
Mason	Garrett	1	1			1			
May	Linda	1		1				1	1
McHale	Dennis				1		1		1
McHale	Linda								
McNulty	Tom								
McWilliams	Melody	1						1	
McWilliams	Phil	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Meadows	Lora		1			1			1
Meddick	Sherry	1							
Meikle	Carole								
Mileham	Bev								1
Mileham	Bill								
Mileham	Caleb								
Miller	Michael								
Mitchell	Jack								1
Mitchell	Valerie	1	1						1
Moore	Margie						1		1
Morgan	Katie						1		
Morgan	Tom	1						1	
Morris	Bob								
Morris	Julie								
Morris	Keith								
Morris	Sheri								
Murray	Kelly					1			
Myers	Judy	1	1		1		1	1	1
Narciso	Kaila								
Narciso	Kaila						1		



Natua	Nagnuta									
NcNeil	Sherry									
Nelson	Connie	1			1	1	1	1		1
Newell	Bruce	1			1	1				
Nichols	Nancy	1	1	1	1	1			1	1
Nolan	John	1								
Nolan-Riegle	Mary	1	1		1			1		1
Osborn	Vicki									
Pacheco	Tony					1				
Paine	Martin									
Palmer	Audreya									
Palmer	Gary									
Paskus	Leslie	1								
Pearson	Bill						1			
Pearson	Mary						1			
Peterson	Brett	1	1	1			1			1
Peterson	Chay	1	1	1			1			1
Peterson	Dean									
Peterson	Jesse	1								1
Peterson	Lea									
Peterson	Shaun									
Phillips	Alice	1	1						1	1
Phillingane	Keith									
Quan	Belinda									
Reese	Chris									
Reighart	Steve	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reilly	JoAnn									
Reinhart	Carl	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Reiser	Tom									
Riegle	Chris	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Roberts	Keith	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Robinson	Gene	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Robinson	Joel									
Robinson	Mary	1	1			1	1	1	1	
Rodgers	Hank		1	1	1	1		1		1
Rohm	Janet	1	1			1	1	1	1	
Rohm	Roger	1	1			1	1	1	1	
Rooney	Steve									
Ruelas	Guillermo	1		1	1					
Sabo	Noah									1
Salter	Tim	1								
Sarkissian	Geoffrey	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
Sarkissian	Sarah	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
Schaeffer	Richard									
Scheibel	Robert						1			1

Schlom	Corey	1		1	1		1			1
Schlom	Jeff			1						
Schnabel	Pam	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Schreiber	Mary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Schuller	Marion					1		1		1
Schultz	Boyd									
Schultz	Rick	1		1		1				
Seltzer	Debbie	1		1		1	1	1	1	1
Shepston	Ron									
Sieu	Lily									
Sill	Jim									
Sisneroz	Frankie									
Smisek	Angela	1	1	1			1	1		1
Smisek	Tom	1	1	1	1		1	1		1
Smith	Bonnie	1					1			
Staskewicz	Vince							1		
Strobel	Lynn	1								
Sweeney	Roseann									
Szczureck	Victor					1			1	1
Takahashi	Jason									
Tapia	Everado									
Tapia	Sally									
Temple	Michael									
Therrio	Ron	1					1			1
Thompson	Christine									
Tonkovich	Andrew	1	1	1			1		1	1
Topp	Kevin	1	1	1	1	1			1	1
Unger	Dietrich									1
Unger	Linda	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unger	Lisa		1							1
Valentine	David									
Viloria	Ben									
Voehl	Maureen						1		1	
Walker	Scott									
Walters	Judy									
Walters	Robert									
Webber	Emi									
Webber	Ron									
Weel	Marty									
Widerman	David									
Willert	Joanie									
Willet	Danny									
Williams	Fran	1	1	1	1		1	1		1
Williams	John						1			
Wilson	Janet	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1

Wontman	Renee				1					1
Wu	Yiru									
Wyngaarden	Vivian		1							
Young	Diane		1	1	1	1	1		1	

## **Sil-Mod Committee (SMC) Report & FAQ's Sept 4, 2012**

### **2. What did the committee do in its first meeting?**

- a. Hopes & Fears
- b. Sil-Mod Plan in brief
- c. Analyzed the ICL directive, and developed a process to implement that directive

### **3. What is the SMC directive from ICL Board?**

"The purpose of this committee is to help the community and potential developers understand the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan and how it applies to developments and other proposals (for instance, general plan amendments, fire breaks, etc.) within or affecting the plan area."

### **4. How does the SMC propose to meet that directive? Our recommendation:**

- a. That the committee requests and reviews proposals within or affecting the Sil-Mod plan area
- b. That the committee determines by majority vote where the proposal meets or does not meet criteria set out in the Sil-Mod plan, and forwards its recommended findings to the ICL board in writing.
- c. That the board votes to accept or refuse the recommendations of the committee. If it accepts them, that the findings be forwarded to county planning staff, the county planning commission, board of supervisors and the applicant

### **5. Do the committee's planned activities fit ICL's purposes and goals?**

- a. Yes they do. ICL participated in creating the Foothill Trabuco Policy Plan and the Sil-Mod Plan that it proposed. A stated purpose in the Sil-Mod Plan is *"...to ensure the preservation of the rural environment and lifestyle of the area..."* The ICL Articles of Incorporation state the same aim; *"The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are charitable and educational, to protect and preserve the unique way of life in the Silverado Modjeska and neighboring canyon areas...."*

### **6. Does the SMC approve or disapprove individual projects?**

- a. No. We compare the project against the Sil-Mod plan and note where the plan and the proposals are different.

### **7. How does the rest of the canyon participate?**

- a. The SMC will not specifically invite applicants/developers to present to the committee.
- b. The Board can decide what forum is the best to discuss individual projects, either in a regular meeting or a special meeting.
- c. The Board will vote on the recommendations in an open meeting.

### **8. Will this activity cause the ICL to lose non-profit status?**

- a. No. It is a fundamental right of citizens to petition the government.
- b. Non-profits may petition to change administrative rulings without any risk to the tax-exempt status.
- c. Hundreds of thousands of non-profits petition the government on a daily basis. The practice is non-controversial when the actions relate to administrative action.
- d. Support for political candidates is not allowed. No campaigning, no donations.

### **9. Why do we need such a committee?**

- a. A rational review process holds the hope of resolving problems before they get out of control.
- b. Believe that the County would welcome our input if done in a professional and thoughtful manner.

c. A good working relationship with the County will give the Canyons more influence.