

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Fire Station**

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Discussion & Announcements

a. General Announcements---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Bruce Newell said that a Fire Wildland Interface Drill would take place next Wednesday in Modjeska. Firefighters will just be practicing.

John Olsen announced SMRPD's Lunch Bunch program beginning Thursdays this month, 6/11 and 6/25. In partnership with Age Well, this is an activity targeting seniors (60+) with a suggested donation of \$4.50. Brochures and sign-up sheets are available at the library and elsewhere.

b. Sil-Mod Plan Committee---Janet Wilson

1) County Planning update

OC Planning has a new boss and staff.

In response to questions about manufactured slopes, etc. at the Abbey site in Silverado, OC Planning was "unable to provide reasoning" for why it was approved. Steve Duff said that the county could not change the conditions of approval now, but could respond to code violations. Abbey representatives could meet with Sil-Mod committee members.

Shane Silsby (county Director) now says Sil-Mod "guidelines" should be followed.

Supervisor Spitzer is willing to work on getting the specific plan passed by ordinance.

In response to concern about recent grading on Wilkinson Road in Modjeska, including Janet's question about conditions on the tract, owners Shelley and Harry said that guidelines were being followed, and smaller truckloads were being used over the bridge. They said that a Mitigated Negative Declaration was done, and that no notice about bulldozers was required.

Connie Nelson tried to contact former owner Gelbaum about development plans for Irvine Mesa land in Silverado. According to Janet and Steve, no applications for development are on file, and there is no conservation easement. Gelbaum is also reportedly a board member of present owners the Wildland Conservancy.

Linda May commented that specific plans like the Sil-Mod Plan are in danger. Janet added that new county staff also makes this a critical time; the committee could use more people.

c. BINGO---new committee

A motion was passed 5-0 to set up a new committee to research Bingo games in conjunction with the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District, make a plan, and report back with a detailed proposal. Kevin Topp, John Olson, Geoff Sarkissian, Steve Duff, and Linda May agreed to serve on the committee.

d. Friends of Children's Center---new committee

Francesca Duff reported that the Silverado Children's Center is doing well, now with 12 children and two teachers. Geoff said that the Children's Center should stay on the ICL agenda but not require a separate committee. John Olson said that all are welcome at the monthly SMRPD meetings. Phil McWilliams said that there is \$11,000 in the bank but that the SCC will continue to rely on fundraising. Kevin said that there will be such an event at Giracci this Friday.

The SCC summer program will include programs with Inside the Outdoors and Tucker.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March meeting were approved 4-0.

IV. Directors Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

1) GSOB/PSHB training

b. Secretary---Scott Breeden

No report.

c. Treasurer---Linda May

1. Not much activity. Financial report approved 4-0.

2. Unrestricted funds are about \$2500. We need to think about raising money.

d. Vice-President---open

A recent concern is possible development in the Irvine Mesa area of Silverado. Impacts could be access to the mesa from Anderson Way, plus traffic. Pam Ragland said there are two parcels owned by The Wildlands Conservancy. Is the owner having financial difficulties? Is this a case of a land trust set up to make money?

Geoff said that the owners should be sent a copy of the Sil-Mod Plan. Steve said that the Saddle Crest "precedence clause" lets the county approve whatever they like if it is in "overall harmony" with the plan. The recent plan changes need to be undone.

Wireless regulations: Steve said that Dean Brown, local resident and Vice-President of the California Wireless Association was helpful. Local concern is aesthetics of cell towers in the canyons. CAWA doesn't want to spend a lot of money on each change to a wireless facility like a cell tower.

Janet Wilson sent a personal letter to Supervisor Spitzer about apparent violations at the Abbey site in Silverado.

e. Director---Janet Wilson

No report (absent).

V. Advisory Committee Reports

a. **Emergency Disaster Preparedness** --- Joanne Hubble

The emergency equestrian center at the Silverado School site is moving forward. The county facility at the mouth of Modjeska will also be available.

b. **Canyon Watch**---Connie Nelson

Thanks to all who helped dig out Heidi and the Walters. Two tractors were used, and an invoice of \$300 remains to be paid.

Connie would like to spend some money (maybe \$2000) to fix continued reliability issues with the radio repeater. She is getting information from Gene Robinson and the Sheriff's Department. Perhaps unauthorized use of frequencies could also be addressed. Linda May and Geoff requested a budget, quotes, bids, etc.

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

There will be a swap meet fundraiser this Saturday and Sunday (4/11-4/12). Volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and donate items.

d. **Fund Raising**---open

Someone should step forward and look into the Bingo possibility.

e. **Canyon Accessibility Network**---Linda May

f. **Grants**--- open

No report.

g. Communications Committee--- Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

h. Bylaws, Rules & Procedures ---Bob Hunt

No report.

i. Fair Committee (inactive) ---Jane Bove

No report.

VI. Adjournment:

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: July 7, 2015*****

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