

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

a. Steve Duff---Janet Wilson

Steve Duff was chosen ICL president at a January 29 meeting of the ICL board. Unfortunately, Steve passed away suddenly. A motion to appoint Geoffrey Sarkissian to take over for Steve was passed 4-0.

b. New Officers---Janet Wilson

The board chose Linda May to be president, Janet Wilson as vice president, Scott Breeden as secretary, and Geoffrey Sarkissian as treasurer. Linda then chaired the rest of the meeting.

c. Other Announcements

Francesca Duff announced that a potluck gathering for Steve would take place February 25 from 1 to 4pm at the Silverado Community Center. All are invited to come share food and stories about Steve.

Lucille Cruz, Silverado librarian, is in the hospital. There is a card near the sign-in sheet that people can sign. There is also a card for Francesca.

III. Former Silverado Elementary School

County representatives presented information and answered questions about future use of the Silverado Elementary School site. Speakers were OC Public Libraries head Helen Fried, OC Public Libraries Regional Service Manager Jane Deeley, OC Parks Division Manager John Gannaway, and OC Parks Planning and Development Manager Scott Thomas. See Attachment I below for details.

IV. Director Reports

a. President---Janet Wilson

1. Wildlands Conservancy

Pam Ragland announced formation of an Irvine Mesa ad hoc grassroots group

b. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were approved 5-0.

c. Treasurer---Linda May

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was approved 5-0.

d. Director---Dion Sorrell

No report.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

The next swap meet fundraiser will be April 8-9, the weekend before Easter. Start saving things to bring.

b. Code Enforcement---Russell Taylor

Mary Schreiber was added to the committee. Janet said that a meeting with the county was productive; they are open to working something out.

c. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

There was a rain event, but no major problems thanks to Team Rubicon, Connie Nelson, and other volunteers like Dana for helping Pam with horses.

d. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Fun rain fact: 2017 rain so far is more than 2013-2014 combined.

VI. Adjournment

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: March 7, 2017 in Silverado *****

ATTACHMENT I

Notes on 2/7/2017 OC Parks/OC Public Libraries Presentation

Scott Thomas and John Gannoway, OC Parks; Helen Fried, Janet Deeley, OC Public Libraries.

Scott Thomas: Black Star Canyon Wilderness Park surrounds the site (Silverado School). Taking into account input from two public workshops, OCParks envisions the site being a place for people to come, play, enjoy the views, and learn (such as learning about the environment). Goals include respect for surrounding open space, following the Sil-Mod plan, rural dark sky, sustainability and native landscaping. Board of Supervisors approval of the overall plan is expected in March, with pursuit of funding/grants in April and ribbon cutting in June.

John Gannoway: Black Star conservation easements give flexibility; some hikes are being done now; plans are to expand that to seven days a week eventually. People want access. Hours of operation of the site will be library hours. First phase is library, multipurpose room, landscaping, and gating. Other areas will be addressed later: waiting to see/hear what's wanted. Meetings? Events? Also consider rehabilitating the Oak Grove and amphitheater for use. OC Parks would like to give SMRPD and ICL the ability to use facilities without OC Parks staff having to be present. They requested community input.

Helen Fried: New library space will be three times as big as the current library space, with separate children's area, more seating, and more space for programs, computers, and patrons' personal laptops/devices. Outside space will be used somehow—input welcome. ADA laws will be followed.

Responses to questions from cards:

1. Book drop box outside the gate is a traffic safety concern.
2. Walking trail in upper meadow area: For now, access when library is open. Still determining use patterns. Will see if parks people needed there. Nature Conservancy owns easements beyond site (access to Mesa Loop, for instance).
3. Library hours probably M-Th 10-7, Sat. 9-5, starting June.
4. Three free-standing buildings (not the 2 main buildings): To be handled in separate contracts later. Visitor Center (most recent school library) in Phase 2. Other portable classroom gone (was in bad shape).
5. Archives: Resident called them needed and important. Helen Fried stated there was not enough space because of child/YA space. Did library work with Friends of the Library on interior space? No, we have to go by current specifications; current space is too small. Question: what changed since last presentation? John Gannoway: Could share space in another building (shed)?
6. Used book sale area: Ms Fried is considering options like rolling book trucks for outside area; no good solution yet; need to work a bit.
7. Computer use: How was the number of computers determined, and are computers priority over books? Ms Fried: Based on use in other libraries; a moving number; can adjust; think not just Silverado residents. Livable space increased, books not reduced, movable shelving can adjust.
8. Security: A concern for library staff as well as patrons, like for programs after dark. OC Parks looking for sheriff access to parks space. Sheriff not always there; library looking into guards.
9. Parking: 40 main spaces now, 20 gravel "visitor" spaces, about 50 "event" spaces.
10. Multipurpose room size: (Refer to layout shown in plan documents.)
11. Horse trailer and horse access: Planned (schedule).
12. RC planes/drones: Not in any OC parks now; there are FAA rules and fire safety issues.
13. Walkable trail access to library: No plans for new trails, just what's there now.
14. What will the name of the new cat be? Cats not allowed in building; staff (and public) may have allergies. The community is very upset about this decision because a library cat has been a long tradition in our library and others across the country. County risk management department decision. No animals allowed that are not service animals.
15. OC Parks willing to buy Wildlands Conservancy land? Mr. Gannoway: we tried, but were not willing to meet requirements. OC Parks needs recreation; a park is not a conservancy.

16. OC Parks working with ICL/SMRPD for site access.
17. Annual pass required to visit? No.
18. Fiber optic/broadband in building? Don't know exact setup now. (Found out subsequently that fiber optics will be installed.)
19. Community Development Block Grant/other grant money? Something to work on after BOS approval.

Other questions/comments:

Time capsule believed buried on site.

Chili cookoffs, Country Fair? Yes, events welcome.

Will this be a big center? No, only 2 miles of trails, and no shuttle to other sites. Crossing Santiago Count Road is difficult.

8-10 desks shown in office space: could part of that be used for archives? Mr. Gannoway: Still determining. Ms Fried:

Shared space, limited, though. Some space needed for sorting books.

Archive space gone? Ms Fried: Don't remember archives from before.

Currently, archive access though not everything displayed.

Ms Fried: There are two archivists in the system. Digitizing makes material available for more people.

Resident would like to be part of the information center planned for the site.

Staff increase (shelving, etc.).

Would be good to have Friends of the Library work with the library.