

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 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

Zach Dupre said that the Silverado summer concerts could use more cardboard trash containers. Waste Management used to donate them, but now they want \$12 each.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Linda May

No report; see The Wildlands Conservancy meeting report.

b. Vice President---Janet Wilson

1. Red Rock Chateau Development Permit

The owner wants approval for commercial use of this Modjeska property for events like weddings. According to county planning director Colby Cataldi, this would not meet requirements of the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan. In a meeting with Supervisor Todd Spitzer, staff recommended no approval. The owner has the right to request a Planning Commission hearing anyway: this is scheduled for August 9. Staff is preparing a notice and report. Cataldi recommended going to this meeting. Geoff Sarkissian will follow up for ICL.

Fran Williams said that the last time this came up, one problem was adequate sewage. Janet said that technology is different now, but expensive. Another problem cited by Spitzer last time was parking on Santiago County Road.

Kevin Topp said that events are already being held, non-commercially, up to five a year. The owner wants to do “what Girachi is doing” but the Girachi property had an existing use permit.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were approved 3-0 (Linda and Geoff absent).

2. The Wildlands Conservancy meeting report (Mesa development)

Janet said that a recent letter in the Foothills Sentry from The Wildlands Conservancy was not factual. After the 6/29 public meeting with TWC, she sent a thank-you note to Paul and Zach of TWC and listed four proposals from the community about possible use of the Irvine Mesa land:

- Park district (SMRPD) take over.
- Transportation Corridor Agency: still interested in buying for mitigation? Which parcels are for sale?
- Private ownership—preserve it ourselves.
- Move forward, pave the main trail, preserve part, allow some homes.

Janet has not heard back from TWC.

Pam Ragland's committee has filed easements on some of the parcels, so they should show up in title searches.

She heard from Dana at TWC, who had questions about SMRPD having some say about trails.

d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report (absent).

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

Another Shakespeare performance at the Modjeska House is planned for September 30. This will be like the ones in June, organized by Tom Braddock of Chapman University, and will take place close around Madame Modjeska's 176th birthday. Look for an online notice on Nextdoor.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

1. Library Grand Opening

The new library is now open. The birds are wrapping up nesting, so air conditioning is on its way. The Grand Opening will be July 20 at 10am; FOL was asked to provide refreshments.

Children's activities are “tremendous.” Stuffed animals got to stay overnight once, where their “activities” were photographed by library staff. Shannon is the new permanent children's librarian. Ruth Loc, longtime

Silverado part-time aide, is temporarily assigned to the Heritage Library. Fran will let people know if anything needs to be done to get Ruth back afterwards.

Fran would also like to begin the process of thinking of retiring as head of Friends of the Library. She's made a list of tasks that people can choose to take on so one person does not have to do them all. For example, three people helped with the last swap meet fundraiser. The next swap meet is set for April. Helping kids with crafts could be another opportunity. If the county would like programs at the library, this might be easier at the new facility.

Archives: another volunteer opportunity. Fran and Bruce Newell are still talking to OC Parks about space. Ideas are welcome.

A boutique at the next Silverado Fair is planned. FOL has two Disneyland tickets to use; ICL needs to do something with the two others.

The Silverado Children's Center is hooked up with the new library, which should benefit the kids.

b. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

1. Fire Season

Gene Robinson reported a quiet Fourth of July: just a small fire, and a few fireworks found and taken to Station 15.

c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

1. Fire Season

Mary Schreiber announced that All Canyons Cleanup is coming. The Fire Save Council will attend the library grand opening. And the shothole borer was found in a tree in Modjeska: the county took it down since it was on the easement. Focus will probably be on trees across from Ben Melville. The borer is also "rampant" in O'Neil Park.

Janet asked if the community needs to take additional steps to fight the shothole borer. Mary said that Cathy Nowak at the county recommends calling UC Riverside for now.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: August 1, 2017 in Modjeska *****