

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Community Center

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

Phil McWilliams announced that Coastal Cleanup Day will be Saturday, September 16 from 9am-1pm: take a card, call or email Phil, and/or make a donation to Trails4All.

All Canyons Cleanup may also be the same day: bring old couches, etc. to bins at the Riviera in Silverado. Hazmat collection might be arranged, too.

Francesca Duff from the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District announced a special meeting for tomorrow at 6:30 pm in the Modjeska Community Center. Agenda items are information and discussion about The Wildlands Conservancy and Modjeska Community Center renovation.

Fran Williams said that Allison from Silverado will take over running the children's Halloween party from Connie Nelson. She will be asking ICL for donations and helpers.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Linda May

1. Public Works Response to our Letter

Linda hasn't called yet about ICL's letter to OCPW concerning planned Santiago County Road changes.

2. Board Terms

Linda's and Janet's terms on the ICL board expire at the end of 2017, and they do not plan on running again.

b. Vice President---Janet Wilson

1. Mesa Report

In response to four proposals sent to them, The Wildlands Conservancy indicated willingness to sell the Irvine Mesa property at a reduced price to SMRPD. SMRPD and the Transportation Corridor Agency are talking about buying. OC Parks is not participating, and all OCTA Measure M money has been spent.

Janet wrote a letter to Dana Rochet of TWC in response to her article in the Sentry.

Linda attended a "cordial, productive" meeting with SMRPD directors Debbie Johnson and Kevin Topp. TCA would like ICL/SMRPD to take the lead in purchasing. The hope is that people could "dust off old documents" from previous discussions. TCA would count the land as mitigation for destruction elsewhere. Usage would be open; the mesa area is already disturbed.

Janet's impression is that TWC staff introduced at the June community meeting see ICL and TWC as having similar missions.

TCA is aware that in addition to purchase cost, a non-wasting endowment is needed for inspections and care of the land. That cost needs to be determined.

Phil brought up the state's Habitat Conservation Fund again: while that money cannot be used to buy mitigation land for mountain lions, deer, or open space, grants are possible for signage, renovation, etc.

Linda also attended a strategic planning meeting of Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks. It seemed oriented toward urban parks.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The July minutes were approved 4-0 (Linda abstaining since she did not attend).

The June special meeting notes were approved 5-0 (Linda not abstaining since she chaired).

Back Street Recycling donated \$443 to ICL from recycling in the first half of 2017.

d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian

The ICL Treasury Report for May, 2017 was approved 5-0. Approval of the June report was put off until later.

Since February, Geoff has written two checks from the general fund. The Friends of the Library fund is "where all the action is."

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

1. More Shakespeare in the Park

Dion will start advertising the September 30 Modjeska House Shakespeare performance on NextDoor and the ICL website. There will be other activity at the Modjeska House that day as well.

Dion will also work with Marion Schuller on GMRS and HAM radio participation.

IV.

Committee Reports

a. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report (absent).

b. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

There was a good showing at the new library's grand opening.

Yesterday was the final party for the summer reading program. Seventy-nine people showed up (a record).

The primary change at the new library is expanded children's services (including story hours and crafts).

So far, Friends of the Library has spent mainly on a rug and toys. Another rug might be in the future. If we want the library to succeed, we need more people: see Fran's list of available volunteer opportunities.

Nothing is being said about assuring Ruth Loc's return to the canyon library. Fran has contact information for the library personnel supervisor; she suggests that people write to her. Linda asked that the information also be given to her, Dion, and Melody McWilliams.

At the library grand opening, Linda talked to John Gannaway of OC Parks. He said that the scheduler for this facility will be someone at O'Neil Park. SMRPD and ICL will have access through this scheduler; details about the gate/lock will have to be worked out. Linda thinks that a Memorandum of Understanding will probably be needed.

Fran also met John and saw the "closet" that ICL hopes to use for working on the local canyon archives formerly stored at the former library. Another meeting about locks, gates, etc. is planned.

c. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

Some maintenance was done on the repeater. Connie Nelson took over July 4th patrols.

Marion urged people to be aware in their travels, for things like people and fireworks. Take different routes home. You don't have to stop. Marion has a dash cam and cell phone.

Susan Hardy heard of fireworks being thrown out of a truck, a canyon resident following the truck into Orange and calling 911, and nobody responding. Marion said that it can take 45 minutes for someone to come. Get license plate numbers and keep calling. Radios are great when cell phones don't work.

Fran said that an astronomy group called rangers when they heard a noise in Black Star Canyon. There was a burned area near the gate; it could have become a terrible fire.

d. Country Fair---Jane Bove

This year's Silverado Country Fair will be October 14-15; applications are available. Help is sketchy; some people will not be back this year. Volunteer opportunities include admin booth, setup (Thursday/Friday before), teardown (Monday after), and parking.

Bar costs are way up this year, and bands want money. Jane proposed that a percentage of bar income go to fair fundraising instead of all to ICL.

The petting zoo will not return due to liability cost. If the Children's Center does not raffle tickets, perhaps ICL could raffle them.

Security is required by the alcohol permit. Linda said that last year, Chay Peterson hired security and ICL paid the bill.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: September 5, 2017 in Silverado *****