

INTER-CANYON LEAGUE



Agenda, ICL Monthly Meeting

December 6, 2016

Silverado Community Center

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **General Announcements**
 - a. Tree removal at Silverado Community Center--- Phil McWilliams
 - b. National Monument ---Phil McWilliams
 - c. Other announcements
- III. **Nominations for ICL Directors**
 - a. Positions Open
- IV. **Director Reports**
 - a. **President**---Geoffrey Sarkissian
 - 1) Committees of the ICL
 - b. **Secretary**---Scott Breeden
 - 1)Approval of Minutes
 - c. **Treasurer**---Linda May
 - d. **Vice-President**---Steve Duff
 - e. **Director**---Janet Wilson
- V. **Advisory Committee Reports**
 - a. **Friends of the Library**---Fran Williams
 - b. **Holiday Helpers**---Pam Ragland
 - c. **Country Fair**---Jane Bove, Chay Peterson
 - d. **Canyon Watch**---Marion
 - e. **Sil-Mod Plan**---Janet Wilson
 - f. **Emergency Preparedness**---Joanne Hubble
- VI. **ICL Elections Coming up In January**
- VII. **Adjournment:**

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: Tuesday, January 3, 2017*****

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

a. Tree removal at Silverado Community Center---Phil McWilliams

Two trees will be removed; ideas for replacement are welcome.

b. National Monument---Phil McWilliams

Representative Ed Royce's "Santa Ana Mountains to the Sea National Monument" proposal just needs a presidential signature. People are working to push this through the Obama administration. The ICL joined in a letter of support for the measure.

c. Other announcements

Bruce Newell announced that the Canyon Emergency Preparedness Academy will be offered once again. Signup sheets are available for all those interested.

The Collar property is reportedly in escrow for \$900,000.

Modjeska Community Center sheds, etc. will be discussed at an upcoming SMRPD meeting (next year).

III. Nominations for ICL Directors

a. Positions Open

Three seats are open, currently held by Geoff Sarkissian, Steve Duff, and Scott Breeden.

Steve and Scott agreed to run for another term, and Dion Sorrel of Modjeska was nominated to replace Geoff, who is stepping down this year.

IV. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

1. Committees of the ICL

Geoff performed his latest, updated version of the "Committees of the ICL" song.

b. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved 4-0 (Linda abstaining since she was not at that meeting).

c. Treasurer---Linda May

The Fire Relief fund had no activity and is essentially unchanged at about \$80,000.

The Library fund has about \$30,000.

One ICL expense should have been a Canyon Watch expense; this will be fixed.

The ICL (not including Library or Canyon Watch) has about \$26,000 cash on hand, or about \$21,000 after expected expenses. Unrestricted funds are estimated at about \$15,000.

d. Vice President---Steve Duff

No report.

e. Director---Janet Wilson

The letter that ICL voted to send the county about code enforcement problems "fell through the cracks" but this is expected to be fixed. Bruce Newell would like to see the letter, and Janet suggested that he work with Russ Taylor (author of the letter) in pursuing the issue (older homes vs. newer building codes). The county seems to be insisting that when there are no records for a structure, any construction is new construction, subject to current

codes. Bruce said that county records are “in a mess” with some lost. Stories of records being lost in a fire might be just stories. There was never a permit for the Modjeska Community Center. According to Russ, someone needs to tell planning workers that it's OK to bend rules.

V. **Advisory Committee Reports**

a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Zach Dupre reported that Fran was out for cataract surgery.

Geoff announced that the swap meet fundraiser is Friday, with a book sale and Disneyland ticket raffle. Fran is trying to get help.

Geoff also said that Meghan, the library cat, had tumors and was taken home by a canyon resident for care. The county also said that cats are no longer allowed in its libraries because some people are allergic to them. Also not in the library now: librarian Lucille Cruz (on temporary leave of absence), and library pages (“constantly reappointed temporary” employees according to the labor union).

Linda May would like someone from the county library system to come talk about what's going on. Debbie Johnson said that the county should interface with ICL or SMRPD rather than Friends of the Library, historically a fundraising committee. Linda said that ICL would initiate connect; she will call Helen Fried.

b. Holiday Helpers---Pam Ragland

Pam's committee will try going out to businesses this/next year. They are also hoping to have a drop-off box or booth at this year's Christmas in the Canyons event. There will be a box at Mary Baldrige's house in Modjeska, and donations may also be made online at the ICL web site.

c. Country Fair---Jane Bove, Chay Peterson

No report.

d. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

Cle Robinson reported no “official” activity this month.

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

After hearing secondhand about an upcoming county vote on the Crocker property in Modjeska, Janet asked why there was no public notice. Public Works Director Shane Silsby told her that no such notice was required for Board of Supervisors meetings.

There is no news on the Irvine Mesa property. The problem with the county purchasing the land was not money, but securing a willing seller—a “moving target.” Due to a legal settlement over toll roads and the Trestles beach, there is \$28 million available county-wide for land purchases. Pam said that whoever owns the Mesa must acknowledge easements. According to Janet, Supervisor Spitzer said that could be pursued.

Phil mentioned a state mountain lion preservation fund as a possible resource.

Steve Duff, Ray Chandos, and Gloria Sefton met with OCPW Director Silsby and two engineers about Santiago Canyon Road. The county said they would not want to revert traffic measurement back to the method used before the Saddle Crest lawsuit because they are trying to bring the road up to meet traffic requirements without doubling the road. The Master Plan of Arterial Highways shows the road as four lanes. Their belief is that reverting to the old method would accelerate conversion to four lanes as the only way to meet traffic projections.

Janet said that the MPAH story is a “shell game” which she has heard before.

Pam said that mountain lions are affected by light (such as from traffic warning lights).

ICL can post on its web site the address of where residents can send comments to the county about proposed changes to Santiago Canyon Road.

f. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

VI. ICL Elections Coming Up in January

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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