

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Treasurer Duff.

II. General Announcements

Bruce Newell reported that the Irvine Ranch Water District will be upgrading pump stations and replacing the reservoir at the mouth of Silverado, which should take about a year. Mary Schreiber spoke about the mountain lion spotted recently in Silverado. Nicknamed “Limpy” on NextDoor, it has caused some residents to ask if it should be captured and treated for an apparent injury. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, it’s better to leave it alone. Once captured, such animals are difficult to return to the wild. Bear Bridges added that a similar Santa Monica Mountains “limpy” lion has been doing fine for ten years. He contacted the Mountain Lion Foundation, which Francesca Duff will try to have come out and present more information. Our local lions are endangered: there might be only 17 of them between Ortega Highway and Chino Hills, and each male lion really needs about 100 square miles to roam. People can help by leaving them alone: do not try to feed them, or the deer which they normally eat.

III. Election of Directors

ICL voting members in attendance elected Francesca Duff to another term as Director.

IV. Discussion

a. Street Lights & Post Office Lights, Update

Paul Dixon reported that Southern California Edison (SCE) has not yet removed the Grundy Lane street lights, one of which has now been shot out. He is not optimistic about the LED lights along Silverado Canyon Road. It was suggested last month that we research lighting near the Palomar Observatory and ask SCE for the same thing. But since Silverado Canyon Road is surrounded by national forest, and the Forest Service does not want any lights, is any research required? Shouldn’t SCE already know what type of lighting is required here? Pam Ragland added that bright lights violate the Sil-Mod Plan. Francesca felt that people need to be vocal about seeking change: “It’s up to us to make it happen.” The ICL board can write a letter to Supervisor Wagner, but individuals can write, too. Mary offered to deliver a letter at a January 25 Forest Service meeting.

b. Long Term Strategies for Keeping a Darker Sky in the Canyons

Paul said that the International Dark-Sky Association might be of help, but besides membership, he did not know if the organization could provide visitors or advice.

V. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report (absent).

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

For people who now have GMRS radios, practice using them. Don’t worry—regulations aren’t as strict as for ham radio. Try different locations, channels, and weather conditions. Listen to the noise—you can even hear solar flares.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

Recycling at the Silverado Community Center raised \$478 for ICL over the last six months. The minutes of the December ICL meeting were approved 3-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

The biggest item for the month was Holiday Helpers (see below). The financial report was approved 3-0.

VI. Advisory Committee Reports

a. **Santa's Helpers**---Pam Rass

Donations totaled \$770, which was distributed to six canyon families needing a little help over the holidays. Concerning one issue, Francesca affirmed that ICL's intent was for recipients to be anonymous.

b. **History**---Melody McWilliams

Fran Williams said that digitizing information continues, and volunteers are welcome.

c. **Country Fair: Distribution of Proceeds**---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Jane Bove, committee chair, reported that she agreed with Geoff's final distribution recommendation. Francesca already wrote the check for Evan Crocker, and will distribute the remaining funds as shown in Geoff's email.

d. **Canyon Watch / Fire Watch**---Anthony Mack, Emily Graham

Anthony said that it was a slow month, which is good. He has programmed and distributed at cost 22 GMRS radios, so far, to people who requested them. He is planning to teach a class January 28 about how to get a license and use these radios.

e. **Emergency Preparedness**---Joanne Hubble

"No news is good news."

f. **Land Use**---Scott Breeden

The county Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt all the "Orange is the New Green" zoning code changes except for the tree ordinance: they would rather have language affecting only the Sil-Mod area be in the Sil-Mod Plan.

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

The library put on a "Noon Year's Eve" party (at noon) featuring activities for children. The next library fundraiser will be a swap meet around the end of May; donations and volunteer help are welcome.

h. **Communications**---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

Dion will put a link to the Canyon Watch folder on the ICL website.

VII. New Business

Joanne plans on contacting Supervisor Wagner again about jet noise over her house. This is apparently due to the Metroplex change for satellite-based air traffic control, so planes are not flying exactly where they used to. The trouble seems to be with LAX flights.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held February 4, 2020 at the Silverado Community Center *****