

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

Fran Williams reported that OC Parks is working on getting a room available for voting at the Library of the Canyons site.

Geoffrey Sarkissian has invited both County Third District Supervisor candidates to attend an ICL-sponsored candidates forum but has not received answers so far.

III. Mountain Lions and You, In Review---Francesca Duff

Francesca related highlights from the recent mountain lion presentation, and demonstrated a simple noisemaker for discouraging attack—it has a lower pitch than a whistle, because lions associate higher pitch (like from small children) with prey. If confronted, you should not run, and should try to look big. Keep children close. Rodenticide leads to mange and weakness in lions. A Temecula housing development is a threat to lion survival unless a big overpass is provided. OC park visitors should be aware of risk.

IV. Street Lights & Post Office Lights & Dark Skies—Updates

Silverado street lights and post office lights are still very bright. Mary Schreiber said that this makes it difficult for drivers on Silverado Canyon Road to see pedestrians. Some people are unaware that too much light can be a problem. Perhaps the problem requires larger-scale action, like a dark skies ordinance. This could be a good question for Supervisor candidates. Scott Breeden will research petitioning the Board of Supervisors.

V. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Proposal to sponsor supervisor candidates forum, 3rd District OC Supervisors Election: See General Announcements.

Acoustic curtains for the Modjeka Community Center: Geoff has taken measurements (mirrors 92” high with 36” wall space above). Curtains and sound absorption could be used on the mirrored wall, and acoustic panels on the opposite wall.

Regarding solar panels, Geoff found out that Southern California Edison (SCE) will not pay customers much for any electricity generated that is more than what the customer has historically used, so that’s a disincentive to install more panels. Janet Wilson told him that people could form their own electric utility, but industry veteran Dennis Lambert advised against that since he said that SCE might not provide backup in that case.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

People with GMRS radios need to overcome shyness about using them. And current users need to recruit others to pass the knowledge on: by meetings, web site, or what? One suggestion was a fixed (perhaps weekly) time for everyone with a radio to call in and chat.

There are about 500 Silverado-Modjeska households; ideally, each would have a radio.

Regarding Canyon Watch, Mary Schreiber is identifying walkable sections of Silverado Canyon that block captains could be responsible for. Anthony Mack proposed a budget

that includes \$4,000 this year for equipping ten block captains with base stations. Mobile and hand-held radios are also encouraged, but would have to be paid for by other means. The Franklin repeater was lowered some years ago. This cut down on chatter from boats, etc. but Joanne Hubble has trouble receiving. Canyon reception is being investigated.

A recent meeting was successful in helping seven residents to obtain their GMRS licenses.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

The minutes of the January ICL meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

Both insurance bills were paid, and Country Fair proceeds were distributed per Geoff's recommendation without declined extra Fair committee and park district amounts, leaving \$750 more in the general fund. Some library funds were spent on nutritional education.

The financial report was approved 4-0.

VI. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Anthony Mack, Emily Graham

Canyon Watch budget: A budget was submitted—see Director Reports above.

Communications during blackout: no report.

SCE & CPUC & Cox & Verizon: no report.

GMRS radio rollout—Anthony Mack: Geoff drafted an agreement form for Canyon Watch to use when lending radio equipment to people. Slightly amended, this was approved 4-0.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Vicki Osborn, our Sheriff's Department emergency liaison, is no longer with the department.

c. History---Melody McWilliams

Melody would like to buy a new \$650 scanner to replace one that died. Since there is enough money in the committee's account, she can do that (provided that ICL gets receipts).

d. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

e. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

The Tustin library donated an extra outdoor sign holder.

Some recordings made by Cal State Fullerton years ago have deteriorated. The library would like to replace them once a price is obtained from CSUF.

The library would like a new iPad for children's programs. Keith Edwards might be able to provide one. Fran will forward contact information to Jon at the library.

This year is the 90th anniversary of the canyon library joining the county library system.

For the May swap meet fundraiser, the committee will be begging for donations and assistance, especially canopy assistance on the Friday setup day.

VII. New Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held March 3, 2020 at the Silverado Community Center *****