

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Geoff relayed messages from Fran Williams: (1) The book sale at the library is continuing, featuring books for \$1 each on Saturdays. (2) What are some suggestions for what Friends of the Library should spend money on?

Mary Schreiber said that Southern California Edison (SCE) may turn power off Wednesday night because of increased fire danger.

b. Active Transportation Plan

OC Public Works gave an online presentation today and sought community input on possible pedestrian and bicycle traffic improvements in the canyons.

Geoff and others felt that the types of improvements mentioned would not be wanted here, with the possible exception of separate bike lanes away from motor traffic on Santiago Canyon Road. Pam Ragland mentioned that some horse trails have been paved, which is undesirable for equestrians.

Francesca Duff said that ICL would not need to express an official position at this point, but residents should express their opinions on the website provided by the county. Joanne Hubble will get links from today's meeting.

c. Holiday Helpers---Pam Ragland

Pam will put posters in the post office and library; she has already received a few donations. See the ICL website to donate or to nominate someone for help. To volunteer help, let Pam know or fill out the form on the website.

Other seasonal charities include the OC Fire Authority's Spark of Love, and Operation Santa Claus and Operation Senior Santa, to which people can contribute at the library. Blankets and bathrobes are always welcome as Senior Santa donations. This year, Spark of Love is not collecting toys at fire stations, but people can donate money online.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Michele Agopian and Rusty Morris were elected to the Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) board of directors.

The ICL will elect three members to its board of directors in January. Francesca nominated Geoff Sarkissian, Scott Breeden, and Dion Sorrell for another term.

Scott said that ICL bylaws specify voting by ballot for directors, but to accommodate voting when meetings are online, the board could change the ballot requirement since that would not affect the voting rights of any members. Geoff said that the board will take up that issue at the next meeting.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

The major expense last month was \$1,059 for insurance. A bill for \$1,500 for the replacement radio repeater in Modjeska is now due, and the board has agreed to cover that with accumulated interest from the Fire Relief Fund. Since the formal financial report for this month could not be completed in time, it will be considered at a later meeting.

Pam Ragland wondered if fire relief interest, or grants, could be used to be more proactive in anticipating future power outages, such as by adding solar panels and batteries at the community centers. Francesca said that SMRPD would be in charge of anything at the community centers.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Canyon Watch Committee

Cle Robinson said that additional frequencies are planned for the repeaters in order to avoid occasional interference from ships, for example.

A message from Bic Edwards was to charge radio batteries in case the power goes off tomorrow. And try to do regular call-ins on Wednesday instead of Thursday this week.

Dion Sorrell volunteered to head a committee including at least Mary, Pam, and Joanne Hubble to work with Verizon on backup power for cellular communication in power outages. Suggestion from Mary: "Offer solutions, not complaints." Suggestion from Geoff: "Get Cle on the job." Janet Wilson noted that Cox is installing solar power equipment.

Mary reminded people about two current programs to remove dead and dying trees and to inspect trees for borer infestation. For borers, treatment, not removal, would be tried first. Modjeska oaks seem to be in good shape, but O'Neil Park is heavily infected.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

A Red Flag with high wind watch is in effect, and SCE is thinking of turning our power off again tomorrow.

c. History---Melody McWilliams

No report.

d. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

e. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

(See General Community Announcements above.)

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held January 5, 2021 via live streaming *****