

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Mary Schreiber said that the mountain lion recently trapped and relocated out of Williams Canyon was caught again. This time it was collared and relocated to Camp Pendleton. Mary also announced that the Fire Safe Council received \$3,000 and “bling” (a popup canopy, T shirts, whistles, etc.) for fire safety education, to debut at the next Chipper Days. Bruce Newell and Danny Graham expect to offer another CEPA (Canyon Emergency Preparedness Academy) program “soon,” covering first aid, fire extinguishers, and other emergency training. One thing that is difficult to practice via Zoom is CPR.

b. Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary Update

Bo Glover, Executive Director of the Environmental Nature Center (ENC), reported that he was in the middle of “phase one” of assessing needs at the Tucker site prior to re-opening to the public. He would like to have a community “meet and greet” event to hear what people like and want for the future.

One of Bo’s concerns is providing ADA-compliant restrooms. In response to Jenny Scott’s question about whether a “semi-portable” restroom with a wheelchair ramp would be cheaper, Bo said that in the long run, remodeling was expected to pay for itself.

Mike Evans of Tree of Life Nursery helped evaluate the current plantings, but any new planting would not occur until after summer. The ENC still does not have permission to turn on utilities (water and electricity), but Bo expects that to change in a couple of weeks. Still to be resolved are issues related to California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), which formerly handled donations, among other things. Bo hopes that CSUF could at least provide some “seed money,” along with turning over control of the Tucker website. Francesca Duff, one of the volunteers currently providing water and food for the birds, said that someone gave her \$6. Bo expects that more donations can be accepted (in person or online) once Tucker reopens.

c. Country Fair—Jane Bove

No report.

d. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

The generator backup for the Silverado repeater is still being worked on; Keith speculated that it might even need to be sold and replaced. Danny Brown donated some propane tanks. Keith is also taking steps to deter theft. Francesca wondered if the equipment should be insured, based on its cost. Cle Robinson wondered if the property owner’s insurance would cover it; Geoff said that he would talk to him.

e. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

f. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams

No report.

g. CAN Committee—Dion Sorrell

Perhaps one activity geared toward people with mobility needs could be a tour of the Modjeska House, but it's not clear if the house is ADA compliant—Dion would need to contact the park ranger in charge. An alternative might be a tour of the grounds.

h. Grant Applications: SCE & Calif. Fire Foundation—Francesca Duff

A medical help program (but probably not CPR classes) might qualify for an SCE grant—those are awarded in \$500 increments. What are the needs? Emergency “go bags?”

Francesca hopes to hear from the California Fire Foundation this month about the proposed grant for radio equipment.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoffrey read aloud some thank-you notes from people who received grants from the ICL for losses due to the Bond Fire: Larry and Carol Pfaffly, Sandi Dunn, Audrey Ephland, Craig and Beverly Vincent, and Sheryl Edgar and Jeff Carlson.

b. Vice President—Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the May meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

The Friends of the Library account increased by ten cents, from bank interest. The general account, though, suffered a loss of \$25 due to annual filing fees for some of the forms required by four different agencies. And \$80,000 was given away, but that doesn't count as a loss (this month, anyway).

The May financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

Susan Hardy mentioned that the City of San Juan Capistrano cited LART (the Large Animal Response Team) as “indispensable” in keeping people informed.

Rich Pfeiffer requested that the Anderson Way creek in Silverado be a discussion topic next month: dirt deposited by the upper creek “disaster” could impact the neighborhood again in the next rainstorm.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held July 6, 2021 via live streaming *****