

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. Zoom vs. Live Meetings—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff plans on coming up with a policy for accommodating COVID safeguards while providing good video quality in hybrid meetings.

b. General Community Announcements

None.

c. TRASH TALK: OC Waste & Recycling

Isabell Kerins introduced OC Waste & Recycling representatives Kevin Gaxiola, Steven Halligan, and Jo Anne Taylor, who in turn introduced Waste Management representatives Ashley Brunier and Cristina Perez.

Many changes to trash pickup and fees coming in January are due to new state regulations: the goal is reducing generation of pollutants like methane by recycling more organic material instead of dumping it in landfills.

Food waste, for example, will be accepted in the same bin as green waste (typically tree and yard trimmings), except for animal bones. Bin colors will also be standardized for all trash haulers: blue for recyclables, green for green waste, and black for trash. Animal waste fees in the canyons are expected to be the same as in Orange Park Acres.

Recyclables (cans, plastic, paper, etc.) should be put in the bin loose, not bagged, except for shredded paper which can be put in paper or cardboard containers inside the bin. Broken glass should go in the trash, for the safety of workers who process recyclables.

For residents who get trash picked up at their house but not green waste or recycling, Ashley and Cristina suggested contacting Waste Management, though they also mentioned terms like "hard to service areas", "special truck", "special service rates not changing", and "'Operations' will look into private roads."

d. Canyon Cleanup—Steve Kerrigan et al

Steve Kerrigan is taking over from Phil McWilliams as director of this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day activities in the canyons. Volunteers will pick up trash along Santiago Canyon Road, Black Star Canyon Road, etc. The expected date is the third Saturday of September (8am-noon), and will probably coincide with a Fire Safe Council "chipper day" for collecting green waste.

e. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Geoff reported that Joanne is still working on getting AT&T wireless service. He also said that cleaning out Silverado's Anderson Way creek after the last debris flow would be a "huge amount of work." Anderson resident Rich Pfeiffer will try to get a dollar estimate.

f. Country Fair—Jane Bove

Jane is planning on only about 35 booths list year, not 50, and has received a few completed applications that were sent to prior year participants. She does not expect problems with the Health Department. She will start posting volunteer meeting notices on Nextdoor. Geoff will continue talking to Chay Peterson about beer and wine sales. Donations would be appreciated, but she is not getting the people that were available for the last fair. Zach Dupree has lined up bands who will play for free. Geoff said that fair income will be needed for insurance. Francesca Duff added that ICL is also expecting a \$9,600 bill that is not insurance-related.

g. Safety in Canyons—general discussion

No report.

h. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Bic Edwards thanked the "amazing" volunteers who patrolled or watched the roads for potential trouble July 4th weekend.

i. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams

Fran said that the recent swap meet was very successful, raising about \$3,500 for programs at the library, as soon as the library gets permission to have programs again. She would also like to hear from anyone interested in supporting the library by taking over some of her committee activities.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

Canyon recyclers raised \$726.69 for ICL during the first six months of 2021.

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

Besides receiving income from the swap meet, Friends of the Library donated \$360 to the library's summer reading program. The June financial report was approved 4-0.

Francesca said that escrow has been extended to iron out title report problems at the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary. She has enough birdseed and sugar at her house to last until the end of July, but the birds and animals need water.

Francesca also said that SCE awarded ICL a \$9,500 grant for counseling services and medical aid volunteers in emergencies. In return for 100% funding by SCE, they will get their logo on supplies like first aid kits.

IV. New Business

Mike Boeck recommended inspecting the contract recently awarded to Waste Management:

He said that a proposed rate increase some years ago was withdrawn because of a violation in that contract.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held August 3, 2021 via live streaming *****