

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian announced the OC Public Works Bond Fire Scar Area Virtual Town Hall for Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 6PM: See OCPublicWorks.com/BondDebris.

b. ICL will have a booth at Christmas in the Canyons Saturday, December 11, 10am-4pm. It will provide information about ICL programs, like at the Country Fair.

c. Canyon History: Silverado Mineral Springs—Melody McWilliams

Geoff shared the copy of a 1930s-era brochure provided by Melody which extolled the benefits of a mineral springs spa in the Shadybrook area of Silverado.

d. ICL Nominations & Upcoming Election—Geoffrey Sarkissian & Scott Breeden

Geoff nominated Francesca Duff for another term as ICL Director, and Francesca nominated Celeste Veerkamp. Dion Sorrell has resigned from the board.

e. CEPA: Canyon Emergency Preparedness Academy—Bruce Newell

Danny Graham described the planned sessions as based on FEMA emergency response training information, touching on fire, earthquakes, gas, defensible space, and some first aid—how to be safe in emergencies. Anyone can sign up, space permitting, for the Sunday evening sessions beginning January 9, 6:30-9pm.

f. Holiday Helpers—Pam Rass

Pam made flyers with QR codes this year, and Francesca put a Donate button on the ICL website home page. Anyone can make a donation, or nominate someone who could use a little extra help with gifts, rent, or whatever over the holidays. Non-cash contributions like firewood are also welcome. All names are kept confidential.

g. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

No report.

h. Emergency Preparedness—Joanne Hubble

Joanne is trying to determine what materials are needed. This year, the county is supplying empty sandbags and loose sand. Geoff said that ICL has limited funds, and would need an organized proposal for specific items before paying for anything.

Rich Pfeiffer presented his idea for fire preparation boxes containing fire hose, a wrench, protective gear, etc., for use in emergencies. He built such a box at his house, available for anyone to use, and said that he never expected to use it, but he did when the Bond Fire broke out just uphill from him. He would like to see these somewhere near every hydrant. This would not be an ICL-sponsored program.

i. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams needs successor!!

Fran said that a few people have expressed interest in helping to run the committee, but no commitment. She said that it is in good financial shape. Geoff said that he could meet with the current librarian about what role Friends of the Library might play.

j. FEMA Grant for Debris Mitigation—Rich Pfeiffer, Mary Schreiber
No report.

k. Grants—Francesca Duff

First aid kits from the SCE grant are coming, and can be used for CEPA. Other SCE grant funds might be used for a mental health crisis support group.

This is the last call for “stories” telling the California Fire Foundation how the Canyon Radio Net has supported the community. Francesca has received contributions from Rich Pfeiffer and Keith Edwards.

l. Boxcar Bridge to Nowhere—Jim Sill

OC Parks told Jim that accepting free dirt to cover the bare riprap hauled into the Modjeska Reserve would be a problem since the “gift” would be worth over \$10,000. And there is no money for covering the bare cinder blocks, either. Jim feels that the parks department violated their own CEQA document. He said that they don’t deny screwing up, but they say that they can’t do anything about it now. He will be meeting with them again.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report

b. Vice President—Open

No report

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

A motion to amend Article 13, Section 7 of the ICL Bylaws to eliminate the sentence

"Election of Directors, however, shall be by ballot," making it consistent with the January, 2021 amendment of Article 13, Section 2, was approved 3-0.

The minutes of the November meeting were also approved 3-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

A 10-year depreciation for the new radio repeater equipment is planned. Licenses will also cost money, along with an expected January insurance bill. At least \$600 was donated in memory of Gene Robinson.

The Country Fair netted about \$10,000, not including beer sales. Jane Bove gave some of that to Friends of the Silverado Children’s Center. More T shirts will be available at Christmas in the Canyons.

The November financial report was approved 3-0.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held January 4, 2022 via live streaming *****