

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian noted the upcoming election for three seats on the Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) Board of Directors.

Bic Edwards and others were thanked for patrolling over the Fourth of July weekend.

b. Canyon History Committee

Melody McWilliams shared a 1970 newspaper article about the Women’s Auxiliary

Firefighters of Silverado and Modjeska. Mrs. Pigmon was quoted as saying that they mostly did rescue and first aid, but "we can handle a fire hose if we have to."

c. Country Fair—Jane Bove

Chay Peterson is contacting bands. A generator will probably need to be rented. Celeste Veerkamp volunteered to donate wine, but beer is still needed—Wendy Esteras suggested an “Adopt-a-Keg” program.

d. Fire Safe Council & ICL—Co-sponsorship of events

Francesca Duff announced that ICL has applied for a grant to pay for Chipper Days to be co-sponsored by the Fire Safe Council (FSC). ICL may co-sponsor additional events if those require insurance that FSC does not have.

e. Edison Grant—Francesca Duff

The most recent grant was funded, which will pay for emergency-use items like small solar cell chargers, water purification, and bright yellow loaner radios engraved "ICL".

f. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Fourth of July weekend was “interesting,” but there were no fires. Police were called on some kids with fireworks near Black Star Canyon. Fireworks could be heard elsewhere but could not be pinpointed.

Francesca said that although illegal activity in the National Forest continues to be reported, the Forest Service says that it does not have enough people to patrol the area. The gate at the top of Silverado Canyon Road is also the only forest entrance currently open.

Besides occasionally leading vehicles out of the forest at 20 to 25mph, Canyon Watch is compiling a record of violations to present to the Highway Patrol and Forest Service.

Geoff said that he would like the Forest Service to either control the vehicles or close the gate.

But fixing the situation might require pressure at the Federal level. A motion by Celeste that ICL write a letter to Congressional representatives was passed 4-0.

g. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

The summer reading program is continuing, and there was a bubble party—a large wand made soap bubbles big enough to stand in.

Friends of the Library will be holding a boutique fundraiser at the Silverado Fair again this year, so anyone who’d like to donate good-quality items for sale can give them to Janet.

h. Fire in Modjeska—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff reported that a fire in Modjeska was reportedly started by batteries being charged.

Bruce Newell said that lithium batteries in particular have a "shelf life," and old ones can swell and catch fire, even when out of the charger. Bruce also recommended unplugging chargers when not in use.

Related to safety, Rich Pfeiffer said that he proposed an idea to county Code Enforcement:

Instead of only responding to complaints from neighbors, why not declare a one-year amnesty period during which homeowners could request safety inspections of possibly unpermitted work? If found safe, the work would be grandfathered in as compliant instead of cited. Rich said that Code Enforcement did not think canyon people would go along with the idea, but at least one ICL attendee said that it sounded like a great idea.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

Resolutions required by Bank of America in order to add Janet as an ICL account user were approved 4-0.

For the first six months of 2022, recycling raised around \$700 for ICL.

Scott said that at today's SMRPD committee meeting, directors agreed to look into some suggested changes to the new insurance and facility use agreements, and that SMRPD's insurance carrier had not yet responded to other questions. Geoff said that he would like something friendlier. SMRPD Director Jessie Bullis said that laws have changed, and directors can be sued personally if rules are not followed, but groups can ask for waivers.

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

About \$300 was spent last month on GMRS radios, \$150 on magnetic Canyon Watch signs, and \$360 on the library bubble party.

The June financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:30pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held August 2, 2022 *****
Live (also via Zoom)