

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 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 noted that three seats are open in the upcoming Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) election, with an August 12 deadline for people to file for candidacy. Also, the Xacalli Kitchen restaurant will be opening in Silverado.

Jessie Bullis mentioned that concerts in the Silverado park will continue on the third Saturday of this month and next.

b. Canyon History Committee

Melody McWilliams provided an excerpt from a 1923 payroll book for Silverado's Blue Light Mine: a miner was paid \$4.50 a day, with \$10 deducted monthly for house rent. A website displaying items like this is coming soon.

c. Country Fair—Jane Bove

The first meeting of interested volunteers will be August 6 at the Corral (market) in Silverado.

T shirts and flyers are about ready; a tie-dye theme will honor the Cubensis band that performed here many times. RBS-trained alcohol servers are needed; Susan Hardy volunteered to help sell beer tickets. Construction help is needed prior to opening day. Geoff said that insurance will be more expensive this year, and a generator must be rented.

d. Fire Safe Council & ICL—Chipper Days

Francesca Duff announced that the California Fire Foundation approved a \$5,000 grant to ICL for co-sponsoring about three Chipper Days which the Fire Safe Council will run. The first event will be September 17, the date of All Canyons Cleanup, for which SMRPD is working on getting dumpsters.

Mary Schreiber also said that the Fire Safe Council is trying to arrange a community potluck for September 8, which will also feature fire safety information.

e. Safety Issues

Geoff is planning on having more generator information next month, and at the potluck. Also see the SCE website for information about grants for generators.

f. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Bic is gathering data about problems, but holding off on sharing that with law enforcement and the Forest Service for now. When she noticed CHP using flares on Silverado Canyon Road, though, she told an officer about LED flares, and he liked the idea. Bic estimated that including LED flares in the normal Canyon Watch/Fire Watch equipment bags might cost about \$120 total.

Geoff said that there is no gate closure initiative now, but he talked to Forest Service District Ranger Daryl Vance about complaints concerning traffic and other problems at the forest entrance at the end of Silverado Canyon. Daryl said that if letters were sent to Congressional representatives about forest issues, the first thing that Congressional staff

would do is contact him. He also said that Forest Service law enforcement is controlled by Washington, not local offices, and that enforcement is daylight only. And he did not think closing the gate on July 4 was necessary because few fires are started by fireworks. Daryl seemed friendly, and is willing to come speak to ICL if it's not "a yelling session."

g. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

The summer reading program is over, which included several programs. Once they had to move to "the big room" in the other building because there were so many kids.

The next library event is the fundraising boutique at the Country Fair.

h. Dredging Project Update

The big dirt pile near the Silverado Community Center was removed, and OC Public Works (OCPW) held a public meeting to answer questions about waivers sent to residents near the planned creek-dredging areas. Contractors have been hired, but OCPW wants to make sure they can use private streets to haul out dirt. Contractors must repair any damage that they cause. Mary Schreiber offered to help translate street addresses to mailing addresses. Since the county does not have records of what many spots looked like before the debris flows occurred, residents talking to contractors before work starts would be a good idea.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Owners of the Corral next to the Silverado Market liked the idea of hosting ICL meetings.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breedon

Paperwork for ICL to sponsor monthly recycling in Silverado was submitted to SMRPD.

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

\$1,500 was spent on co-sponsoring a Chipper Day with the Fire Safe Council. It is hoped that future grants will fund future Chipper Days. About \$129 was spent on Canyon Watch signs for cars; more will be needed for Modjeska. Friends of the Library was "busy" with programs. And there are still open spots for volunteer first aid training.

The July financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

Bruce Newell noted that the Irvine Ranch Water District has awarded a contract for building a new reservoir at the corner of Silverado Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held September 6, 2022 *****
Live (also via Zoom)