

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Silverado Community Center and Live Streaming**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian invited everyone to participate in the pickleball tournaments being held at the Silverado park every other Saturday from 11 to 1. The next event will be March 18. Canyon Cleanup Day will take place March 25 at the Riviera across from the Silverado Community Center.

Scott Breeden said that copies of the latest Foothills Sentry are at the library, Silverado market, Silverado cafe, and Mary Schreiber’s information board outside the post office.

III. GSOB Update

Geoff reported that posters warning about the goldspotted oak borer threat are expected to arrive by Friday. The ICL board authorized spending about \$500 for 2 by 3 foot vinyl signs costing about \$20 each, plus shipping.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Land Use—Janet Wilson

Janet is concerned about mud coming down from grading of hillsides near 27843 Modjeska Canyon Road, where apparently no permits have been issued.

Meanwhile, at the four “Crocker lots” near the mouth of Modjeska Canyon, Janet reported that (1) a building application has been submitted for lot #1 where there is currently a shed, (2) the owner of lot #2 “not responding” to notices from the OC Public Works Planning Department about unpermitted construction may lead to citations by April 1, (3) the owner of lot #3 has contacted OC Public Works about applying for permits, and (4) non-response to notices may lead to citations by April 9 for the owner of lot #4.

Roger McWilliams introduced himself as the owner of Crocker lot #1, saying that he had heard from Jennifer Crocker and contacted Geoff after learning about controversial activity in the area. He plans to put a small manufactured home on his lot and do “as little as possible.”

A letter from the Modjeska Foundation expressing concern about possible destruction of historic trees on the Crocker lots was forwarded to OC Planning and Supervisor Wagner’s office.

Janet is also concerned about tree trimming possibly disturbing hawks—from mid-February to June, their nests are supposed to be protected.

b. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

No information about a recent Verizon system failure was available. Canyon Watch transmitters are working fine.

After a brief flurry of rarely-seen snow at the far end of Silverado Canyon, hundreds of visitors drove there to see it, causing congestion at the closed Maple Springs forest gate.

The California Highway Patrol and Orange County Sheriff Department, though, said that the parking lot there was outside their jurisdiction.

Responding to an unrelated question about dog attacks, Geoff said that if a dog on a leash that is over six feet long is attacked by another dog, that is not considered an unfair attack.

Instead, that is “fair combat,” the same as if there were no leash.

c. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

Francesca Duff reported that FOL paid for a puppet show and some balloons for the library.

V. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff encouraged everyone to send ICL their email addresses so they can be on the list for notices.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report (absent).

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the February meeting were approved 3-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

There was not much activity in February, but Canyon Watch will need to replace batteries eventually. The February financial report was approved 3-0.

VI. New Business

Rich Pfeiffer reported that the Anderson Way creek improvements passed two tests: 6 1/2 inches of rain over five days, and 9/10 of an inch in 40 minutes.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held April 4, 2023 *****