

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 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

Melody McWilliams shared an artifact from the Canyon Archives: a 1970 issue of the League Letter, newsletter of the Community League, forerunner of the Inter-Canyon League.

Committees at the time included Ways and Means, Publicity, Scouts, and Ice Cream.

Ted Wright described upgrades coming to the Silverado and Modjeska playgrounds, and new art, music, and naturalist programs. Geoff Sarkissian mentioned additional pickleball.

Francesca Duff reminded people that the Fire Wise Certificate obtained by the Fire Safe Council might qualify homeowners for a lower insurance rate.

Coastal/Canyon Cleanup Day is September 23. Steve Kerrigan will organize trash pickup volunteers, Goodwill will collect donations, and ICL will pay for the wood chipper.

Francesca suggested that ICL fund a chipper day annually; Geoff said this could be discussed further later.

Joanne Hubble announced an August 10 public meeting where OC Public Works will describe proposed Modjeska Grade Road drainage improvements. Geoff hoped that this could also improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Joanne added that speeders are a problem, and were the cause of a recent collision.

III. Committee Reports

a. Fair Committee—Jane Bove

Chay Peterson has lined up bands, and has gotten some beer/wine. Jane has received five booth applications, but response has been slow to applications that were mailed out. She is having trouble arranging fair committee meeting times. A generator like the one used at Irvine Lake will be needed, since the one that ICL owns is not sufficient.

b. Friends of the Library—Andrew Tonkovitch

The committee met, Andrew got some ideas, and he is learning the ropes from Fran Williams. The committee would like people to donate “high-quality” items (like you might see at an estate sale) for the Friends boutique at the upcoming Silverado fair. Items can probably be dropped off the day before the fair opens (second weekend in October).

c. Land Use—Janet Wilson

Jean Chapman said that planners were in touch with owners of property near her; plans seemed OK.

d. Canyon Watch—Bic and Keith Edwards

Bic identified two recent types of problem drivers: “speeders” and “racers.” Volunteer patrols every night from 11pm to 1am seem to have reduced the number of racers. Joanne reported July 3 racers on Modjeska Canyon Road up to Tucker. She talked to DA Spitzer and Supervisor Wagner’s offices, and got a mobile message sign installed on Silverado Canyon Road. OC Public Works said that speed bumps or “humps” would present

liability problems. Joanne can forward any information about racing groups to the California Highway Patrol.

IV. SCE Grant to increase GSOB Awareness--Update

Mike Boeck said that of the ten or so trees he's inspected recently, none appeared to be infested with gold spotted oak borers (GSOBs).

V. Boxcar Bridge in Modjeska

Francesca reported that county representatives at the July 31 meeting with neighbors at the Modjeska Canyon Nature Preserve were very responsive. Two options for covering cinder block walls at the bridge were presented, and park personnel agreed to pursue the first choice of residents: natural rock facing, more like existing old walls, instead of concrete faux rock.

VI. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

The History Committee spent \$45 on a Foothills Sentry subscription, the annual PO Box rental was paid, some radio spending was shown as "Repeater," and Friends of the Library was "active" in paying for the summer reading program. The \$12,450 in grant funds available for GSOB newsletter purposes has not been tapped yet.

The August financial report was approved 4-0.

VII. New Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held September 5, 2023 *****