

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM Canyon Library/Park Community Room

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

a. Chili Cook-off

The Chili Cook-off to benefit the Silverado Children's Center will be Saturday, May 12. Still needed: chili chefs plus saloon/trash/other help.

b. Other

Rattlesnake aversion training for dogs will be offered May 31 in Modjeska. Shots need to be renewed every one to two years.

The first Silverado summer concert will be May 19 at Silverado Park.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Janet Wilson

This month is busy—please help out wherever you can. And acoustic tiles for the resonant library/park meeting room are on order.

b. Vice President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Also busy—two weeks with grandkids.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved 5-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

State and federal charity reporting is done. The April financial report was approved 5-0.

e. Director---Dion Sorrell

A Modjeska House event is planned for May 19 partly as a membership effort. It will be by invitation only, so see a docent/member (like Melody McWilliams) to be invited.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

1. Verizon update

Francesca found three boxes installed in Silverado and Modjeska that do not seem to match terms of the agreement; she is sending photos to Verizon. Stephanie at Verizon says the green and yellow boxes are temporary.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

There were no emergencies other than responding to a library homeless shelter proposal.

c. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Thanks to all for supporting the recent swap meet, which netted \$3,212 for canyon library programs like the upcoming summer reading program. In connection with that, Fran would like to sponsor two shows: one is magic/comedy and the other musical/animal. Teen and adult book clubs and movies are also planned.

d. Land Use---Scott Breeden, Janet Wilson

1. Red Rock appeal, septic regulation

The OC Board of Supervisors voted to uphold the Planning Commission's approval of a commercial event center at a Modjeska-area residence (Red Rock Gardens) despite county planners recommending denial because it would violate land use and zoning regulations. ICL had joined two other groups in appealing to the BOS. A lawsuit could be filed now, but ICL directors and others present expressed reluctance about doing so, mainly citing expense and the risk of losing. Connie Nelson worried that the other side could “money us to death” and wondered about contacting the Attorney General's office. In the end, it was decided that individuals could contact the other appellants, Canyon Lands Conservation Fund and Saddleback Canyons Conservancy, about pursuing a lawsuit.

Janet said that new septic regulations go into effect this month, but Orange County is “behind” in crafting a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) to comply with the law while accommodate existing septic users as much as possible. She is expecting a reply from the local Regional Water Board about extending the time allowed for public comment on the proposed LAMP from OC Public Works. Geoff Sarkissian and Marion Schuller are working on comments. One of Marion's concerns is required annual inspections—only one person, in Riverside, appears to be certified to do this. Phil McWilliams asked who would pay. A motion to create a Septic Regulation Committee was passed 5-0. Kevin Topp suggested that they use members of the community who know something about the subject.

e. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller

Marion hosted “Coffee with Cars” last weekend, an easy, “not fear-driven” opportunity to absorb information. Cle Robinson programmed radios. Mary Schreiber noted that an actual call came through during radio practice. Joanne Hubble said that a Modjeska group leader is needed; she will ask Natalie.

f. History---Melody McWilliams

1. Historic home tour

A tour of seven Modjeska homes to benefit Modjeska Ranch Rescue (animals) will take place Sunday, May 6. Shuttles will run 1-4pm, with tickets \$20 each.

2. Other

Work on the local archives continues at the Modjeska Community Center the first and third Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm, and first and third Wednesday, 6-9pm. Except when it doesn't, like this Saturday because of a conflict with the Modjeska home tour.

V. New Business

a. Revive Safety Committee?---Lora Meadows

No action.

b. Change Meeting Location Process

No action.

c. Other

Connie believes that the tide has turned against a threat to continued use of the OC Fairgrounds for large animal emergency evacuations. Kevin suggested having a Plan B: using part of the Great Park/hangars.

Phil said that although late rains interfered with an April 10 weed abatement deadline, it is easy to get an extension.

Mary announced Canyon Clean Sweep for June 2-3: cabin inspections have started, so people can bring their cut brush, etc. to the Riviera across from the Silverado Community Center. There will be a chipper for green waste, but no dumpsters for other trash this year.

Janet mentioned that a two-month public comment period has begun for the county's proposed updated zoning code, billed as "Orange is the new Green." A significant addition is a tree ordinance. Phil noted that the ordinance, as currently proposed, would apply only to trees in unincorporated areas not covered by a Specific Plan. Would this be better than any current Foothill-Trabuco or Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan language? He said it "bears scrutiny."

Mary said she is working on getting grants to remove trees attacked by the gold spotted oak borer, but money is going to fight beetles up north. One affected tree on Modjeska Canyon Road was identified; she is working on learning how to do recognition of the problem.

VI. "Thank You to Canyon Volunteers" Celebration

Janet said that homelessness has no easy solution, but the canyon library/park site was targeted for possible use as a homeless shelter until the idea was nixed by county Supervisors who heard from local residents. Janet especially thanked Fran, Joanne, Isabel, and Debbie Johnson for their efforts, presenting them with flowers. Francesca Duff brought home-baked cupcakes for everyone present.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held June 12, 2018 at the Modjeska Community Center *****