



Inter-Canyon League

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Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Silverado Community Center

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Hunt, Mike Colgan, Deanna Craig, Mary Schreiber, Leslie Paskus, Greg Bates, Robert Bell, Sara Bell, Mike Boeck, Scott Breeden, Kim Brown, Aimee Bryer, Diane Carter, Jim Carter, Connie Carter, Donna Cipolla, Michael Cipolla, Colleen Colgan, Erin Collins, Karen Cornell, Kip Craig, Arthur Cummins, Jamie Davis, Dick Ertman, Jim Fainer, Tim Janka, Deborah Johnson, Chad Kearns, Annie King, Derek Martin, Lori Martin, Phil McWilliams, Julie Morris, Keith Morris, Kelly Murray, Judy Myers, Connie Nelson, Nancy Nichols, Martin Paine, Mary Pearson, Bill Pearson, Brett Peterson, Chay Peterson, Alice Phillips, Carl Reinhart, Mary Robinson, Gene Robinson, Hank Rodgers, Janet Rohm, Roger Rohm, Steve Rooney, Pam Schnabal, Debbie Seltzer, Ron Shepston, Frankie Sisneroz, Angela Smisek, Tom Smisek, Jason Takahashi, Linda Unger, Robert Walters, Judy Walters, Fran Williams, Yiru Wu, Diane Young,

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by President Bob Hunt. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and by unanimous vote of the board approved and filed.

Gateway Safety and Security: Drew Cummins

There were two guest speakers to discuss and answer questions in dealing with sharing the road safely with bicyclists and motorists. The guests are from the California Highway Patrol, Devon Boatman (714-567-6000) and from the Orange County Sheriff Deputy Thompsen (714-647-7000).

Discussed topics included, jurisdictional responsibility, response protocol, motorist and bicyclist issues, key personnel, contacts and the direction of the gateway committee.. The CHP has jurisdiction in matters of traffic, speeding, collisions and tickets.

There were 5 accidents reported in 2010. There are 10 officers per day for this area that also includes several freeways. The officers are dispatched to areas of highest traffic volume. A high priority for the CHP is traffic injury. The OC Sheriff has jurisdiction in matters of criminal activity, crime investigation, keeping the peace and can do minor traffic enforcement. There is one dedicated deputy for the area and four (additional) on shift. Calls to the sheriff will follow sheriff's protocol for either emergency or non-emergency.

Bicyclists have responsibility to obey the laws of the road. The bicyclists (need to be more aware of) sharing the road and (avoiding) pack riding. The ICL may contact the riding clubs to inform them about road sharing safety. If the CHP is notified in advance of a bike event in the canyons they will monitor the bike events and help educate bicyclists about their responsibility and safely sharing the road. Ron Shepston spoke about his experience while handing out water and informative fliers (sharing the road info) to cyclists at the end of the canyon, and said that there was a positive response from the bicyclist(s) he spoke with. Mary Schreiber (reported) loud noise from bicyclists

early in the morning when they are unpacking their bikes and getting geared up for the ride. When the bicyclists were asked to hold down the noise the response has been rudeness and more noise from the individuals.

A Williams Canyon resident asked who has jurisdiction in Williams Canyon where motorized motocross riders are riding on property without permission. She has been passed from the CHP to the Sheriff's Dept. and back again by phone. Deputy Thompsen stated that the Sheriff's Dept. has jurisdiction for trespassing. Another resident of Williams Canyon asked about event permit hours and who to phone to complain if an event continues past the permitted time. This call should be made to the OC Sheriff as a noise complaint and the Sheriff will have the complaining party sign a form that is a private person complaint for noise or disturbing the peace. It was pointed out that a far friendlier approach would be to contact the party making the noise and ask that it be contained before going to the Sheriff's Dept.

Connie Nelson asked for all animals to be accounted for in case there is another evacuation Contact Drew Cummins 714-710-9188.

Treasurers Report: Deanna Craig

The wine tasting fundraiser event reported that \$750 in tickets have been sold thus far for the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Safe Council: Mary Schreiber

A Chipper Day is being planned and the coordination and permissions needed from the various agencies is underway. There will be an open house at the OCFA on Saturday October 9, 2010. There will be a free community event at Inside the Outdoors on October 23

Canyon Watch: Gene Robinson

A big thank you to all who helped with traffic and other work setting up and tearing down of the traffic delimiters at the fair.

Brown Baggers: Judy Meyers

No Report

Friends of the Library: Fran Williams

The Library Boutique and Tea Room at the Silverado Country Fair was successful. The celebration on September 29 at the Library to celebrate its 80th year had 110 to 120 visitors.

OLD BUSINESS

SMRPD: Bob Hunt

No report.

Inter-Canyon Newsletter: Colleen Colgan

The next issue is being worked on and should be completed by the end of the month. The wine tasting fundraiser has room for another 25 – 30 people.

Pacific Life Foundation:

The potential grants for the Children's center total \$290,000. Prior to the meeting the board met briefly to discuss the grant proposals and possible problems. Following discussion, a consensus was reached (a vote was taken?) for the ICL to act as the umbrella organization for the grants, subject to legal comment on possible liabilities.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion of the ICL's decision to remain impartial in the matter of the Williams Canyon vineyard and winery land use (Giaracci) was held. The board reiterated that the position of the ICL is neutral. Fran Williams asked the board to clarify the purpose of the wine tasting event and asked if the ICL will continue to remain neutral and impartial.

Tom Smisek spoke about Silverado Canyon history in regards to the SIL-MOD Plan. He said that the Foothill Corridor Planning Committee ultimately created the Sil-MOD Plan with the stated purpose of stopping mass development in the canyons and not to stop any new business.

Judy Myers objected to characterization of the Sil-Mod Plan.

Ron Shepston spoke of maintaining the character of the canyons and said that a discussion is needed to compromise on the Giracci permits and to get clarity on what the SIL-MOD Plan is.

Debbie Johnson spoke about the mission of the ICL and if it has changed since the change of personnel.

Diane Carter spoke of a letter that was needed from the ICL to build her original house.

Judy Meyers spoke and clarified that the SIL-MOD plan states that there will be no commercial development in residential areas.

Connie Nelson spoke of the winery being a very divisive issue with residents and that the community needs to fix the SIL-MOD Plan to get the dogma out.

Greg Bates spoke of the Modjeska Home Committee and that events are not a problem at the Modjeska Home. Community involvement is needed to compromise the limits and restrictions. He briefly mentioned that there will be a picnic at the Modjeska Home on November 4th that is free to all residents.

Dick Etrman spoke of the board being correct in maintaining its neutral position. His chief concern was that nobody seems capable of discussing this matter like adults rather than with strong emotion.

Mike Boeck spoke and said that the SIL-MOD Plan is important on this project. He feels the ICL should remain neutral in this matter and was supportive of the ICL's work for the community. What is the SIL-MOD Plan? It is a guideline accepted by the OC Board of Supervisors. Many people feel the County is running roughshod over the plan while others support that move given the age of the Sil-Mod Plan. What is the legal status of the big or small versions of the plan?

Scott Breeden asked whether the ICL is the appropriate forum for discussion.

Phil McWilliams spoke of the community sticking together and encouraged everyone to read the complete plan. He asked that those who supported the plan raise their hands. The majority of the audience did so. He then asked how many had read the plan and fewer hands were raised.

Carl Reinhart spoke of the ambiguous nature of the SIL-MOD Plan and that there are many issues that the plan does not take into consideration.

Chad Kearns spoke of the renovation of the old horse ranch and that he has brought the property into code compliance. He also requested "Judge me on what I have done and not the rumors".

Bob Hunt recommended a committee be formed to investigate and define the SIL-MOD Plan and a sign-up sheet was started.

One thing everyone agrees on is a need to carefully review the entire plan.

Bob Hunt encouraged all interested people to sign up for the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48.