

SMPOA Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019

President Ed Weitzer called the meeting to order at 8:03pm at his home at 18428 Clifftop Way.

In attendance were the following members of the SMPOA Board: Ed Weitzer, Howard Gould, Sara Epstein, Larry Klein, Albert Chang and Martin Legowiecki.

Also in attendance were three guests from the community: Peter Hyman, Grant Graves, Robert Task.

1. Update re RV Encampment

Members of the board summarized the results of the hearing before the Los Angeles County regional planning commission ("RPC"), in which the RPC denied two appeals to the prior RPC decision authorizing the installation of "No Parking 12 AM to 2 AM" signs along the north (landward) side of PCH and "No Parking 2 AM to 4 AM" signs along the south (seaward) side of PCH between Coastline Drive and Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

The RPC has mailed out its report from the hearing, triggering a 2 week period to appeal the most RPC recent decision to the County Board of Supervisors. A subsequent appeal may also be available to the Coastal Commission.

It was discussed and agreed that if a further hearing is held on this issue before the Board of Supervisors, it will be helpful for a group of people from Sunset Mesa to attend, in order to show Supervisor Kuehl our collective support for the parking restriction.

2. Architecture Committee ("AC")

AC chair Martin Legowiecki updated the Board on recent proceedings of the AC.

Various members of the Board and AC received a letter dated January 21, 2019 from SMPOA resident Toshiko Honda, in which she asked the SMPOA to respond to a number of issues, including with respect to a pending litigation between Ms. Honda and her neighbor.

A motion was voted on and unanimously approved to deny Ms. Honda's request for a response, and to have President Ed Weitzer send her the following response via email:

We have reviewed your letter dated January 21, 2019. Based on our understanding of the issues raised in your letter, the relevant functions of the AC and the SMPOA Board were completed some time ago and cannot be reopened. It is also our policy not to comment on pending litigation. Accordingly, no further action will be undertaken by the SMPOA Board or AC in response to your letter.

Legowiecki went on to discuss the six site visits performed on January 12, 2019, during which four instances of ocean view interference ("OVI") were confirmed.

Four AC site visits will take place on February 9, 2019.

3. Brush Clearance

Members of the Board raised concerns that the County is no longer investing in brush clearance. It was suggested that SMPOA community members write to the appropriate people (including Supervisor Kuehl's office) to demand that the County reinstate brush clearance according to appropriate standards, in order to help take the fuel out of the hillsides.

4. Treasurer's Report

Larry Klein circulated the attached financial summary to the Board, dated as of January 31, 2019. He pointed out that the largest recent expenses included a \$5,000 deposit to the firm of Gaines & Stacey LLP for the services of Fred Gaines, a land use attorney who has been retained to provide advice to the SMPOA Board.

5. Peter Hyman Input.

Longtime resident Peter Hyman shared some recent successes he has had in getting local agencies to remove dangerous conditions in the local area. He also shared some ideas and feedback with the Board.

6. Emergency Preparedness/Grant Graves Thesis.

A motion was voted on and unanimously approved to permit Albert Chang, chair of the SMPOA Board's emergency preparedness committee, to represent the SMPOA Board as a member of Grant Graves' thesis committee. Graves is pursuing a graduate degree in Emergency Management and will be focusing his research on developing an emergency plan for the Sunset Mesa neighborhood.

7. Robert Task.

New SMPOA resident Robert Task shared some input with the Board.

8. Misc Issues.

Albert Chang noted that, if needed, he could talk to Sara Wan, former chair of the Coastal Commission, to let her know the results of the last RPC hearing and that we might appreciate her assistance in the future if issues arise related to the Coastal Commission.


Howard Gould submitted his own letter to the RPC to put them on formal notice of the existence of certain dangerous conditions in the area subject to the proposed parking restriction.

Sara Epstein proposed that community social events, including the annual block party, should be added to the agenda for the next SMPOA meeting.

9. Closing Items.

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would take place on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 8:00pm at the home of President Ed Weitzer, at 18428 Clifftop Way. The President adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Minutes Certified as of February 9, 2019



Sara Jasper Epstein
Co-Secretary

CHASE CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

DEPOSITS DATE	AMOUNT	FOR	DEBITS	CHECKS PAYEE	PURPOSE	DATE	AMOUNT
1/7/2019	\$100.00	HOA DUES		1081		1/22/2019	\$5,000.00
1/8/2019	\$200.00	HOA DUES		1082 PAULA SEGERSTR	EDIT MESA-GE	1/22/2019	\$550.00
1/22/2019	\$200.00	HOA DUES		1083 FOX HILLS PRINT	PRINT MESA-GE	1/28/2019	\$192.51
CREDITS	<u>\$500.00</u>		DEBITS				<u>\$5,742.51</u>

CHASE GRAND TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

\$15,021.19

UBS FINANCIAL ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

CASH	\$29,361.38
FIXED INCOME	\$52,685.00
UBS GRAND TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019	<u>\$82,046.38</u>

ONE WEST BANK ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$200,000.00
INTEREST THIS PERIOD	\$180.54
TOTAL INTEREST ON CD	\$3,517.67
ONE WEST GRAND TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019	<u>\$203,517.67</u>

BANC OF CALIF ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (\$40,000.00 & \$25,000.00)	\$65,000.00
INTEREST THIS PERIOD	\$139.90
TOTAL INTEREST ON CD'S	\$895.63
BANC OF CALIF GRAND TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019	<u>\$65,895.63</u>

COMBINED GRAND TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

\$366,480.87