

# SMPOA Meeting Minutes

## August 9, 2021

### OPENING

President Ed Weitzer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm via Zoom and announced that we have guests in attendance for a special meeting.

### PRESENT

In attendance were the following Board members: Interim President Ed Weitzer; Vice President, Howard Gould; Paulette Silver; Treasurer, Imad Bitar; Architectural Committee Chair, Mark Stoeckinger; Albert Chang; Mark Estes; Jon Cherkas and Secretary, Desa Stoeckinger.

Also, in attendance were Parliamentarian Rick Silver; Lost Hills Sheriff Lt. Braden; and Sunset Mesa residents Miles Mogulescu and Clarence Chapman.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Treasurer Report As of July 13, 2021 - Imad Bitar

- Necessary changes to the bank signature card have been handled to reflect the transition to Imad Bitar as the new SMPOA Treasurer.
- While the CC&Rs/ByLaws require 2 signatories on SMPOA checks — President & Treasurer, the Banc of CA informed the association that they no longer offer this service (the bank representative also implied that few, if any banks, offer this service).

#### Summary SMPOA Financials for M/E July 2021:

<b>TOTAL SMPOA ASSETS</b>	\$	383,585.65
Banc of California — Business Checking	\$	4,107.12
Stifel	\$	379,478.53
<b>NET CHANGE IN STIFEL PORTFOLIO</b>	\$	(237.15)
Income & Distributions	\$	467.75
Change in Securities Value	\$	(704.90)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (Banc of California)</b>	\$	0.00
No Credits for the Month of July	\$	0.00

<b>TOTAL DEBITS (Banc of California)</b>	\$	3,171.34
Doggy Bags	\$	169.34
Legal Services – Litigation	\$	3,002.00
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$	(3,408.49)

**Total Assets for M/E July Consists of:**

- The Banc of California business checking account, and
- The Stifel portfolio with a M/E value of \$379,478.53 consisting of: *Net Cash Equivalents* of \$6,481.03 (1.71%) and *Net Portfolio Assets* of \$372,997.50 (98.29%) invested mainly in short/long term *Fixed Income-Muni* bonds.

**Credits, Debits and Net Operating Income –**

For this reporting period, no Credits & 2 Debits were posted to the Banc of California business checking account.

The SMPOA net operating income for M/E July was negative driven by the change in Stifel portfolio value and debits exceeding credits. The largest expenditure incurred for this month was for legal services associated with the SMPOA Litigation (Case No. 21STCV12618).

◆ We currently have 333 dues paying members. ◆

**Emergency Preparedness Committee - Rick Silver**

On July 17th there was a successful gathering of the committee in which we distributed the County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide to every home in the neighborhood. Tessa Charnofsky, the representative from Sheila Kuehl’s office and her assistants came to Rick Silver’s home with the guides and helped the committee distribute them in the neighborhood. The guides were facilitated by the committee and completely underwritten by the County and has generated positive feedback from neighbors.

August 12th is the virtual fire and evacuation drill for Topanga Canyon and Sunset Mesa. Rick and Paulette Silver placed large signs to notify neighbors.

**Architectural Committee - Mark Stoeckinger**

**Site Visits for August 7th, 202**

Request from 18450 Kingsport: OVI's due to overgrown foliage from the neighbors at the following addresses: 3905 Malibu Vista Drive; 3913 Malibu Vista Drive; 3920 Malibu Vista Drive; 18459 Coastline Drive; 18452 Wakecrest Drive; 18447 Wakecrest Drive.

All OVI's are confirmed by the committee, and letters of determination will be sent to each resident.

### **GUEST SPEAKER- Lost Hills Sheriff Lt. Braden**

The county held a meeting in Calabasas on August 8th and will be voting on a resolution on August 10th to ban homeless individuals from living in unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains. A team will be out trying to mitigate that issue. If residents see encampments and or situations that are not being addressed, please call the Lost Hills Sheriff non-emergency number at **(818)-878-1808**. The team will patrol the area and will make every effort to find alternative housing to remove them from the Santa Monica Mountains, to mitigate fire danger.

Some of the motorhome's parking on PCH have been moved along partly due to increase in thefts at Topanga Beach. One of the issues regarding some of the homeless individuals parking there is that they don't fit the County's criteria for their safe parking areas. Many do not have valid driver's licenses or insurance. The sheriff's department continues to go through and move them along. It is an ongoing situation, that is attended to on a regular basis day and night.

Illegal fireworks continue on the beach so residents should call and direct the sheriff's department to the location, and they will try to rectify the situation.

Clarence Chapman, a resident who lives on the bluff on Coastline has cameras on the encampments on PCH. Clarence sees many fires being lit by the individuals illegally camping and is concerned about the upcoming Santa Ana winds and fire season. Clarence proposed installing I-beams on the brush side of PCH so RVs cannot park there. Along with the fire danger, the RVs and buses parked along PCH make it impossible for fire engines to park and fight a fire. Lt. Braden suggested contacting Cal Trans, and the county offices regarding the feasibility of the I-beams and confirmed his concern. Clarence has seen the I-beams work in places such as at the Castle Rock Beach and Porto Marina Beach area of PCH. Clarence will write up a proposal for the county.

Resident Miles Mogulescu asked the Lieutenant about the encampments in the canyon. Lt. Braden explained that the encampments that are deep in the canyon, for example off Tuna Canyon, have the potential to cause severe fire danger, because of the ability they have to get rolling and leg off into different directions. The new ordinance will help to enforce the removal of the encampments in all the canyon areas and the city of Malibu will follow the same guidelines. Four extra deputies have already

been added for this purpose. Various methods are used to find the encampments that are hidden from view, such as Arrow helicopters, flare systems and ground crews.

In conclusion, Lt. Braden stated that he would attend another board meeting and give us an update.

### **NEW BUSINESS-** Ed Weitzer

Mark Stoeckinger made a motion and the Board voted to add Norm Dupont to the AC committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Next Board meeting date will be held on Monday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The remainder of Board meetings for 2021 will be held on the following dates at 7:30pm

- Monday, October 4th
- Monday, November 8th
- Monday, December 6th

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Ed Weitzer adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and the board entered an executive session.

### **Minutes Submitted by:**

*Desa Stoeckinger*

Secretary