

Closed session begins 6:10 PM

Alan Boivin discussed the differences between the three ways of dealing with the oak tree notice, the trailer, and the zoning. Pros and cons and costs of each were discussed.

Discussion about how to query the county about the costs and timeframe of each program, so the choices can be presented to the general membership. Specific topics were how to ask what support the county could provide toward the costs of these programs, and discussion of the need for additional information about the “community park” option brought up by the County at the June meeting.

How do we work together to achieve all of our goals?

Closed session ended, 7:05 PM

Open session Call to Order 7:12 PM

Review Protocol & Agenda

Review & Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Community Garden: discussion of days and times to get project started.

- Adrian moves that a notice be sent to the membership that gardening will begin Sunday July 12 from 4 to 6 PM. Second by Julie. To be listed on site and by email notice to membership. www.topangagarden.ning. Unanimous, 1 abstention.

T-Days Volunteer Party: details arranged.

Upcoming Meeting With County: discussion of Gaines letter – rewrite: Can you give us what we need? If not, we will sever our relationship.

- Jaime to finish Gaines letter.

Brush Clearance: Karen spoke about using sheep and goats for brush clearance. Presented letter of recommendation from city of Thousand Oaks for 58 acre project. Would be penned, larger pens during day and small pens at night. Animals are moved to control amount of clearance. Good at hilly terrain, horrible plants like poison oak.

Other brush clearance bids discussed. Animals would be \$1700 minimum commitment.

- Lisa moves that the goats, sheep and shepherd be brought in for 14 day minimum commitment. Second by Ken. Passed unanimous, 1 abstention. Ken to determine dates, protected plants and coordinate with Karen and Drummer.

- Julie moves to accept Brando's bid for balance of close-up work not performed by animals, maximum of five days at \$120 max per day. Work to be completed by August 1. Second by Lisa. Passed unanimous, 1 abstention.

House Manager Report

- Mark moves that the Community House not be given out for free on Friday nights. Second by Lisa. Notes that every use of the house has costs, from lighting to cleaning. 4 years, 2 abstentions.
- Adrian moves that the symphony be given three free Fridays for rehearsals and three free Sundays for performances per year. Second by Lisa. Note that this would begin after the August dates which have already been scheduled. Friendly amendment to offer two Fridays before each of the three performances, accepted. Friendly amendment that the symphony encourage their members to join our membership, and at the least the organization join the membership, accepted. Unanimous. Adrian to draft letter.
- Julie moves to purchase projector for \$300. Second by Lisa. Unanimous, 1 abstention.

Anastasia report that the Verizon FIOS service and TV cable have been installed.

Fence conflict for Wedding –at General Membership meeting, discussion was that field was to be available for Film festival, temporary fence reinstalled after event to keep casual users off for another three weeks.

- Adrian moves that House Manager salary be raised to \$17/hr for Anastasia. Second by Mark. Deferred to closed session. Adrian noted that rentals increased by over \$8000 in the last four months as compared with the same period in the prior year.

Topanga Youth Services: Karen asked about youth group liability insurance: for off-site coverage. Karen looking for go-to person to ask about insurance matters. Adrian volunteers to coordinate with Karen.

Membership Report

Treasurer: T-Days figures gradually being finalized. Figures now include band vote memberships and ticket pre-sales.

Correspondence: Martin successfully got la.com to remove pictures for sale on their site.

- Julie and Jaime to write response to Messenger letters about T-Days

Finance & Fundraising

Mumby Estate: no action until July 31.

Annual operation budget discussion necessary.

Bylaws: need weekend date for Bylaws meeting.

Recap Approved Actions

Public Commentary

Public Meeting Adjourned, 10:30 pm

Closed Session:

Clark Issue: Mark to follow up with Thomas Winckler

- Anastasia Raise: Motion approved (raise to \$17 per hour), unanimous with 1 abstention

Meeting Adjourned, 11:10 PM