

TCC General Meeting Minutes August 14, 2014

7:-04 PM Mark Nygard - meeting came to order, read mission statement

July Meeting Minutes

Gary moved to approve

Neil Shaw seconded

No abstentions

Mark President's report – reviewed new changes to interior

please come to Reggae festival

CUP – plans are in from Richard Sherman, expediting ferociously. Stressing public hearing on the calendar.

Gary Jensen

Fundraising – Square Dance Night Sept 19

Membership – no report, new member thank you for joining

557 members

Treasury report - \$9000 month normal expenses, still no final number for Topanga

Days, hopeful to have that for the board meeting

Recording secretary – state name before speaking

Gary Jensen - firesafe area according to LA Co Fire and T-CEP, had a lot of trees removed. Trees of mystery, we had done a whole lot of removing, thinning them out for the last 3 years trying to pare them town and it made the situation worse.

We came in, put in the new pavement because the old pavement was being uprooted Underground utilities, water pipes, small retaining wall on other side of fence.

We have to do something about the tree roots

Bill qualified to help with the problems that we had

Went outside for Bill Neill to talk about the Ailanthus treatments

Bill used three methods 1) injector method, 2) basal bark treatment 3) triclopyr

Ben Allanoff – I'm not a member of the Club, not here to vote or dictate, I wanted to come and offer information and another perspective. Choose a non-toxic method of dealing with this problem.

Understanding of how to address the issue, the costs, benefits and risks of whatever method is chosen.

Three options – do nothing, that is already not happening, Risks, costs and benefits of the poison method vs non-poison method. I agree with a lot of things he did and don't agree with a lot of things.

Risk is potential cost. Fees paid to Bill 3 times, maybe more, maybe less. Disposal of dead trees, labor or money, restoration of the site. Cost same no matter which

method is used. Benefits: control of the trees, eradication is not realistic, if you don't want certain plants on your property, it's an ongoing process. Give me the pill and I feel better – doesn't apply to vegetation management. Control of the unwanted trees, danger to the parking lot. Real benefits that come from that method.

Area where I disagree is the risks – a fair amount of research on this topic, you won't see the exact information, outlier fact. Chemical can leave the trees through the roots. Can be drawn up through the roots of neighboring trees

Nature Conservancy, triclopyr and imazopyr shown to be toxic to honey bees, chronic effects have not been studied. No studies exist on effect on invertebrates.

Reviewed selected research on the individual herbicides used in the treatments. Pay labor to do it, eliminate the parking lot. Instead of a controversy over using poison, it could be an opportunity to engage and buy in to the community house. I don't think it is enough to say, I don't want you to use poison, do something about it.

Heather Widen – concerns

Would like to see a non-toxic approach to the operations at the club
Wish more opportunity to
Jayni – voted against it, it was treated almost as an emergency, sorry it was done that way, a little more swiftly.

Wrapping into pipes, sewer connections – what happened to the last boards, last action. A lot of talk about things being done daily business to maintain these grounds. In the past 3-4 years, you see the improvements. Not everyone will agree with the methods, it just doesn't work. We've tried to bring volunteers. You see Ken, you see the same faces every time up here getting the jobs done. It comes to a matter of necessity, and things are getting done.

Ken –this guy's been cutting down a lot of trees, I know he's been working hard.
Wren –I'm Dr. Wren, I'm in health entertainment, Concerns of residue. Potentiality of reaching the organic garden? Residue?

Carolyn Day – decisions have to be made, appreciate your work. 200 foot trench to the garden. No toxic chemicals, put a lot of time into it, they've given support. I wish I had been called upon to do that. Kids grab the corn, the tomatoes. If there is a problem with

Keep the community poison free.

Elaine – wonderful surprise to see the garden on Earth Day.
Shared a personal experience. 22-24 years ago, we cut down one tree. Volunteer aspect – it is a losing battle, I thought there wasn't even a pesticide that could take

them out. How could we take this stuff out, pulling it up and getting it all, we're talking about root systems, when we invest that much in infrastructure here, I'm for this as long as it's limited, there's signage,

Jayni – signage? Normally in remote areas . Move that we have signs made.

Nominations Committee - Elections in November.

Karla Morrison interested in Elections Committee

Elaine - went through the bylaws, make sure the elections committee makes sure the elections are done the way they are written in the bylaws. We took the opportunity last year and made notes on streamlining it. Michael Augello,

Elaine Hanson, Miwa Morishita, Karla, Bonnie Morgan, Dorothy Reik

Mark made motion to close elections committee nominations.

Gary and Neil seconded

GSL - \$500 toward Zev's event October 25

Passed unanimously

Will also dedicate a bench in his honor

Mark – Cary Gepner passing away, Keifer Flanner passing – memorial on Sept 6 from 3pm on

Anam Cara - fundraising *Gabriel's House at Anam Cara*

Betsy October 26 – Topanga Folk Festival

Hazardous waste

Motion to adjourn – Neil Shaw, Gary Jensen seconded