

Topanga Canyon Boulevard Roadside Committee

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Topanga Library

120 N. Topanga Canyon Boulevard



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:

Approved

Approved with Changes

Attendees:

TCBRC members:

Ed Aguilar (CT) - phone

Beth Burnam (NTCFSC)

Carrie Carrier (TCWC) – phone

Blake Clayton (Cty BOS)

Rosi Dagit (RCDSMM)

Michael Dipsia (CT)

Tim Pershing (Bloom, Chair)

Roger Pugliese (TASC)

Joseph Rosendo (Chamber)

Ed Siribohdi (CT) – phone

James Grasso (TCEP)

Kevin Johnson (Fire)

Fiona Nagle (Cty BOS, Chair)

Gus Nunez (CT) – phone

Stacy Sledge (TTC) – phone

John Waller (Town Council)

Lauren Wonder (CT)

Guests:

Newton Wong (CT) – phone

Joseph Kibe (CT) - phone

I. **Minutes** were approved by the members at the start of the meeting.

II. Reports

Fire (Kevin Johnson)

- Heat pressure is moving from Arizona to California. The coast of Baja will absorb some of the moisture, but it will be hot.

Maintenance (Caltrans)

- Roger and Beth gave big congrats to CT Maintenance for doing a great job on brush clearing. Roger will draft a thank you letter for CT Maintenance on behalf of TCBRC, to be reviewed by the group before sending.
- Dumpsite underneath the bridge needs to be maintained. There's a shopping cart that needs to be removed from the area. CT has dirt piles which are used to maintain other sections of the road.

Communications (Beth Burnam)

- According to Beth's calculations, frontage cleared by private owners this year is now at 62%. This is up from 46% last year, and shows that community outreach is working. The Messenger carried a brush clearance ad and an article, plus emails were sent to owners, and these seem to be making the difference.
- A follow-up thank you letter for the community and an article will be sent to the Messenger on behalf of the TCBRC. Letter to be drafted by Joseph; article to be drafted by Beth, Carrie, and Joseph with input/quotes from CT (Lauren) and Fire (Kevin). Tim also suggested an article focused on fire issues. Letter and articles to be reviewed by the group before sending.

III. Evaluation Brainstorm

Status

- See attached list from flip charts.

IV. Action Items

- Group will continue to collate brainstorm ideas and work on them via email until September meeting.
 - Tim and Fiona – Type up flip chart lists, send to group with following queries:
 1. Is anything missing
 2. Is anything contentious, or is there consensus
 3. Rank items in order of priority
- Conference call(s) might be used to address any particular issues
- Fiona, Tim, Stacy, and Abdi - Draft a proposal on the TCB Task Force and send to group for input
- Roger – draft thank you letter for Maintenance, send to group for review
- Joseph - draft thank you letter for community (Messenger), send to group for review
- Beth, Carrie and Joseph - draft Messenger articles, send to group for review

V. Other business

- TCB Task Force – Discussion held regarding a TCB Task Force to address broader TCB issues. Modeled on the existing PCH Task Force. Tim shared about the PCH model; Fiona shared potential logistics. Abdi Saghafi (CT Traffic Engineering Chief) and Stacy Sledge (Topanga Town Council) are helping coordinate. Ideas discussed included frequency of meetings (3-4x/yr) and members of the Task Force which would include everyone on the current TCBRC plus a few additions (eg SCE, State Parks, and Topanga Animal Care. Fiona, Tim, Stacy, and Abdi will draft a proposal and send to group for review.
- SR 23 – Short overview of tour of SR 23 done by Roger Pugliese and John Waller. SR-23 is being used as a comparison route to TCB/SR 27 in the Data Summary Report. John reported that the road conditions and vegetation appear very different to TCB (“apples and oranges”) and that it appears herbicides may have been used more recently than 2012. They were concerned that, because it is so different from TCB, it does not make a good comparison for the report. Tim, Fiona, and Ed Aguilar, explained that, in fact, it’s ok that the 2 roads are different: the varying conditions of SR 23, which is being looked at as a comparable route, demonstrate that there are sound reasons why more attention and resources are being used on TCB.

Next meeting: September 7th, 1pm-3pm Topanga Library