



# Sand Canyon Community Association

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Subject: Summary Minutes of the 2024 Sand Canyon Home Owners Association (SCHOA)  
Annual Meeting

1. The annual meeting was held at Church of the Canyons, 28050 Sand Canyon Road from 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday, 15 May 2024.
2. The following Board of Director members were in attendance: Marty Fox, Dave Hauser, Ruthann Levison, Robb Nelson, Skye Ostrom, Roger Sager, Tom Schurke, Josh Spry and Alyssa Steidl. There were approximately 130 residents present at the meeting.
3. Board members Alyssa Steidl and Dave Hauser welcomed everyone and thanked Church of the Canyons for hosting the event.
4. The following guests made presentations:

Name	Title
Laurene West	Santa Clarita City Councilmember
Captain Justin Diez	LA County Sheriff, Santa Clarita Station
Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman	LA County Fire Department Battalion 22 Fire Chief

5. Laurene West provided an overview of current Santa Carita issues.
  - a. The City purchased the YMCA facility and will convert it to a community center.
  - b. The Via Princessa station will be converted into parks and trails.
  - c. The City is taking over construction of a bridge over the river at Lost Canyon.
  - d. The City opened the new homeless shelter.
  - e. CEMEX final decision is still open.
  - f. Upcoming City elections under new districts.
  - g. 2 new trail bridges being constructed on Sand Canyon.
6. Captain Diez highlighted the following topics and issues:
  - a. Santa Clarita has the largest station in LA County, with 258 Deputies funded, but only staffed at 65 to 75 %. This significant shortage of Deputies results in continued excessive overtime.



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- b. 1 Deputy is assigned to the new homeless shelter.
  - c. Sand Canyon is in Sheriff zone 8 – Canyon Country East. Deputy assigned to zone 8 is Deputy Juan Ayala Melgoza.
  - d. The greater Santa Clarita Valley with a population of approximately 310,000, generates about 93,000 calls for service annually. Approximately 4500 arrests are made annually.
  - e. Home and vehicle burglaries are common. Secure your home.
  - f. Asked that when you encounter law enforcement, thank them. It will be appreciated.
7. Battalion Chief Freeman highlighted the following topics and issues:
- a. Fire/ Brush Clearance inspections will begin 1 May for local residents. Some non-local resources will be needed to complete inspections.
  - b. AB38 requires a fire inspection prior to close of escrow of house being sold. LACFD will perform inspection at no cost.
  - c. When fighting a fire with limited resources, they will prioritize the more defensible home.
8. SCHOA Fire Safe/ Emergency Council
- a. Board member Dave Hauser provided an overview of the Firewise USA program, which can result in up to a 10% discount on fire insurance. After the Firewise presentation, a vote was taken to see if the canyon wanted to proceed with the Firewise application. The vote was a unanimous “yes” from all in attendance. A request was made asking for any volunteers that would help with the application and gathering the work hours.
  - b. Board member Roger Sager described the role of zone leaders and asked attendees to identify their nearest zone leader using the map and list at the church entrance.
  - c. Board member Tom Schurke described the Fire Safe Council radio net used to communicate in an emergency.
9. Trails & Open Space
- a. Board member and Trails Committee Chairman Skye Ostrom provided highlights.
  - b. The Sand Canyon Trail is nearing completion. 2 new multi-use bridges are being installed. These bridges help to connect the trail along Sand Canyon for the safety and enjoyment of all residents.
  - c. The Sand Canyon Trails Committee has been working with the City to identify and maintain connection trails from our Sand Canyon Trail to the Open Spaces that surround the community.
  - d. Most trails in Sand Canyon are natural and rugged. Trail safety must always be a top priority.
  - e. Maps and information about trails are available on the city website and through the members of the trails committee.



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- f. If interested in more information about trails, please contact SCHOA leadership and they will connect you to the trails committee.

### 10. Development Updates

- a. Board member Marty Fox provided a current status of local development projects.
- b. Vista Canyon Bridge
  - i. The City has taken over the project. It is currently out for bid pursuant to the bid procurement process. The bids are set to arrive in June, will be analyzed and the costs evaluated.
  - ii. Planning is most likely going to recommend that the project go forward and as of now, the project is expected to go before the City Council for approval on June 25th.
- c. Sand Canyon Plaza.
  - i. Not much new from last year – we can all see the progress.
  - ii. I do have an update on the roundabouts on Sand Canyon north of Soledad Canyon. They have already started on the east side; when completed will move to the west side, then the medians go in and then the roundabouts last.
- d. Sand Canyon Country Club Resort.
  - i. The Resort formally submitted to the City back in May 2023 (this was after the one stop review).
  - ii. It was a brand-new submittal. Nothing from the prior submittal was/is relevant and the project is starting from scratch. The submittal indicated a smaller project than the last time.
  - iii. The City deemed the submittal incomplete and gave the submittal back to the developer in November 2023 with extensive comments and notes (the comments and notes are similar to the one stop comments conveyed at that time).
  - iv. In an nutshell, the City has not heard from the developer since the return of the comments and notes and the City has not performed any further work pending the next step from the developer.
- e. Belcaro at Sand Canyon.
  - i. This is the old Mancara project behind us – Lost Canyon would continue straight behind that first mountain.
  - ii. Not all of the prior people involved in Mancara are still involved.



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- iii. It is a planned, gated 55+ community by the same developer who did Valencia Belcaro. The developer stated that because 55+, less of a traffic impact. Traffic studies are already in progress.
  - iv. As of now, and subject to change of course, it is 359 smaller detached homes, 100 acres of open space, 5 acre equestrian center (which I think is outside of the gate if I remember right).
  - v. As of now, it is 87 acres of residential housing and the lots are 5,000 to 7,000 sq ft., there is 3 acres of recreation/community center (but this is only for the community inside the gates).
  - vi. The lots are fee simple.
  - vii. There is 2 miles of public trails outside of the gates and 2.6 miles of trails inside.
  - viii. Lost Canyon would be extended and a secondary access through the gold course roads back to Sand would be provided.
  - ix. No bridge across the river is included.
- f. Sand Canyon & Lost Canyon Roundabout. Given the financial problems of the project, the roundabout is DOA for now.

### 11. Questions & Answers

There were general questions regarding fire safety and development.

### 12. "Red Folder" information packets were provided to new residents.