

PACIFIC PALISADES

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Summary of Activities

1972 - 1985

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Introduction

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) was formed officially on March 11, 1972. Its specific purposes were defined as follows: to serve as a forum for the discussion of community issues; to help other Palisades organizations with projects of benefit to the entire community; and to help represent the Palisades to the City and State and any other public or private agencies with power to affect our future.

The Council's activities during the remainder of the year and the years thereafter included the following:

Council Membership and Business

Bob Abernathy - Chairman; M. Richards - Civic League; R. McMillin - Chamber of Commerce; R. Stebbins, P. Collins - Community Service; R. Hovey - Youth Service; C. Firstman - Youth Service; L. Lee - Environment; N. Weisenfluh - Senior Citizens; L. Gould - Cultural; J. Leisch - Human Relations Council; G. Nash - Education; J. Solomon, J. Hoyt - Property Owners; W. Miller - Member-at-Large; Ina Bitting - Secretary.

1. Agreed that all Council meetings would be open to the public. Established voting procedure and other Council policies. (March 11,)

Local Concerns

1. Heard a report from Councilman Braude concerning City planning issues which affect this area. He advised as to how the Council could most strongly exert its influence - be reasonable but forceful in its requests. (April 22)

Environment

1. Supported the Parks and Recreation Department's plan to acquire 3500 acres of parkland between Will Rogers Park and Topanga Canyon. (July 27)
2. Requested a moratorium on the construction of mountain roads in the Palisades area. (April 14)
3. Requested information from Planning and Parks and Recreation Departments about plans for development of Los Liones and Portrero Canyons. Heard about opposition to zone changes in the Los Liones project. (Sept. 12, Oct. 26)

Civic Development

1. Heard a report on plans by Harold Laskey to construct a condominium at Sunset and Via De La Paz which has met with much community opposition. (Sept. 28)

Village Green

1. Supported the Civic League's investigation of the possibility of obtaining the triangle of land at Antioch, Swarthmore, and Sunset from Standard Oil Co. (April 1, June 8, July 6)
2. Supported a community-wide fundraising campaign to enable the purchase of the land. (July 27)
3. Approved the creation of the Pacific Palisades Village Green Committee to oversee the fundraising effort. (Sept. 28)

Roads and Traffic

1. Heard about the danger of the intersection at Antioch and Sunset, inquired about what the Traffic Department could do to improve the situation. (Oct. 12, 26)

Oil Drilling

1. Heard pro and con discussions of proposed drilling. Voted against the establishment of oil drilling districts in the Palisades. (City Council Approved the districts). (April 22, May 11, 25, June 22, Oct. 12)

Education

1. Heard a report about the future of Palisades Elementary - it will be remodeled and will remain open. (May 11)

Public Safety

1. Publicized the emergency medical services of the Fire Department. (April 8)
2. Requested that funds to provide an emergency ambulance at Fire Station #69 be included in the L.A. City budget. (May 25)

Council Membership and Business

Membership is the same as 1972.*

1. Revised representation and voting procedures regarding quorums and the number of votes needed for approval of a motion. (Jan. 11, July 12)
2. Initiated the creation of the Pacific Palisades Community Council Incorporated which is to operate as a tax-exempt foundation for the purposes of disseminating information, raising funds and organizing social gatherings. The corporation is in addition to the regular council which remains unchanged. (Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 25, Dec. 13)
3. Discussed the question of youth representation on the Council. Continued to have a Youth Services position. (Feb. 8, 22)
4. Planned a Council fund-raising party on August 25. (July 12, 26)

Local Concerns

1. Heard a report from YMCA officials on their services and programs and their need for additional facilities. Investigated possible ways to help. (Dec. 13)
2. Invited Governor Reagan to speak to the community about his tax initiatives and other issues (meeting took place June 22 at the Women's Club). (April 12)

Environment

1. Heard from representatives of Lantain and Monarch Corporations their plans for the development of Los Liones and Potrero Canyons, respectively. (Feb. 8, 22, April 26)
2. Supported AB 1254 for creation of Ventura-Los Angeles Mountain and Coastal Zone Commission. (June 28)
3. Opposed the development of the Bernheimer Gardens area as a high-density dwelling area such as that proposed by Cerro Colorado Corp. (Nov. 8)
4. Supported state acquisition and development of Los Liones Canyon as an

arboretum. (Feb. 22, July 26, Aug. 9)

Civic Development

1. Supported 45', three story height limit legislation pending in City Council (ordinance approved in 1974). (March 22)
2. Organized the building and installation of six bicycle racks around the business area. (Aug. 9)
3. Opposed proposed overnight parking at Will Rogers State Beach (proposal defeated). (Sept. 27)
4. Discussed ideas for the acquisition of Potrero canyon by the City so it could be developed as a Pacific Palisades Cultural Center. (Jan. 25, May 10, June 14)

Village Green

1. Heard Village Green Committee's report that \$46,000 was paid in full for the acquisition of the land. (Feb. 22)
2. Invited community members and landscape architects to present opinions and plans for the development of the Green. (March 22, April 12)
3. Commended the Village Green Committee for their efforts in the creation of the Green, which was dedicated August 17, 1973. (Aug. 23)

Roads and Traffic

1. Supported the City's decision to forbid left turns from Sunset onto Antioch. (June 14)

Oil Drilling

1. Continued opposition to establishment of oil drilling districts in the Palisades. Heard that Occidental's proposal had been stopped by the Supreme Court and that No Oil's suit against them will be heard in October. (Aug. 23)
2. Opposed the granting of leases for offshore drilling along the California Coast.

Youth Affairs

1. Appointed a committee to study the needs of local youth . (Nov. 29)

Public Safety

1. Opposed possible city budget cuts necessitating the elimination of station #23 (cuts not imposed). (Nov. 8)
2. Commended Fire Department (as well as Police and Sheriffs) for their outstanding performance during the Topanga/Palisades fire of October, 1973. Presented certificates in public ceremonies. (Nov. 8)

* Membership hereafter lists those members seated at the start of a new calender year. Thus June 1973 - June 1974 members will be listed under 1974.

Council Membership and Business

Ed Staley - Chairman; Vinnie Simpson - Member-at-Large; John Kauke - Civic League; Pat Collins, Ron Griffeth - Community Service; June Chase - Cultural; Florence Elfant - Education; Lance Lee - Environment; Mary Cole - Human Relations Council; John Hoyt, James Solomon - Property Owners; Mary Pitts, Jennie Waddington - Youth Service; Jeff Kool - Chamber of Commerce; Paul Hoffman, Debbie Elfant - Youth; Bob Schibel - Legal Counsel; Ruth Bloch - Secretatry.

1. Created the annual Golden Sparkplug award to honor people who have been of exceptional service to the community. (May 23)
2. Held an Annual Meeting of the Council on July 21, designed to inform the community of Council activities, raise funds, and present Sparkplug awards. (May 23, July 11)
3. Completed the incorporation of the Council Foundation. (Oct 10)

Environment

1. Opposed development of Bernheimer Gardens as a proposed condominium in the area of Marquez and Sunset (proposed development dropped by developer). (Feb. 28)
2. Supported action to acquire Rustic-Sullivan Canyon as a state park. (Feb. 28)
3. Supported AB 2920 (Priolo) to allocate \$3.1 million for the acquisition of Los Liones Canyon. (State bought upper Los Liones Canyon). (Feb. 28)
4. Urged city to allocate funds for Environmental Quality Commision which would oversee Environmental Impact Reports. (Budget Request Approved by City Council). (April 11)
5. Offered Council support for the Seashore Environmental Alliance's (SEA) efforts to fight off-shore oil drilling and preserve the coastline. (June 27)
6. Opposed the Reseda Transportation Corridor and any other cross-mountain roads in the Santa Monica Mountains west of the San Diego Freeway (Reseda freeway was eliminated from the city's plan). (Sept. 12)

Civic Development

1. Supported the proposed 17 Unit condominium at Antioch and Havorford subject to a 3 story height limit and related traffic and environmental safeguards. (April 10)
2. Formed a committee to research the possibility of establishing an assessment district as a source of funds for a potential Palisades Community Center, preferably to be located near the library in Portrero Canyon. Committee polled the community and found that about two-thirds supported the idea in principle, but that many questions, doubts and alternatives arose. (May 9, July 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, 23)
3. Opposed the proposed construction of a restaurant at the corner of Temescal and Sunset. (Plans dropped). (Mar. 28)
4. Heard periodic updates on the proposed Santa Ynez, Ring Bros. (lower Los Liones Canyon) and Laskey (Sunset and Via) condominium plans. Basically opposed all on the basis of potential traffic and environmental problems, and specifically the Laskey building's excessive height. (March 28, Aug. 22, Nov. 14, Dec. 12)
5. Supported the City Planning Department's billboard and sign ordinance which aims to phase out billboards and limit the size and height of signs. (Oct. 10)

Roads and Traffic

1. Requested that Pacific Coast Highway between Temescal and Topanga be lined for six lanes, as recommended by the Department of Transportation. (May 23)
2. Advocated the permanent closing of the North side of Antioch St. between Swarthmore and Sunset for the extension of the Village Green. (June 13)

Oil Drilling

1. Opposed Federal Government sale of large tracts of the ocean for offshore drilling. Supported Mayor Bradley's Moratorium. (May 23)
2. Sent a letter of commendation to No Oil, Inc. for the successful outcome of their court battle to prevent oil drilling in the Palisades.

1. Heard a panel presentation on different models of the Alternative School program, such as that which exists at Palisades High. (Jan. 24)

Public Safety

1. Heard reports on shoplifting and drug abuse by local youth. Assigned the Public Safety Committee to recommend ways to reduce the drug abuse problem at Palisades High. (June 27, Dec. 12)

2. Opposed assignment of a police helicopter to the area on the basis that it would be too noisy, and that efforts should rather be made to improve car and foot service. (July 11)

Council Membership and Business

Ed Staley - Chairman; Gene Romig - Treasurer; June Chase - Cultural; Vinnie Simpson - Member-at-Large; Florence Elfant - Education; Anne Goldfarb - Human Relations Council; Winston Salser - Environment; Jim Solomon, Lorraine Allman - Homeowners; Judy Elliot - Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Burkhart, Robert May - Community Service; John Hoyt, Jay Shields - Property Owners; Mel Elliot - Youth Services; Virgene Bollens - Education; Bob Schibel - Legal Counsel; Ruth Bloch - Secretary.

1. Amended operating policy and procedures, mainly with regard to the method of appointing the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer; restructuring of representation from local organization; and voting procedures. (May 8, June 12)
2. Organized the Council's Annual Meeting Picnic on June 14. (May 22)

Local Concerns

1. Aided the Ecolo-Haul recycling center in finding a new location - the Arco lot at Monument and Sunset. (Feb. 13)
2. Supported the Historical Society's request for permission from the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation to landmark the site of the former Long Wharf. (Permission granted). (April 24)
3. Heard about the Community Redevelopment Agency's downtown tax proposal and voted to support SB1291 which calls for the issue to be put before the electorate as a referendum. (Oct. 9)
4. Requested the reinstatement of a fifth man in high risk area fire stations. Letters sent to Councilman Braude and other appropriate officials. (Oct. 23)

Environment

1. Urged that the landfill at Sunset and Temescal on Board of Education land be landscaped and that money saved by avoidance of dumping fees go to a special account devoted solely to the enhancement of the appearance of the site. (Jan. 23)
2. Heard from a representative of Ring Brothers about their plans for a proposed condo at base of Los Liones Canyon. (Jan. 9, 23)

3. Heard about Priolo AB701 which requests state funds to buy the property of Lower Los Liones Canyon. (Feb. 13, April)
4. Heard about Berman AB163 to create a Santa Monica mountains Comprehensive Planning Committee. Voted to support the bill upon the condition that the council's proposed changes in some of the bill's wording are included. (Bill passed). (Feb. 27, March 27, May 8)
5. Gave conceptual support for AB997, which would allocate \$25 million in State oil revenue monies for the acquisition and development of urban parkland. (May 22)
6. Supported the intent and purpose of the City Planning Department's proposed hillside residential density ordinance. (July 10)
7. Opposed Department of Recreation and Parks' proposal to fill Potrero Canyon with three million cubic yards of dirt until an Environmental Impact Report is drafted and public hearings are held. (Aug. 14, Sept. 11).

Civic Development

1. Council affirmed that it neither supports or opposes the Community Cultural Center, but merely wishes to provide a forum for the discussion of community needs and desires. (Jan. 23)
2. Cultural Center Committee concluded that the assessment district method of financing the center is unfeasible because of lack of community support. Alternative ways of financing the center are still being considered. (Sept. 25)
3. Supported Citizens Advisory Committee's version of the Brentwood-Palisades Community Plan, with particular emphasis on opposing the City Planning Department's proposed extension of Temescal Canyon Road and any associated widening of connected streets. (Nov. 13)
4. Announced the final impementation of the Very Limited (45') Height Ordinance in the Palisades as of August, 1975.

Roads and Traffic

1. Heard that Police and Fire Departments are in favor of making Bowdoin Ave. between Temescal and Radclife one-way. (Oct. 23)
2. Called for the Transportation Dept. to install a stop-sign at the corner of

Swarthmore and Bowdoin. (Oct. 23)

3. Continued strong opposition to any cross-mountain roads west of the San Diego Freeway, specifically those related to the Reseda Freeway plan. Also opposed any activities that would lead to increased traffic on already overloaded Pacific Coast Highway. (July 10)

Secession

1. Commissioned a task force to investigate the possibility of the Palisades seceding from the City of Los Angeles. (Oct. 23)

Education

1. Wrote to the Board of Education opposing proposed cut-backs or elimination of school bus transportation. (Aug. 14)

Public Safety

1. Requested an LAPD helicopter patrol of the Palisades on a six-month trial basis, with the provision that its effectiveness be evaluated at the end of that period. (No final evaluation was made, but results were considered favorable). (Feb. 13)

2. Commended the LAPD for its "cop-on-the-beat" concept and officer Rod Simpson for his performance of this duty. (June 26)

Council Membership and Business

John Prough - Chairman; Wally Miller - Vice Chairman; Bob May - Treasurer; Gloria Stout - Chamber of Commerce; Gene Romig - Civic League; Deantha Wagner, Daryl Gustafson - Community Service; Eva Holberg, Lee Minderhout - Cultural; Norma Barnes - Education; Ken Young - Environment; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations Council; Peter Kreidler - Ministerial; Beverly Widder, Betty Newman - Homeowners; Eula Thompson - Veterans; Mel Elliot - Youth Services; Legal Counsel - Bob Schibel; Ruth Bloch - Secretary.

1. Planned the Annual Meeting and wrote guidelines for it in the future. (May 27)

Local Concerns

1. Councilman Braude reported that the Swarthmore/Bowdoin stop-sign will be installed; that a Walk-Don't Walk signal will be installed at Sunset and Antioch; that he supports investigation of the Palisades' secession idea; and he is pushing for additional police presence in the area. (Jan. 22)

2. Supported the community project of improving the Palisades Park playground, with donated and discarded materials to be used in creating an improved play area. (April 22)

3. Established a committee to create a bulletin board in the area which, besides listing organizational meetings, would also list garage sales, as signs advertising these are an eyesore. (Sept. 23)

4. Wrote to various officials about excessive aircraft noise in the area and asked that steps be taken to change the flight patterns in order to reduce the noise level. (Nov. 11)

Environment

1. Heard updates from Assemblyman Priolo about Santa Monica Mountains land purchase bill and the purchase of Los Liones Canyon (money authorized in the budget).

2. Opposed the Palisades Highlands developers' request for authorization to build an additional 850 units, at least until the Council has had an opportunity to hear information on the issues involved. (Additional units Approved). (Dec. 9)

Civic Development

1. Heard from Gene Gelson about his plans for a new supermarket on the old Mayfair lot. Advised him of the requirements imposed by the community's general plan. (June 11)
2. Heard a report from the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Brentwood/Palisades Community Plan. The Committee intends to ask for the deletion of Temescal Canyon Drive north of Sunset; to propose minimal density for the Palisades Highlands and Tucker developments; and to recommend strict slope density requirements in the area. (Dec. 9)

Roads and Traffic

1. Heard a report concerning the financial crisis confronting the State highway construction and maintenance system. (Feb. 12)
2. Heard reports on the traffic problem on Bowdoin and Radcliffe, the experimental closure of Bowdoin to through traffic, and the subsequent closure of the street to eastbound traffic only. (April 8)
3. Supported the Traffic Engineers' plans for improving Sunset between Brooktree and Chautauqua. They entail widening and straightening the road, banking it properly, erecting a concrete retaining wall on the south side and installing a sidewalk behind the wall. (May 13)
4. Initiated programs to call attention to, and attempt to halt, widespread speeding on Sunset. Heard reports from police on their view of the problems and their responses - increased patrolling and ticketing and a strong recommendation to the community to observe the speed limit. Slow down On Sunset bumper stickers will be made. (Sept. 23)

Oil Drilling

1. Heard that the EIR from the most recent Occidental Oil drilling plans is available and that there will be a public hearing on it. (Sept. 9)

Property Taxes

1. Heard from County Tax Assessor, Philip Watson, as well as others who had researched the issue about the allocation of taxes and methods of property reappraisal. (Feb. 26)
2. The Property Tax Committee suggested a number of ways individuals and

the council could try to reduce taxes, but said that there was little hope for tax relief in 1976, though a number of measures were likely to be taken in 1977. (Aug. 12, Nov. 11)

Palisades Secession

1. Heard a report from the Study Committee to Improve Local Control which outlined the costs, benefits, difficulties and alternatives involved in the secession idea. It would require extensive political and popular support city-wide. There is virtually no way to remove local schools from the LA Unified School District without the Palisades itself separating from LA. Other communities are looking into similar ideas. (April 8)
2. Held a meeting to ascertain the community's views on secession, which revealed that people generally support the idea but that perhaps the situation is not yet bad enough to warrant the great effort it would require. (May 27)

Public Safety

1. Met new Cop-On-The-Beat Gene Dear, who proposed initiating some crime awareness programs at Palisades High and the elementary schools. Dear also explained the workings of the Police Department's response system, and suggested that residents call the police whenever an occasion warrants it, not just in emergencies, as this will tend to give the area a higher priority for all responses. (Mar. 25)

Council Membership and Business

John Prough - Chairman; Gloria Stout - Vice Chairman; Bob May - Treasurer; Gena McMillen - Chamber of Commerce; Fred Lambert - Civic League; Marilyn Wedig, Maddy Garland - Community Service; Bernice Park - Cultural; Sandy Schaefer - Education; Ed Dillingham - Environment; Richard Meyer - Ministerial; Betty Newman, Beverly Widder - Property Owners; Ted Tennant - Veterans; Barbara Burkhart - Youth Services; Ed Clabaugh - Legal Counsel; Ruth Bloch - Secretary.

1. Re-established a position on the council for youth representation. (Dec. 8)

Local Concerns

1. Received word from the FAA that it is implementing new flight patterns designed to decrease noise in the area. (Feb. 10)
2. Supported plans for the construction of a theatre by Theatre Palisades. It is to be located on the lot between Haverford and Temescal Canyon Drive and will be financed by members and friends of Theatre Palisades. (May 26)

Environment

1. Opposed proposed state amendments that would weaken the Coastal Commission's jurisdiction over the Santa Monica mountains. (May 26, June 9)
2. Sent a Council representative to Coastal Commission hearings to oppose Palisades Headlands' request that their yet undeveloped land be exempt from Coastal Commission jurisdiction. (June 9)
3. Heard from Palisades Headlands officials about the company's plans, which were mainly continued development to a maximum 2,858 units, a small convenience shopping center, and street links to Lachman and Bienvenida. They showed little inclination to respond constructively to the council's concerns about excess traffic and hillside density. (Aug. 11)
4. Opposed development of the Big Rock area by Bel Mar Estates until it can be subject to an forthcoming County and Coast general plan. (Aug. 11)

Civic Development

1. Affirmed past positions on Brentwood/Palisades Development Plan, sent a council member to City Council hearings with instructions to emphasize opposition to the extension of Temescal Canyon Drive and support for Slope

Density Controls. (Jan. 27)

2. The Brentwood-Palisades Community Plan was passed by the City Council. Certain aspects of it remain unsatisfactory to the Community Council - mainly the allowed density for the Headlands and Lachman developments. (July 14)
3. Questioned Bernard Gelson about the company's plans for a supermarket. He explained the delay in finalizing plans as being due to financial problems, but said that work would begin soon and would be completed by the end of 1978. He agreed to respect the community's concern for a workable traffic pattern and promised to clean up debris that has accumulated on the lot. (Dec. 8)

Roads and Traffic

1. Proposed steps for improving safety on Sunset between Amalfi and Chautauqua, including the placement of signs outlining upcoming curves, additional speed limit signs, a center divider, more guard rails, and improved banking. (Jan. 13)
2. Traffic Dept. has installed road warning signs, and painted left-turn pockets along Sunset west of Amalfi. Additionally, four extra policemen have been assigned to Sunset. (Feb. 10, Mar. 24)
3. Heard an LAPD report stating that fatalities on Sunset had dropped from 9 last year to none this year, presumably due to the community's and police's efforts at decreasing speed. (Oct. 13)

Oil Drilling

1. Heard updates on Occidental's new Environmental Impact Report and hearings regarding its request for area oil drilling districts. Situation remains far from resolution. (May 26)

Property Tax

1. Heard reports from the Property Tax Committee showing how property tax funds are allocated, and suggesting uses which can be questioned in an attempt to reduce government budgets. (March 10)

Public Safety

1. LAPD gave an update on the helicopter patrol, saying that it has been

effective though used irregularly. Regular patrol is to begin in July. Flying heights have been raised to decrease noise. Businesses and residents are urged to paint their street numbers on their roofs. (March 10)

2. Opposed cuts in the LAPD's budget which would affect any relations (especially youth services and community relations positions) between the Police Dept. and the community. (No such cuts were made). (May 12)
3. Heard that the LAPD attributed a 20% drop in crime in the community to the effectiveness of its helicopter patrol. (Oct. 13)
4. Expressed desire for a paramedic unit to be assigned to Fire Station #69. Heard what steps could be taken to this end. (Individual letters to the City Fire Commission are recommended). (May 12, 26)
5. Accepted the Fire Commission's compromise offer to supply a "pick up" ambulance to the area as a Paramedic unit is still unavailable. (Dec 8)

Olympic Games

1. Heard pro and con arguments regarding LA's bid for the 1984 Games. Expressed no opinion because of inadequate information. (Oct. 27)

Council Business

Bob Schibel - Chairman; Gloria Stout - Vice Chairman; Dick Meyer - Treasurer; Diantha Wagner - Community Service; Rubell Helgeson, Jim Solomon - Homeowners; Ted Tennant - Veterans; Robert Miller - Chamber of Commerce; Bill Klien - Member-at-Large; Daryl Gustafson; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations Council; Ted Green - Youth; Ted Mackie - Civic League; Bernice Park - Cultural; Alex Man - Environment; June Payne - Youth Services; Peter Kreitler - Ministerial; Ruth Bloch - Secretary.

1. Decided to have only one meeting a month in June, July, August, November and December. (June 8)
2. Heard an account from Bob McMillin about the founding of the Council in 1972, held an informal get-together for all representatives and alternates to become acquainted, and had a meeting of all past chairmen to review the Council's history and bylaws. (Sept. 14)

Local Concerns

1. Announced that air traffic has been rerouted so that planes no longer will fly over the area. (Feb. 23)
2. Heard a report on the extensive landslides caused by recent heavy rains, and on the city's policies on the issuing of residential building permits in slide-prone areas. Essentially, the city allows construction in all cases except when geological reports suggest that conditions are too dangerous. The council supported Councilman Braude's efforts to solve the problem of development in dangerous areas, but did not support his motion to establish a moratorium on building in areas that have experienced geological problems. (City Council approved a 60-day moratorium on construction in "unstable areas"). (Mar. 23, May 11)
3. Investigated the erosion of the beach parking lot at Sunset and PCH. (Repair may begin late in the year, according to the County Engineer). (April 12, May 25)
4. Protested the City Council's policy of keeping City budget proposals for 1978-9 from being made available to citizens. (April 12, June 8)
5. Heard a report from the Director of Jury Selection about the process used and difficulties faced in providing juries. He listed a number of ideas to make jury service less distasteful and more representative, but most are expensive and inconvenient. (May 11)

6. Discussed the issue of the Department of Parks and Recreation not renewing the Polo Association's lease at Will Rogers park (due to alleged violations of the contract, such as the presence of too many horses, and the non-rotation of pastureland) and recommended a ninety day extension of the lease while the two sides meet and try to develop a compromise solution. (A compromise was reached which allowed the Polo Association to remain for a year and the number of horses to remain the same). (Aug. 10)

Environment

1. Heard that the approval for development of a few specific Palisades Headlands tracts would result in increased traffic levels on Lachman and Akron to excessive levels. (Jan. 26)
2. Heard that the Coastal Commission had approved two development tracts between Bienvenida and Lachman, and that the decision will be appealed by homeowners groups. (Sept. 28)
3. Heard about the limiting of the Coastal Commission's area of jurisdiction, as proposed by the Pappen Bill. (Bill not passed). (March 23, April 12)

Civic Development

1. Heard a report from the Civic League's Reversionary Rights Committee about the proposed Gelson's Market. The committee approves of present plans for the market and will soon give a final authorization of the project. (Feb. 9)
2. The Garden Club's next major project is the beautification of the divider on Monument St., and tree-planting will go on around the community. (Sept. 28)

Oil Drilling

1. Heard that the Planning Commission rejected oil drilling ordinances, which means that it would take 10 votes on the City Council to pass them. This is considered unlikely. (Feb. 9)
2. Heard that the Ordinance proposal has been modified, and thus returns to the Planning Commission, from which it will again be sent to the City Council. (April 12)

Property Taxes

1. Heard a report from the Tax Committee about the cuts the City is considering in order to comply with Proposition 13. Mentioned were large cuts in fire and police protection, extensive lay-offs of municipal employees, trash collection fees, and general budget cutting. (June 8)

Youth Affairs

1. Heard a report from Joe Jelikovsky (resident, youth- and drug-abuse counselor) about such youth-related problems as drug and alcohol abuse and vandalism. He recommended the establishment of a "drop-in center" where kids could congregate. The Council formed a task-force to study the matter. (Dec. 14)

Education

1. Heard a report on the "public-private" community school concept, and on the Palisades Village School which is an example of such a school. Brought about by parents' desire to avoid bussing for their children, the school will begin operation in September in the temporary location of the Men's Club. (Feb. 23)

Public Safety

1. Heard a report from the Emergency Services Citizens Advisory Committee saying that paramedics are unavailable but that there are six firemen certified as Emergency Medical Technicians at Station #69, and that they are available to respond to emergencies in the company's ambulance at all times. (Jan. 12)

2. Opposed the sale of beer and wine by Chala Mobil station on Sunset and Swarthmore because of its potential to increase drinking and driving, especially on Sunset. (April 12)

3. Heard the LAPD's traffic accident report for Sunset, which showed that residents were involved in many of the accidents. The police feel that the combination of speeding and Sunset's engineering hazards is the main cause of accidents. (May 11)

4. Heard a report about the local CPR program, which is going strong. (Aug. 10)

5. Heard a report from the Fire Dept. about the difficulties imposed by

Proposition 13 budget cuts. (Oct. 12)

6. Commended the Fire Dept. on its work during the October 23 brush fires, after discussing with two Division Commanders the questions and concerns that the fire elicited within the community. (Oct. 26)

7. Further investigated problems that arose during the October fire. Questioned representatives of the Police and Fire Departments about communication between the two forces, firefighting strategies, evacuation policies, home protection methods, etc. Advocated more thorough pre-emergency planning, public hearings on brush clearance, recommendations to residents about how to protect homes, evacuation plans, and efforts to resolve the Police-Fire communication problems. (Nov. 9)

Olympic Games

1. Supported Councilman Ronka's Cost Control Charter Amendment which is designed to insure that the city will not incur debts from hosting the Olympics. (Feb. 23)

Council Membership and Business

Gloria Stout - Chairman; Maddy Garland - Vice Chairman; Richard Meyer - Treasurer; Edna Olsen - Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Kool - Civic League; Judy Wright, Charles McLeod - Community Service; Lee Minderhout - Cultural; Gerald Corrigan - Education; Ed Dillingham - Environment; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations Council; Jay Shields, Jim Solomon - Property Owners; Eula Thompson - Veterans; June Payne - Youth Service; Ted Green - Youth; Dennis Mullen - Legal Counsel; Ruth Bloch - Secretary.

1. Held the Annual Picnic at Palisades Park on June 9, and announced Sparkplug Award Winners at that time.

Local Concerns

1. Heard the Garden Club's plans for the creation of a mini-park similar to the Village Green on the island at Sunset and Monument. \$6,000 must be raised from the community. (April 26)
2. Heard a report on the Flood Control system in the area and about Proposition A which calls for an assessment tax to be levied on property owners according to the amount of storm run-off their property contributes. (Oct. 11)
3. Heard that Theatre Palisades received a conditional use permit for the proposed site of its new theatre and is continuing with fund-raising activities. (Sept. 13)

Civic Development

1. Heard the YMCA's plans for the construction of a new facility at the North-East corner of Sunset and Temescal - land which the Y may soon purchase. Plans are for a large building housing a health club, a gym, racquet ball and squash courts and several meeting rooms. The cost is expected to be more than \$2 million and the project is to be completed by 1983. (April 26)
2. Heard community opinion on the proposed YMCA project, which included much opposition based on traffic problems, environmental risk, the possibility of its leading to an extension of Temescal Canyon Dr., and general fear that it could lead to additional development in the canyon. After two open meetings on the matter, the Council voted to support the YMCA's proposal. (May 10, 24)

Youth Affairs

1. Supported the Task Force on Youth's proposal outlining areas which should be addressed in trying to serve the needs of local youth. These are: 1) Parental Awareness, 2) Community Awareness and 3) Facility Availability and Utilization. (Jan. 11, 25)
2. Considered Safeway's policy of allowing students into the store only in groups of two which was implemented as a result of shoplifting and vandalism. Decided to try to find solutions to these sorts of problems. (Feb. 22)
3. The Task Force on Youth held a public meeting (more than 80 people attended) in which many ideas for keeping kids occupied and out of trouble were heard. The highest priority suggestions were: a community sports league; re-establishment of a movie theatre (The Bay had recently closed); a youth activity center; and the use of existing park facilities for dances, concerts, etc. (March 22)
4. A weekend evening youth center opened at the Methodist Church, with sports and dancing offered. (May 24)
5. Heard that a two-week campaign by the Palihi Student Council, along with the threat of the campus being closed, has alleviated the littering problem around the area of the Women's Club. (Oct. 25)

Public Safety

1. The Fire Commission's review of the October fire resulted in a list of "Lessons Learned" and corresponding recommendations, many of which have been or are being carried out. Among a number of technical improvements are also new regulations being considered concerning brush clearance and the use of wood shingle roofs. (Jan. 11)
2. Heard that the Council's Public Safety Committee plans to develop its own emergency plan for the community. (Feb. 22)
3. Heard a report from the Santa Monica Bay Area React Program which is a community-based emergency communication and neighborhood safety group. They have regular car patrols of local streets at night, watching out for and reporting suspicious occurrences to the police. Council is interested in establishing such a program here. (Oct. 25)

NOTE: The minutes for April-August, Nov. and Dec. of this year are missing.

Council Membership and Business

Gloria Stout - Chairman; Gerry Corrigan - Vice Chairman; Lew Barnes - Treasurer; Kathy Siebert - Civic League; Lee Minderhout - Cultural; Kathy Alexander - Youth Services; Marion Marshall, Daryl Gustafson - Community Service; Pat Southall - Veterans; Lou Gatto - Chamber of Commerce; Don Segel, Betty Newman - Property Owners; Maddy Garland - Traffic Safety; Jay Shields - Public Safety; Ted Green - Youth; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations Council; Richard Meyer - Ministerial; Hank Ullerich - Legal; Ina Bitting - Alt. Secretary.

1. Held a fund-raising picnic at the Palisades Park on June 14. Announced Sparkplug Award Winners at that time.

Local Concerns

1. Heard the opinion that the Palisades Americanism Parade was losing community identity and participation. Decided to enter a float from the Council. (May 8)
2. Held a Candidates Night in which Carey Peck (for U.S. Congress), Steve Afriat (for State Assembly), Yvonne Burke (for Board of Supervisors) and Rosemary Woodlock (for State Senate) all spoke and answered questions. (Oct. 23)

Environment

1. Heard that the proposed major repair job on the Rustic Canyon creek had been replaced by a much smaller job which will preserve it for a while longer. (Sept. 25)

Civic Development

1. Heard that there will be 700 more homes in the Palisades Highlands - 200 to 300 along Gateway, 40 above Lachman, and about 100 on Bienvenida. About 15% of these are to be "affordable units" as is required. It was questioned whether there is sufficient fire and police protection for the added population of the area. (May 22)
2. Theatre Palisades announced the ground-breaking for its new theater on June 1. (May 22)

Education

1. Discussed the open campus policy at Palihi, which is being criticized by some and which may be eliminated. (In December the campus was closed to all but seniors during lunch hours). (May 8, Dec. 11)
2. Heard updates on the proposed Alternative School to be built on the School Board lot above Palihi. Many people spoke against the project at a public meeting with the School Board. (July 10)
3. Heard about a meeting concerning the proposed bussing of Revere Junior High students. It was unclear at this time what plan would be enacted. (Bussing regulations were overturned). (August 14)
4. Discussed School Board cuts in the activities and curriculum at Revere and Pali. Sent a letter to the Board Superintendent voicing dissatisfaction with the elimination of 6th period, lack of transportation and declining quality of education. (Sept. 11)

Public Safety

1. Heard that, in response to a number of burglaries, an area of the Palisades has banded together and with the Police to make it more difficult for such crimes to take place. They are monitoring which cars do and do not belong in the neighborhood. (April 10)
2. Heard about the proposal for a Police sub-station to be built in the area. After consultation with the LAPD and Councilman Braude, it was agreed that in lieu of a station, there would be 24-hour service for the Palisades, as well as perhaps an emergency phone at the fire station. (May 8)
3. Councilman Braude described his discussions with the Police about the Palisades. There will be no second car assigned, but the present one will be here 24 hours. Improved communications equipment is being installed. The department is making internal efforts to increase the number of officers in the field and decrease response time. The Councilman recommends improved lighting in areas that have experienced recent crime. He also mentioned that he has suggested that beach parking lots be closed at midnight to discourage loitering there. (May 22)

Council Membership and Business

Lew Barnes - Chairman; Sandy Schaefer - Vice Chairman; Lou Gatto - Treasurer; Don Segel and Maxwell Selman - Property Owners; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations; Cathy Siebert - Civic League; Jeff Kool - Cultural; Kathy Alexander - Youth Services; Allan Marcus - Youth; Gilbert Dembo - Environment; John Prough - Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Hyatt, Philip Hollingsworth - Community Service; Bill Southall - Veterans; Chris Supernaw - Member-at-Large; Henry Ullerich - Legal Counsel; Pat Southall - Secretary.

1. Formed an ad-hoc committee to study the Council, its direction, ways it can be invigorated, attract new people and ideas, etc. (May 14, 28)
2. Adopted a resolution which calls for council members to continue to serve past the official end of their terms if their organization has not yet chosen and sent a new representative. (June 11, 17)
3. Adopted Amendments to the By-Laws concerning the appointment of members to the council, attendance requirements, voting procedures, nomination policies for executive positions, and the starting time of meetings - now 7:30 PM. Also commissioned a Council Improvement Committee to further review the By-Laws. (June 11, Sept. 14, 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 12)
4. Began providing the Council's Agenda to the Palisadian Post for release prior to each meeting. (Nov. 12)

Local Concerns

1. Observed that there are a number of places in the community which tend to have a lot of litter in the area. Decided to try to get garbage cans put in such places. (Jan. 22)
2. Helped organize a community clean-up project along with the Chamber of Commerce and Pali students' help. The project took place April 4. (Feb 26)
3. Organized a community picnic on May 17 to celebrate Los Angeles' bicentennial. The Sparkplug Award winners will be announced at this time. (April 9)
4. Reactivated a Community Events Calender. (May 28, June 11)

Environment

1. Opposed cutbacks in federal funds for the Santa Monica Mountains. Was advised that the S.M. Mountains were low on the administration's list of priorities for funding and that members should write letters to Congressmen, Senators and the President. Council also wrote asking that priorities be reconsidered. (March 12, July 9)
2. Heard a report on the erosion problems in Potrero Canyon. Sent letters pressing for the renewal of the effort to have an EIR done so the further action could be taken on the situation. (March 12, August 13, Oct. 8)
3. Heard about the proposed deepening of the Rustic Canyon creek. Residents are against the project as it is considered unnecessary and potentially harmful to the trees in the vicinity of the creek. (May 28)

Civic Development

1. Sent a representative to meetings on the Brentwood-Palisades Community Plan which will discuss proposed zoning changes. (June 11)
2. Heard from representative of both sides in the Bernheimer Gardens property dispute (local residents vs. Village School). Residents alleged that a necessary conditional use permit was never secured by the school. Construction has been called to halt for 60 days. (City concluded that all requirements had been met and construction resumed). (Sept. 10, Oct. 8)

Education

1. Hosted the principals of Marquez and Palisades Elementary, Revere Junior High and Palisades High who spoke about the situations at their schools. (April 23)

Public Safety

1. Heard an update on the Citizens Against Crime program, which needs block captains to watch areas during the day. There will be a public meeting presenting the program on May 7. (March 26)
2. Heard a report from the local Disaster Committee explaining its activities, which are to coordinate emergency procedures for the community in time of disaster. (Dec. 10)

Council Membership and Business

Lew Barnes - Chairman; Sandy Schaefer - Vice President; Philip Hollingsworth - Treasurer; Bill Southall - Veterans; Mike Levin - Chamber of Commerce; Abe Winokur - Ministerial Association; Harriet Axelrad - Cultural; Arnie Wishnick, Dorothy Hill - Community Services; Betty Newman - Environment; Max Sellman, Don Segel - Property Owners; Joan Lambert - Youth; Mary Dean - Education; Elliot Stanford - Legal; Hugh Smark - Civic League; Brownlee Haydon - Human Relations Council; Kathy Hyatt - Member-at-Large; Pat Southall - Secretary.

1. Investigated the idea of installing flood lights in the Library parking lot as a gift to the library in appreciation for their allowing the Council to use the community room. (March 25)
2. Heard a report from the Council Improvement Committee outlining recommendations for the council. More changes in the By-Laws are planned. Council will keep records of its accomplishments as well as relevant newspaper clippings. Hired a part-time administrator. (June 10, 24, July 8)

Local Concerns

1. Involved in planning for Palisades' 60th Anniversary celebration. Again sponsored a picnic at which Sparkplug Award Winners were announced. (Jan. 28)
2. Continued to compile and publish the Community Calender.
3. Donated \$50 to the Americanism Parade Association. (April 15)
4. Advised citizens to report any observed illegal trash dumping in the area. (June 10)
5. Were informed about the Bus Shelters that will be installed in the area. There are to be three, and they were approved by the City Cultural Affairs board. (June 24)

Environment

1. Heard a report from the Presbyterian Synod on their conference ground land and their options for its development and use. (May 13)
2. Supported reauthorization of the 1973 Endangered Species Act. (May 27)

Civic Development

1. Opposed the construction of proposed storm drains on Sunset and Chautauqua. (March 25, April 15, May 13)
2. Investigated options to save the Business Block from demolition. Heard about the Historical Society's denied request for it to be named a landmark. (May 27, August 12)
3. Supported the "Don't Mall the Palisades" rally of Oct. 2, opposed construction of a large mall on the Santa Monica Land and Water Property, formed a committee for the preservation of the Palisades, one function of which will be to establish a business area plan as directed in the Brentwood-Palisades Community Plan. (September 9)
4. Opposed the issuance of a permit for a video game arcade to be built in the Hecht building, due to inadequate parking, traffic hazards, and potential negative influence on youth. (Oct. 14)
5. Heard about proposed condos and shopping center at the base of Palisades Dr. Wrote to the City Planning Dept. asking why no EIR had been received and expressing concerns about traffic, noise and zoning adherence. (Nov. 11)

Roads and Traffic

1. Heard about potential changes to El Medio. A hearing is planned for July. The road is being considered as a secondary access route to the Watt Development, whose primary access is Bienvenida, but is not going to be widened. (May 27, June 24)

Oil Drilling

1. Heard that the most recent Occidental proposal was not approved by the City Council. (Nov. 11)

Public Safety

1. Heard that the Chamber of Commerce is investigating private security patrols for the business district. (April 29)
2. Heard a report from Fire Department officers about steps taken in L.A. to improve fire fighting and what citizens can do to reduce property losses from fires. (May 27)

Council Membership and Business

Sandy Schaefer - Chairman; Philip Hollingsworth - Vice Chairman; Kathy Alexander - Treasurer; Anette Brown, Arthur Townhill - Community Service; Jack Purcell - Legal Counsel; David McCann - Chamber of Commerce; Betty Newman - Environment; Jim Merriman - Member-at-Large; Ingrid Purcell - Civic League; Mary Ann Barnard - Education; Joe Jelikovsky - Youth; Scott Clifford - Youth; Joan Graves - Member-at-Large; Barbara Sample - Secretary.

1. Adopted the new Council By-Laws presented by the Improvement Committee despite the objections of No Oil and PPRA concerning the changed quorum requirements. (Jan. 13)
2. Adopted changes in the By-Laws of the organizations represented on the Council. (Sept. 8)

Local Concerns

1. Contributed \$25 to the Americanism Parade. (May 12)
2. Contributed \$100 to the mural project on Temescal near Bowdoin, which is to depict the history of the area. (June 23)
3. Supported the proposed "Dialogue between Baldwin Hills, Pacific Palisades and Mayor Bradley" to address common community concerns. (June 23)
4. Wrote to Jon Douglas concerning public opposition to his office's new roof sign. (Oct. 27)

Environment

1. Heard a report from Councilman Braude about Potrero Canyon. A partial fill of the canyon is proposed to stabilize it and prevent further erosion. An EIR must be done for this, but the city does not have enough money for the EIR or the fill project under the current budget. He proposed renegotiating the Sunspot Motel's lease for the land at the base of the canyon such that more revenue would be generated. A representative of the Recreation and Parks Dept. showed renderings of the proposed fill, which would become a passive use park and walkway to the beach. The majority of the approximately 125 people in the audience favored the plan. (June 9)

Civic Development

1. Heard updates on the activities and decisions of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on the development of the Business District. They recommended a number of zoning changes in the area, as well as building bulk and height limits. (January - March, April 14, June 9)
2. Heard that Theatre Palisades is having a fund-raising drive so they can begin construction of their new theater. (March 24)
3. Heard from Councilman Braude about the proposed property tax assessment to raise money the city needs. He suggested alternative ways to raise the money - essentially economies in running the city, plus a rubbish collection fee and utilities surcharge. (May 12)
4. Heard that TOPA, the new owner of the Business Block building wants to renovate it and make it earthquake-safe, and is hoping for City approval to do so. (July 28)

Roads and Traffic

1. Wrote to relevant officials concerning traffic problems on Sunset created by the closure of PCH. (July 28)

Youth Affairs

1. Heard a report from Joe Jelikovsky on teen problems in the Palisades - drug abuse, alcoholism, vandalism, etc. He urged that the council support a community Drop-in Center for teenagers. (Jan. 13)
2. Appointed a sub-committee to investigate youth problems and coordinate action to solve them. The committee's report identified a number of ways in which the community could better meet youth needs, emphasizing mainly "a place for kids to go". A community meeting on the subject is planned for April 21. (Jan. 27, March 13)
3. The community meeting drew more than 100 people. Committees on Activities, Youth Employment, and Communications were formed. (April 28)
4. Heard that a dance is planned for June 11 at Palisades park to kick off youth activities, that the YMCA will again coordinate the Youth Employment Service, and that the Lutheran Church is offering a youth facility for weekend nights. (May 12)

5. The dance was successful and another one is planned for September 16. The Y.E.S. has been supplied with a State Employment Development Office employee to man the service, and the Lutheran Church is sponsoring the Palisades Center which will open in mid-September. (July 28, August 25)
6. Heard that the Palisades Center is having good attendance, and has received some donations, but is hoping for more and is going to hire a director for the program. (Oct. 27)

Public Safety

1. Heard from a Westec Security Co. representative that they are interested in working with the community to reduce crime problems. (March 24)
2. Heard reports on the progress of the Safe Rides program, which provides rides home for youths who are too drunk to drive. It will discontinue during the summer and restart in the fall. (March 24, June 9, July 28)
3. Heard a report on the upcoming "Chemical People" outreach program concerning drug abuse and alcoholism. KCET will broadcast the program from Palihi, and a community task force will be organized to further work on the situation. (Oct. 13)
4. Supported the Palisades Elementary PTA's letter to the School Board about vandalism at the school and the inadequate security response. There will be a community forum on vandalism January 12 at Palisades Elementary. (Oct. 27)
5. The "Chemical People" program was successful and resulted in public committees being formed to address 1) drug and alcohol abuse, 2) traffic safety, and 3) vandalism, rape, burglaries and other crime. (Nov. 10)

Council Membership and Business

Sandy Schaefer - Chairman; David McCann - Vice Chairman; Philip Hollingsworth - Treasurer; Jim Merriman - American Legion; Bob Benton - Chamber of Commerce; Mary Garland, Al Sobelman - Community Service; Alice Karl - Cultural; Ingrid Purcell - Civic League; Gil Dembo - Environment; Ron Dean - Legal Counsel; Sally Iorillo - Education; Joan Graves - Member-at-Large; Kathy Alexander - Secretary.

1. Planned a Community Day on August 19 featuring a "Concert in the Park" as well as Sparkplug and Citizen of the Year Award presentations. (Feb. 24)
2. Again updated the list of organizations in the By-Laws. (May 10)

Local Concerns

1. Heard that the tree roots on Swarthmore are a problem, and that if the trees have to be removed the city will replace them. (March 8)
2. Announced an All-Community Clean-Up day organized by Councilman Braude on June 9. (May 10)
3. Heard Braude criticize Proposition 36 for the great amount of revenue it would cause Los Angeles to lose, and the corresponding cutbacks in services that would have to be made. (Oct. 25)

Environment

1. Sponsored a special meeting on November 29 regarding the filling of Potrero Canyon and the preparation of the EIR for the project. (Nov. 8)

Civic Development

1. Suggested that the problem of insufficient parking be taken into account by the Citizens' Action Committee in their plan for the Business District. (July 26)
2. Heard that the property at Sunset and La Cruz was purchased by TOPA and is intended to be a two-story office building, in conformity with the CAC plan. The future of the Sunset and Monument property is uncertain. (August 9, Nov. 8)

3. Heard a report on the contents of the CAC plan. It retains commercial and retail services as primary, recognizes the village as a pedestrian oriented marketplace, calls for a two-story height limit on new buildings, addresses auto and pedestrian traffic patterns and considers "in lieu" and diagonal parking. A Design Review Board of architects and planners will review new development to insure harmony with the plan. (Sept. 13, Oct. 11)
4. Discussed the proposed remodeling of the Mobil station at Sunset and Swarthmore - suggested perhaps buying the land and making it into another mini-park. (Dec. 10)

Roads and Traffic

1. Heard that a traffic signal will be installed at Sunset and Carey Street, though perhaps not until 1985. (Feb. 9, April 26)

Youth Affairs

1. Heard that the Palisades Center for youth has moved to the YMCA. It operates Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 to midnight. (March 22)
2. Heard a presentation about the American Field Service student exchange program at Palisades High. (April 22)

Education

1. Heard that enrollment has increased in the senior and junior high schools, primarily as a result of private school kids reentering the public school system. (Sept. 13)

Public Safety

1. Discussed vandalism at the local schools and what measures could be taken to prevent it. MacGuard Security Systems offered to patrol the properties of Palihi, Palisades Elementary and Marquez Elementary for six months free of charge. School Board officials brought up liability issues, but agreed to further discuss the idea with MacGuard. Officials also advised that one of the best defenses is watchful neighbors who report problems. (Jan. 26)
2. Further discussed the vandalism problem, and decided to improve the lighting on school grounds, further press the School Board for help, and continue discussions with MacGuard. (Feb. 9)

3. Heard that Revere has increased security by locking gates, that a fence may be installed at Palihi, and that the MacGuard contract is being considered by School Board officials. (March 8, April 12)
4. Heard that "Chemical People" committees have been formed and that a general membership meeting is planned. (March 8)
5. Heard a report from the Fire Department on their brush clearance program. (July 26)
6. Heard a report on the deployment procedures of the LAPD in the Westside area. (Oct. 25)

Council Membership and Business

Jim Merriman - Chairman; Joan Graves - Vice Chairman; Philip Hollingsworth - Treasurer; Ron Dean - Counsel; Gina Jakel, Lew Barnes - Community Service; Bob Benton - Chamber of Commerce; Marie Bauer - TCA; Jack Thomas - Ministerial; Richard Little - Youth Activities; Flo Elfant - Member-at-Large; Ingrid Purcell - Civic League; Judy Heifitz - Education; Alice Karl - Cultural; Diantha Wagner - Secretary.

Local Concerns

1. Heard a report about the upcoming Curbside Recycling project. Glass, metal cans and newspaper will be picked up biweekly to be recycled, saving from 50 - 95% of the energy used to make new bottles and cans, and saving lots of trees. It is a trial program funded by a state grant and the Environmental Trust Fund. (Jan. 24)
2. Supported the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's plans for new recreational facilities, which are to include a skateboard park and movie screenings. (June 13)
3. Heard a report from the Garden Club about the state of the Ficus trees on Swarthmore. Their roots are causing problems, but more research is being done before going forward with a proposal to replace the trees with Australian Willows. Wrote to the City Department of Trees asking that the Council be notified in advance whenever any planting or removing of trees is planned. (Aug. 22, Oct. 9)
4. The Chamber of Commerce is asking for donations to buy a "Ton of Snow" for the Village Green for the Snow Party on December 5. (The Snow Party was a success). (Nov. 14)

Environment

1. Heard about the illegal landfill in Rivas Canyon and similar problems below Chautauqua and potentially elsewhere. (Jan. 24)
2. Heard that now two plans are being considered for the filling of Potrero Canyon. One would fill the canyon by one third, the other more. The Zoning Department approved the 40' plan. (March 14, Oct. 24)
3. Heard a description of the Santa Monica Conservancy and its hopes to develop the area at the mouth of Sunset into a recreation area with hiking

trails, picnic areas, a Ranger station, etc. Funds for this project must come from state money, private contributions, and conservancy grants. (March 28)

Civic Development

1. Heard from a representative from Mobil Oil about their plans for the remodeling of the present station at Sunset and Swarthmore. They want to make it into a three-island self-serve operation with a car wash and perhaps 24-hour snack and liquor sales. The Council expressed its concern that such a station would encourage loitering, attract transients, and be conducive to drunk driving. Mobil agreed to perhaps stop selling alcohol at 9:00pm. (Feb. 14)
2. Wrote a letter to Mobil advising them that they would be expected to submit their design plans for the station to the Civic League for review, and that the Council objected to 24-hour service, liquor sales after 8:30pm and a car wash. (Mobil dropped plans to redevelop). (March 14, April 11, Sept. 26)
3. Heard that Joshi Associates plans a 3-story office building and shopping complex on the old Arco lot at Sunset and Monument. (No further action arose). (April 11)
4. Discussed the proposed business center to be built at Sunset and Marquez by La Mancha Corp. Wrote a letter stating the Council's objections to a mini-mart with extended hours, rooftop parking, and unpleasant architecture. (LaMancha withdrew its application to develop the property). (May 23, July 25, Aug. 8, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14)
5. Heard about proposed condominiums at 15500 Sunset. They are to be Mediterranean style luxury units. Only concerns were based on increased traffic on Haverford. (July 25)
6. Heard that Palisades Headlands Properties wants to construct a park or 80 medium priced units on its land at the foot of Palisades Drive rather than the 100 low cost housing units originally agreed to as part of the Fair Housing Act. (Aug. 22)
7. Heard that the City Council passed the Community Action Plan (which oversees development in the business district), and that applications are being taken for the Design Review Board. (Dec. 12)
8. Supported the concept of the affordable, convenient Senior Citizens housing project proposed by Martha Patterson to be built in Potrero Canyon near the village. (Dec. 14)

Roads and Traffic

1. Discussed treacherous road conditions on Sunset in light of recent traffic accidents. A study committee was formed to investigate the problem and take input from the community. Planned an open discussion of this situation on June 27. (May 9, June 13)
2. The Safety on Sunset Committee sent letters requesting that the City undertake a Traffic Study of Sunset to solve the dangerous traffic conditions that exist and that the Police Department maintain 24-hour traffic enforcement on Sunset. They also have a petition signed by 1500 residents requesting the city to improve the road, and will continue to exert pressure to this end. (June 27, July 25)
3. Heard a police report that average speed on Sunset has dropped from 50 to 40 mph. Braude and traffic officials suggest that the 3 E's of safety be followed - Engineering, Enforcement and Education. They will work on the first two while the Committee should address the third. (Aug. 8)
4. Further updates from SOS indicate that the City has a capital improvement plan to upgrade Sunset within 5-6 years. It is hoped that this can be reduced to 4-5 years. Meanwhile, the committee is working with traffic engineers to improve lighting, upgrade signs, to move utility poles back from the edge of the road, and to consider installing Botts Dotts to slow traffic. (Oct. 9)
5. Heard that the City's projects for banking Sunset by Evans Road and upgrading the Will Rogers entrance have been advanced from 9th to 3rd on the priority list. Heard a recommendation by the SOS committee that sidewalks and curbs should be built to add to safety. (Nov. 14)

Youth Affairs

1. Made efforts to help Revere and Pali overcome growing graffiti problems. Suggested a public awareness program to enlist support in ending the problem. Heard that there were less incidents towards the end of the school year. (May 9, 23, June 13)
2. Heard about a Girl Scout troop's planned trip to Australia, and their need for funds. They will be washing cars, baby sitting and doing light housekeeping for donations. (May 9)

Public Safety

1. Heard a report from Dr. Robert Hamilton concerning the need for a trauma center closer to the Westside than the one at UCLA. He advised that residents send letters requesting that Santa Monica Hospital be designated a Level 2 Trauma Center, as it has the necessary emergency equipment. (The hospital was designated a Limited Trauma Center). (Jan. 24, May 23)
2. Heard that Safe Ride continues to operate under student direction on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00pm to 2:00am. Its purpose is still to provide rides home for teenagers who have been drinking or whose driver has been. (April 11)
3. Recommended to the Fire Department that outlying stations such as #23 have their paramedics double as fire fighters to increase their utility. (Sept. 26)
4. Heard about the Earthquake Committee's emergency preparedness program. (Oct. 9, Dec. 14)