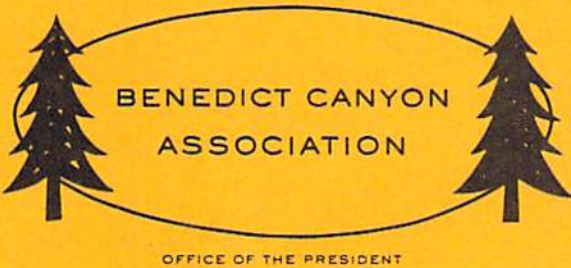


"A Better Community Through Community Effort"



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January 15, 1968

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 26, Friday -- 8 PM

BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL
Rodeo Room

The Annual meeting of the general membership will be held as noted above. ALL HOMEOWNERS and RESIDENTS of the Benedict Canyon area are cordially invited to attend.

A special invitation is extended to the residents of the San Ysidro area who are now included in the community served by the B. C. A. We are looking forward to your participation.

This is your opportunity to meet your neighbors, Governmental Representatives, and become acquainted with the activities of your Association. Officers and Directors for 1968 will be elected.

The evening's speakers will include the following:

City Councilman James B. Potter, Jr.

City Councilman Edmund D. Edelman

State Senator Lou Cusanvich will attend if he is able to leave Sacramento on January 26th.

John S. Muir, General Manager, Theta Cable of California
(to answer your inquiries regarding Cable TV service)

Bar service will be available and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

TV CABLE
Arthur
Pieper

"Theta Cable of California" has requested a one-year extension of time for the establishment of Community Antenna Television service in Los Angeles.

Three CATV franchises were granted to Theta Cable on January 9, 1967. The area of the franchises is 135 square miles and service was to be provided to all applicants within 12 months.

Mr. John S. Muir, General Manager of Theta, appeared before the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation on January 4th in regard to this request. The Board recommended the granting of a six-months' extension of time, subject to findings at this hearing.

Councilman James Potter attended the hearing to press for a more exact time schedule and to inquire into the cooperation being given by Pacific Telephone and the Department of Water and Power in clearing pole lines.

Marshall Geller and Mrs. Jerrold Rudelson appeared for the Benedict Canyon Association. Mr. Louis Lomax and Mr. Ira Englander questioned the Board regarding Cable service in the Clearview area of Benedict Canyon.

Mr. Muir was not able to give adequate information as to the time schedule of service if an extension was granted. Many residents of Benedict Canyon have signed applications for service but no indication was given when this service would be available.

The Board decided to grant only a TWO WEEK extension of the franchises after hearing from the BCA representatives and the Clearview residents.

On January 18th, Thursday, 2:00 P. M., Room 350 - City Hall - Mr. Muir will appear before the Board of Public Utilities to give the time schedule of Cable TV service for Benedict Canyon in particular, including the Clearview area. The Board will then act on the extension of time for the franchises.

TRAFFIC
Tony Liebig

The "DRIVE SLOW BENEDICT" campaign starts on Valentine's Day. Shortly before February 14th, two bumper stickers (easily removable) will be mailed to every resident in the Canyon.

Residents are urged to display these stickers on the rear bumpers of their cars and to drive within the posted speed limits.

Remember, the Only way to slow the fast and increasing valley-to-city traffic which is blighting Benedict Canyon, is to do it ourselves.

As a part of the Campaign, permanent signs will be placed at either end of the Canyon. The well-known designer, Mr. Antone Dalu, who resides in Benedict, has generously agreed to create these signs for us.

BEVERLY
GROVE &
TOWER
GROVE
FILL

The same builder who only last June was denied the resumption of dirt dumping at the intersection of Beverly Grove & Tower Grove by the Public Works Committee of the City Council is attempting an end run to achieve his fill operation.

The builder has an application before the Board of Building & Safety Commissioners to import 35,000 cubic yards of dirt (5,000 to 6,000 truckloads). The huge trucks would have to pass over steep, narrow streets with hairpin curves to reach the dump-site.

A large turn-out of the area's residents on January 8th protested this maneuver. The Commission then passed the matter back to the City's Advisory Agency. The departments of the Agency will determine if additional fill is necessary to develop this property.

CANYON
CRUER

The January 4th issue of the "Canyon Crier" had some very kind words for your Association. The first page, top headlines were:
"THE ACTIVE GROUP IS THE SUCCESSFUL GROUP"
"BENEDICT CANYON ASSOCIATION VERY MUCH ALIVE"
The article that followed reviewed all of our current activities.

We thank the "Crier" and offer our sincere best wishes on their 25th anniversary, in February. The "Crier" has always been most helpful in keeping our residents informed. We are fortunate to have a local press which understands our area's special problems.

FEDERATION

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations elected officers for 1968 at their meeting of January 10th. Congratulations to Mr. John D. Weaver of Benedict Canyon, selected as "Chairman of the Board."

Mr. Jack Thompson of Beverly Glen is the new president, succeeding Mrs. Frank Melograno. Thank you, Lil, for the extra effort you gave the job during the past year.

Mr. John Waters, one of the founders of this Association, has asked to be relieved of his Board duties for 1968. We thank John and Agnes for their 20 years of service to the community.

The Executive Board has declared that John and Agnes Waters are to have "Life Membership" in the Benedict Canyon Association. Their counsel will always be welcomed by the Board.

REVIEW

Our Association was organized in 1948 and has been active and involved in the development of our Canyon ever since. It is a completely voluntary organization, with no paid employees.

All of us who live in the Canyon must work together to bring about improvements to keep our area safe, and to preserve the natural beauty of one of the last rustic canyons in our city.

The Association's primary function is to give our canyon a unified voice, so that we of this area can speak as one, when necessary, and we have found it to be necessary on occasions too numerous to mention.


The following are some of the problems and activities the Board and membership were involved with in 1967:

1. Proposed plan to build a sewage tunnel under Benedict Canyon
2. Proposed ordinances effecting city officials
 - a. reports of campaign contributions and gifts
 - b. lobbyist registration
 - c. declaration of assets
3. The "Glenwood" condominium project of U. S. Plywood in Beverly Glen
4. Opposed dirt dumping at Beverly Grove Dr. and Tower Grove Dr.
5. R.P.D. (Residential Planned Development) ordinance
6. Fight to maintain school bus service in the Canyon
7. Encouraged and helped with 2 Canyon Art Shows
8. Emergency medical aid information
9. Community Antenna Television
10. Supported the Brush Clearance Ordinance
11. Assisted Coldwater-Mulholland residents in condominium fight
12. L. A. Goals Program
13. Information to assist residents in getting lots cleared
14. Campaign to control traffic in the Canyon
15. Assist Oak Pass residents in request for formal dedication of their "private road"
16. Consolidate San Ysidro activities within the B.C.A.
17. Joined "Council for Planning and Conservation"

One of the major reasons for the enduring success of our Association has been the wonderful cooperation of Benedict Canyon residents.

I wish to thank the Executive Board and the Membership for the assistance and support you have given me during the past year.

Sincerely,



President

Your continued support of the Association is necessary to help make it an effective representative of Benedict Canyon.

A \$5.00 membership in the B.C.A. will give you information and representation at City, County, and State levels.

You will receive a 1968 Telephone Reference List of the following:

1. Emergency services
2. General information
3. B.C.A. officers and directors, with assigned committees
4. Elected Governmental Representatives

Join now by returning the attached statement for 1968 dues, with your remittance.