

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
April 2, 2002

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association, a California corporation, was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on April 2, 2002 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Gillian Launie, Victor Schumacher, Charles de L'Arbre (Savoyard spelling), Dorothy Vea, Jenny Cushnie, Bob Maloy, Mark Carr and Nancy Berteleson. Absent were Richard Edick, Kathy Koury (back problems), Damaris Lee and Susan Davidson. Also attending the meeting were Paulina Conn (of course), Jana Zimmer, Helen Couclelis, Tom Jacobs and David Labell.



Ray Smith chaired the meeting. Mr. Reetz' minutes of the preceding meeting held March 5, 2002 were approved. Ms. Launie's Treasurer's Report, including authorization for payments of \$135 for the Natural History Museum membership and \$25.30 to Ray Smith for copying charges,

Jana Zimmer presented to the Board, on behalf of her son and daughter in law, a proposal for a Development Plan affecting the property at 1115 Tunnel Road (approximately 3/4s of an acre in size, listed as APN 023-060-060). In sum, this property consists of two lots, one being a substandard parcel, which the owners desire to merge into one parcel. Under the proposed development Plan, a conservation easement would be placed on the merged substandard parcel, and permission would be granted

for a "nanny unit" created by a garage conversion. The nanny unit would have a new kitchen and bath. These units are not otherwise permitted in Mission Canyon – a special problems area. According to Ms. Zimmer, this arrangement has no adverse precedental weight, but if applied elsewhere in Mission Canyon could reduce the total Mission Canyon build-out over time. Further study of the proposal seems warranted, and Ms. Zimmer agreed to come back before the Board and answer whatever questions we may have. Mr. Reetz was directed to e-mail Ms. Zimmer a request for documents that might be useful in evaluating her request.

Ray Smith informed the Board that, per Salud Carbajal, the Management Plan for Mission Canyon should be forthcoming early this month (April). The Board expressed a desire to incorporate architectural standards and guidelines into this Management Plan.

The Board proceeded to consider and act upon the following items:

- On April 6th, the Fire Department and CHP personnel will blanket Mission Canyon heights on a door to door basis, to discuss wildfire risks and evacuation strategies.
- Helen Couclelis, the liason with the Riviera Association, stated that the Riviera Association had no position as to the Marymount expansion plans.
- Helen Couclelis, who wears a second hat as part of the UCSB Geography department faculty, cautioned that Dr. Church's evacuation scenario is "not really science" but only educated guesses, although useful to increase awareness of the issue as a major potential problem.
- Brush Cleanup Day is June 1st.

- The Botanic Garden will have the floor at the upcoming annual meeting, but has agreed to accept Q&A from the audience. Bruce Carter will have five minutes of time, and the Mission Creek restorationists, (Bob Thiel or Chas. De L'Arbe) will also have a fleeting moment to inform the gathering as to their project.
- Andy Rosenberger's presentation to the Citizen's Planning Association on April Fool's Day was critiqued. Basically, Andy says the Garden's new plans are better than the old plans. In his sidewalk elucidation, Andy stated that the evacuation from Mission Canyon is "a mess".
- The possible extension of sewer lines deeper into the bowels of Mission Canyon will be discussed by Chip Marsh and Steve Holstead at the upcoming May meeting of our Board.
- The MCA LUC and the MCA ABR are requested to synthesize the Toro Canyon Plan, the Montecito plan and the Carpinteria Plan into a set of architectural standards and guidelines that might be adopted as part of the Mission Canyon Specific Plan update.
- Tom Jacobs (Director, ABR member) and David Lebell (Director) announced that if nominated they will run, and if elected they will serve).
- Helen Couclelis (pictured) commented on the proposed changes to the APS / Los Olivos intersection, saying that the roundabout was inappropriate for this site, in that 80% of the traffic is through traffic on Los Olivos, and roundabouts are intended for an intersection of routes carrying equal traffic loads. She also noted that the roundabout would slow traffic from the current 30 mph to 5 mph, thus creating a roadblock at the intersection.



The meeting concluded with an overview by Tim Steele of the recently received Botanic Garden submissions to County Planning, consisting of Plans, a Traffic / Parking Report, and a Fire / Vegetation Management Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 16th, 2002 at 7:00 pm, following social hour at 6 pm – our annual meeting at Fleishman Auditorium.

Randy Reetz, Secretary