

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
November 5th, 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 November 5th, 2002, Election Day, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Charles Del'Arbre, Gillian Launie, Jenny Cushnie, Tom Jacobs, Bob Maloy, and Ralph Daniel (back from Dallas). Absent were Nancy Bertelesen and Dorothy Veal (working the elections), Mark Carr, Kathy Koury, and David Lebell. Also in attendance were: Marty Wilder (engineer with Public Works, Solid Waste Division); Peggy Langle, (Director, Environmental Health), Vivian Nelson (Environmental Health, Project Manager), Chip Marsh and Steve Halsted. Paulina Conn, arriving late, also participated.

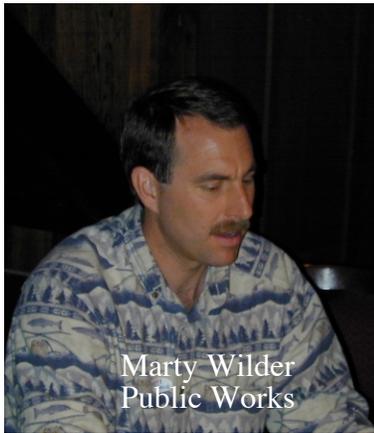
Ray Smith chaired the meeting. The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved, with the notation that Charles Del'Arbre was absent at that meeting. Gillian Launie's Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Ray Smith advised that he had heard from Abe Leider, the planner responsible for the Botanic Garden's CUP application. Mr. Leider said that the Garden had requested that consideration of its application be deferred to April 2003, to which the Planning Department assented. No reasons have been given.

Randy Reetz and Ray Smith reported that the Jeff Cope, City Parks Department, would be hosting a meeting with Santa Barbara Beautiful and our Association, to discuss future planning for the triangular garden adjacent to the Old Mission. Carol Bornstein from the Botanic Garden has also offered her organization's assistance, and would be involved in this project. The Board approved Mr. Reetz' participation, with a view toward our Association's assuming responsibility for re-landscaping and maintaining the garden. This effort would be in honor of our late officer/director/volunteer Richard Law.

A lengthy presentation and discussion followed concerning on-site waste disposal systems, and in particular the possible sewer conversion in the Upper Tunnel Road area. Peggy Langle explained that a \$2 million funding had been obtained, allocated \$1.75 million for a county-wide study of sewer conversions for approximately 450 South





Coast homes with failing, or otherwise problematic septic systems, and which are located close to existing sewer lines. The remaining \$250,000 would be used for a sanitary survey focusing on the South Coast, including the Upper Tunnel Road area. Cuesta engineering is doing these surveys, and a public report should be available no later than January 2003. Several of our Directors raised questions about alternative waste disposal systems, and expressed reservations about committing to sewer conversions as the sole solution to the septic problems.

Paulina Conn reported on the Botanic Garden's landmarking progress, advising us that the Garden seems to be hardening its position against landmarking. While the Garden might accept *arguendo* a landmarking of certain "elements", Paulina feels that these token measures are inadequate to protect the Garden's character. An accord with Garden seems unlikely, so it presumably falls to the Landmark Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors to take effective action – not a likely possibility as matters now stand.

Ray Smith is participating with the stakeholders – bikers, hikers, SafeTrails, the Forest Service and County/City representatives -- in an effort to find solutions to the dangerous mix of downhill bikers and uphill hikers on Tunnel Trail and other local trails. The Board requested dr. Smith to stay involved and keep us informed.

The November 16th "strategic planning session" will be from 9 am to 12 noon at the Cushnie / Allen residence, 1427 Tunnel Road. Dr. Smith asked Tim Steele to present an outline for standards that would govern new residential construction in the Canyon, patterned on the Montecito Architectural Guidelines and Standards.

The Board discussed the Glendessary house (Untermann's project), and the difficulty applicants, neighbors and the respective BARs and ABRs have in judging projects against non-existent "size, bulk and scale" standards.

At the close of the meeting, Kim Brown – the citee of our notices for junked cars at 2751 Foothill Road – appeared, apologized for the condition of her property, and explained that the cars had been moved and are now properly parked in the driveway area. At least one of the cars will be permanently removed, perhaps tomorrow, and that the property will be brought into compliance. The fence on the sideyard will be replaced with a new fence, in cooperation with the Browns' neighbor. The Board thanked her for her cooperation, and agreed to table the matter for two months, to allow the Browns to repair, restore and/or remove the inoperative vehicles.

Lastly, Tim Steele announced that the next Cal Trans meeting on the Foothill Road project would be on December 3d, time and place to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 3d, 2002 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary