

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 3d, 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 December 3d, 2002, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Charles Del'Arbre, Gillian Launie, Jenny Cushnie, Bob Maloy, Mark Carr, Dorothy Vea and Nancy Bertelesen. Absent were Kathy Koury, David Lebell. Tom Jacobs and Ralph Daniel. Paulina Conn also attended.

Ray Smith chaired the meeting. The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved. Gillian Launie's Treasurer's Report (two new members and an extra \$25 donation) was approved as submitted. Mr. Reetz requested that, if possible, Treasurer Reports include a summary cash flow statement for year-to-date. Dr. Smith reported that he was now an official member of the Trail watch Committee, along with representatives from the County, the City, the US Forest Service, biking and equestrian organizations, and Save the Trails people. This Committee is attempting to formulate recommendations for safe and sensible use of the local hiking trails by hikers, bikers and equestrians.

Paulina Conn updated our Board on the prospects for landmarking portions of the Botanic Garden. On Monday, December 9th, the County Landmarks Commission will consider a resolution, drafted by John Woodward and Sue Adams, that would landmark specific structures on the western, side of Mission Canyon Road, plus the "historic landscape design concept" in this area, but would otherwise leave the Garden free to demolish or alter other structures, and impose no restrictions on development east of Mission Canyon Road. Paulina acknowledged the deficiencies of the proposed resolution, but opined that she and her informal advisors were recommending support for the proposal. Dr. Smith and the Board agreed, and advised that the Association would draft a supportive letter, as well as appearing at the December 9th Landmarks commission hearing.

At this point in the course of our meeting, and pursuant to the Notice of Hearing issued by our Board. Philip J. Mira appeared and responded to questions raised regarding his extensive car collection at 1091 Palomino Road.

Regarding our Association's various Committees, Dr. Smith requested that committee chairs meet with their membership, accept input, and develop plans of action for their respective committees for the coming year. Dr. Smith and the Board further resolved;

(a) the Newsletter Committee is broadened to include website development and renamed, more appropriately, the Communications Committee.

(b) The UCSB Property Watch Committee is now a committee of one: Ray Smith.

(c) Randy Reetz, Tim Steele, and the members of the Land Use and Architectural review Committees are to work together, with a goal of formulating guidelines for land use in Mission Canyon.

Mr. Reetz reported that the City Parks department had approved our Association's request to assume responsibility for re-designing, landscaping and maintaining the triangular garden at the APS / Los Olivos intersection adjacent to the Old Mission. Tim Steele suggested Grant Castleberg, Sydney Baumgartner and the Campbells as possible landscape designers for the project. Bob Maloy observed that boulders and/or a sycamore tree, or any other tree, might not be suitable for that garden, given its location beside our Canyon's primary evacuation route.

Tim Steele noted that a teleconference would be held regarding the Foothill Road improvement project.

Jenny Cushnie noted that the Fire Safe Council would be discussing grants and funding for new projects, and continuing old projects, such as use of the chipper, at its next meeting.

Ray Smith advised that he would look into the prospects for securing a paid intern from the UCSB Geography Department to assist our Association.

The meeting (surprisingly) adjourned early at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 7th, 2003 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary