

**Mission Canyon Association**  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
November 4, 2003

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on November 4, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Bob Maloy, Jenny Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Dorothy Vea, Ralph Daniel, Nancy Bertelesen, and Tom Jacobs. Absent were: Charles Del'Arbre, Bill Menchen, Pma Tregenza and Mark Carr. Also present were Nancy Johnson of the Botanic Garden ([njohnson@sbbg.org](mailto:njohnson@sbbg.org)) and Ray Mullin.

The minutes of the preceding meetings of September 2d and October 7<sup>th</sup> were approved. The financial report dated November 1, 2003 was also approved. The Board approved reimbursement to Mr. Reetz in the sum of \$1,171.62, for advances made on the Mission garden Project. The Mission Garden Project was funded through the generous contribution of Dr. William Meller and the Santa Barbara MedCenter. An official thank-you to Dr. Meller and the MedCenter will be prepared jointly by Secretary Reetz and President Smith.

The Watershed and Waste Treatment Committee (aka the Sewer Committee) will approve the draft solicitation letter directed to the Upper Tunnel Road residents, now being prepared by Chip Marsh, Steve Halstead and Hillary Hauser. Jenny reminded the Board of next week's presentation by Bruce Douglas (Questa Engineering) on the topic "Waste Water Treatment".



The brush clearing effort at the Kenmore / Cheltenham intersection is under way. Mr. Reetz is to follow up on that project and report to the Board.

Jenny Cushnie reported on the Skofield Park controversy, and in particular the stormy neighborhood meeting at the Park last October 21<sup>st</sup>, whereat Jeff Cope of Parks &

Recreation managed to antagonize the forty or so neighbors in attendance. The latest irritant is Mr. Cope's decision to remove some of the BBQ pits, as a fire safety measure.

The Board generally endorsed the joint meeting with the Riviera Association. It was suggested that we obtain that association's committee memberships, with e-mail addresses, to facilitate communication on issues of common concern.

A discussion ensued regarding a joint project with the Botanic garden, to remove the 18 eucalyptus trees at the Tunnel Road / Mission Canyon Road intersection. As opined by Nancy Johnson, this project has several obstacles to overcome – the costs of the removal, and the fact that these trees are part of the area recently granted landmark status by the County. The Board directed Cushnie and Reetz to confer further with Nancy Johnson on this issue.

The Phoenix House has equivocated on its willingness to define the conditions of its operation. No response has been forthcoming on Mr. Steele's submission of a list of proposed limitations on usage at the Mountain Drive property.

Ralph Daniel presented to the Board an extensive, and impressive, report on the progress made toward the identification, improvement and publicizing of alternate evacuation routes in Mission Canyon. The three routes under active consideration are: Mission Oaks Lane down through Rocky Nook Park; Holly Ridge to Palomino Road via the Koonce property; Mission Canyon Road to Las Canoas Road. This presentation will be fine-tuned and delivered again at the Fire Safe Council meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Reetz is to give Mr. Daniel a form of license agreement, by which the private owners will allow public emergency access through their property.

Nancy Bertelsen reported on the land use issues raised by the proposed development of the steep lots on Glen Albyn. Also discussed in this context were the Velasquez fence on Montrose Place, and Kate Smith's house on Mission Canyon Road.

Cal Trans has indefinitely postponed its meeting scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Foothill Road improvements. The next land use Committee is Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> (the usual 3d Monday of the month) at Kathy Koury's.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, December 2d, 2003 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary