

**Mission Canyon Association**  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
December 2, 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 December 2, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Mark Carr, Bill Menchen, Charles Del'Arbre, Nancy Bertelesen, and Tom Jacobs. Absent were: Bob Maloy, Kathy Koury, Dorothy Veal, Pma Tregenza. Also present were Nancy Johnson of the Botanic Garden, Remo Ruccione (interested neighbor and member of the Association), and Chip Marsh.

The minutes of the preceding meetings were approved. The financial report dated December 1, 2003 was also approved.

The Board discussed the solicitation for straw votes on a possible extension of sewer lines into the Upper Tunnel Road area, to serve as many as 96 parcels, excluding parcels owned by the County. Chip Marsh, whose property is directly affected by this issue, contributed to the dialogue. The content of the proposed solicitation letter, as well as the language of the ballot itself, received considerable attention. It being evident that the Board would be unable to agree upon the final language of these documents, it was agreed that Ray Smith and Randy Reetz should work out the final verbiage between themselves. [Note: this was done, and the solicitation letter and ballots were mailed out on December 10<sup>th</sup>.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, I am in favor of a project to provide sewer service                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I may be in favor of the project, based on a better understanding of costs and issues. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am against the project.  |

Tim Steele and Ralph Daniel next advised the Board as to the progress being made toward identifying, establishing and publicizing emergency exits from Mission Canyon. On a related subject, Tim Steele mused about the possibility of a parcel tax – maybe \$50 a year – to fund vegetation management in Mission Canyon. Recent experiences in Oakland, which declined to extend a special assessment for fire protection measures, suggest that tax-aversion attitudes may outweigh disaster-avoidance leanings.

As a follow-up to the Skofield Park brouhaha, a newly established entity – “Friends of Skofield Park” – will monitor City Parks’ administration of that Park, and keep all interested parties informed. Jenny Cushnie will be our delegate to that group.

In further action:

- Pma Tregenza, though ill and unable to attend this meeting, reported that mutt mitts will be placed at the foot of Tunnel Trail.
- Jenny Cushnie advised that on December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Safe Council will take a field trip to Los Padres, to witness the operation of a “masticator”, a mechanized weed whacker which chops and devours roadside vegetation.
- Payment of \$.75 to Nancy Bertelsen as reimbursement for MCA ABR costs was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary