

**MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2004**

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 March 3, 2004, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Kathy Koury, Jenny Cushnie, Nancy Bertelsen, Pma Tregenza, Ralph Daniel, Bob Maloy and Ralph Daniel. Absent were Dorothy Vea (voting service) and Mark Carr. Also present were Anne Lawrenson and Ray Mullin.

The minutes of the preceding meetings were approved with the following correction regarding evacuation routes: *Mr. Jones has not approved our marking the evacuation route, because Mr. Jones is trying to sell this property and probably will not agree to anything in writing.* The financial report dated March 1, 2004 was also approved.

The Board greeted a new face – Anne Lawrenson – who expressed her interest in becoming more active in Canyon issues. Her contributions are welcome, and several Board members spoke favorably of her qualifications to serve on our Board. She resides on upper Holly Road.

Dr. Smith confirmed with Jenny Cushnie that the annual meeting is firm for April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 pm, with social hour beginning at 6 pm. Tim will favor us with his BBQ; Randy will provide side dishes. Dorothy Vea and Nancy Bertelsen will serve up cookies and coffee, as has been the custom. Mr. Reetz will check on the availability of the Porch Dogs.



Dr. Smith requested a slate of proposed candidates for the Board, to be presented at the annual meeting. Smith, Koury, Bertelsen, Cushnie, Daniel and Carr are all up for re-election, should they choose to run. These individuals should make known their desire to return for another term, or not, to Dr. Smith. Jenny advised that she would step aside, should the Board find a more suitable, energetic, responsible person to replace her (fat chance, Jenny).

Invitees to the meeting will be the usual key people in our County: Salud and Naomi, Paul Casey, Braitman, the fire Chief, Dianne Meester, Kim McCarthy, Veronica Lantz, Ed Schneider, Rich Merrifield, Dianne Channing and Marianne Gordin, Helen Coucelis, the Fire Station 15 crew, and others.

Pma Tregenza reported on her activities, and suggested that the Board members might use block parties as an effective means of spreading the word on important Canyon issues. Jenny Cushnie added that it might be time to host a single-issue meeting, such as evacuation, as we did with Rick Church, Cal Trans, and others.

Mr. Reetz was assigned to report in summary fashion on the status of second units in the Canyon, and the proposed Zoning Ordinance Revision Project (ZORP).

Ray Smith attended and spoke at the City Planning Commissions' discussion of the City's Wildfire Plan. The Commission, on Ray's advice, approved that Plan. A companion fire plan is on the County's website.

Jenny reported that the Fire Safe Council had procured a \$2,000 grant to our Association, to cover the costs of chipper deployment in an area to be designated by our Association.

Jenny announced that the weekend Fire Walk would be held April 3d in Mission Canyon. This house-to-house community outreach with the Fire personnel is good public relations, and deserves our support. Anne Lawrenson added that phone trees, an alarm system (foghorn canisters in homes located at key spots in the Canyon?), reverse 911 and even a siren remain valid options.

Nancy Johnson is sick, but submitted her report that the Botanic Garden's Board had no meeting in February. The arborist's plan for tree trimming the eucalyptus trees will proceed when the Garden's financial circumstances improve.

Mr. Reetz and Mr. Maloy were directed to compose a report to the County on the Mission Canyon sewer survey.

Ray Mullin offered his views on the proposed mandatory inspection program for onsite waste disposal systems in the Canyon. Mr. Mullin noted from the Questa report that the reported failure rate in our Canyon is about 3 percent, and Mission Creek does not show signs of contamination. The County should not single out Mission Canyon for these punitive measures. Mr. Mullin requests that the MCA closely watch County Environmental Health, and oppose any such mandatory monitoring here in the Canyon. Mr. Mullin also requested that Mission Canyon be removed from County Service Area 12, because, according to the evidence at hand, Mission Canyon's waste disposal system is performing just fine.

Jenny reported on our participation in the Allied Neighborhood Association. That organization seems absorbed in City issues at present. We will watch their agendas, and should a Canyon-specific issue arise, Jenny or Randy will be sure to attend.

Pma Tregenza reported that she and Tim Steele set the mutt mitt dispenser at the foot of Tunnel Trail, and bags are flying out of the box. Mr. Reetz will order more, and see that Pma is properly supplied.

Randy Reetz and Ray Smith will meet and confer on the Annual Meeting presentation on April 22, at 4:30 pm, at Ray's house.

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



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Randy Reetz, Secretary