

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JUNE 1ST, 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 June 1, 2004, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele (acting chair), Randy Reetz, Jenny Cushnie, Bob Maloy, Andréa Marcus, Paul Hegarty, Pma Tregenza, and Dorothy Vea. Absent directors were Ray Smith (flu), Nancy Bertelsen, Kathy Koury, Mark Carr, Tom Jacobs, Remo Riccione, Bill Menchen, Charles Del'Arbre, and Ralph Daniel. Attending the meeting as well were Sandra Petersen, Rolf Brinckman, Nancy Johnson (Botanic Garden) and Kat Marin (past MCA president).

Mr. Reetz introduced Sandra Petersen, presently Supervising Assessor for the County of Santa Barbara, a long-time resident of the Canyon, and an eager, intelligent and creative volunteer for a place on our MCA Board. By acclamation, Sandra was welcomed and elected to the Board. She will serve for a term ending in April 2006.

Bob Maloy advised that the meeting with Environmental Health Director Rick Merrifeild and Tech Services Guy Dave Brummond, would be on June 8th, at Mr. Maloy's offices. This important meeting would bring us up to date on the progress being made toward new waste water quality standards, both at the County and State levels.

As a follow up, Tim Steele said he would hand deliver the emergency access sign letter to the Holly Road resident, Dave Cannell, per the Board's request.

Discussion was had regarding the serious parking problems generated *by I Madonari*. The problems, it would appear, stemmed from the City's failure to post no-parking signs on Los Olivos in and around the Old Mission.

Tim Steele reported on the vegetation management meeting conducted by City Parks at Skofield Park. Parks promised action on weed abatement in Skofield. Steve Spencer has been reinstated to weekend duties in Skofield. Because of budget cuts, City Parks has lost five people, and will probably face further cutbacks through this current fiscal year.

MTD's Bus #22 now goes to Botanic Garden, if called, and only on weekends. One such bus, venturing into the unknown northern territories, missed the Garden's turnoff and is still missing, lost somewhere in Upper Mission Canyon. If found, please return to the

MTD. In the meantime, the Trolley Tour goes to the Garden on a regular basis, hourly, each day of the week, as part of its regular tour of Santa Barbara's attractions.

Jenny Cushnie updated us all on Brush Cleanup Day, June 12th. All the usual suspects will be commandeered for action: Dan Upton, Paul Hegarty, Rolf Larsen, the Labor Ready gang, Marborg, Station 15, and a new addition: Sandra Petersen. The Board approved mailing a Fire Card to Canyon residents, announcing brush Clearance Day and authorized expenditures for printing and mailing that Card.

Tim reported that Mitch Bernstein (Chair of the Vector Control District) will speak to interested Board members on special districts and assessments, with particular application to brush removal in Mission Canyon and the possible formation of a Vegetation Management District for Mission Canyon. [We definitely will need a snappier name for that entity.]

Rolf Brinkman spoke to the Board, reciting his experience with the County regarding Rolf's RV, which he has parked in front of his house since 1975. The County advised Rolf that he would now need to have screening – a 6' fence and gate. Is this a new policy?

Randy said he would follow up with Bill Menchen on the road issues raised by various Canyon residents.

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Nancy Johnson, speaking for the Botanic Garden, said that the Garden's Board discussed the expansion plans and the pending CUP at its recent retreat, and that a decision on whether to proceed, and how to proceed, would be forthcoming soon. The plans for that project need to be "revisited". No Board meetings are scheduled for this summer. The next Board meeting is set for the 3d Thursday in September. Nancy will keep us advised.

Nancy Johnson also noted, in passing, that the Garden had fenced, gated and permanently locked the Tunnel Road access to the Pritchard Trail. This action was taken by the Board as a public safety measure, due to the steep slopes just inside that entryway. The Campbell Trail access remains open. The Board expressed its displeasure with the gate closure, and requested that the Garden re-think that decision.

The Board approved a reimbursement of \$63.15 to Mr. Steele, for food purchases for Kinko's photo reproductions related to Skofield Park's brush overgrowth.

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

Randy Reetz, Secretary