

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 September 7th, 2004, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Ralph Daniel, Bob Maloy, Pma Tregenza, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Bill Menchen and Nancy Bertelsen. Absent directors were Ray Smith (travel), Mark Carr., Remo Ruccione (illness), Sanda Petersen, Dorothy Vea, and Charles Del'Arbre. Attending the meeting as well were Nancy Johnson (Botanic Garden) and Paulina Conn.

Discussion opened regarding the Botanic Garden's hosting of the public meeting on September 15th, to consider the Tunnel Road access gate closure. Nancy Johnson indicated that invitees to this meeting included 330 residents of the Tunnel Road corridor. Garden representatives would include Richard Rogers, possibly Dr. Schneider himself and other Garden staff and advisors. All trustees of the garden have been invited. At the request of Bob Malloy, Ms. Johnson agreed to send additional invitations to Canyon residents living east of the Garden, including Mission Canyon Road residents above the Tunnel Road intersection. Mr. Reetz offered to send to provide a mailing list for this purpose.

Paulina Conn followed up with criticism of the paving work being done around the entry kiosk and elsewhere along the garden paths. She has brought this matter to the attention of County Landmarks, which will conduct a site visit at 8:45 am on September 13th. Paulina will prepare a letter to County Landmarks for the Board's approval, identifying the concerns about these incremental changes to the Garden's character.

Nancy Johnson next presented to the Board the Garden's tentative plans for removal of the 18 or 19 eucalyptus trees in the triangular parcel lying between Tunnel Road and Mission Canyon Road. These plans would include installation of a new garden on the site, possibly including redwood trees. Funding for this project would come largely



from Garden benefactors. She requested support and some additional financial assistance from our Board. Bill Menchen moved to approve the eucalyptus tree removal. After further discussion dealing with timing, the plants to be installed in the new garden, and other items, Mr. Menchen withdrew his motion. Tom Jacobs suggested a letter to the Garden, indicating our desire to have more public input on the issue, particularly in regard to the design of the new Garden.

Ralph Daniel informed the Board as to the Holly Road homeowners' meeting, whereat the evacuation route and sign placement issues were discussed, as well as the upcoming "evacuation rehearsal". While generally unhappy with the residents' cooperation, Ralph did observe that the Holly Road residents would participate in the evacuation rehearsal. Ralph also stated that Glenn Miller, a key landowner, endorsed the Holly Road evacuation route, although Mr. Miller's padlock on Bill Koontz' gate remains in place.

Nancy Bertelsen reported on roadwork being performed along Glendessary Lane by Lanny Ebenstein, resulting in the removal of approximately 100 feet of stone curbing. Nancy believes this curbing is of historic significance and that the work impairs the right-of-way. Mr. Reetz noted that the work appears to have been commenced without prior notice to the neighbors – thus contributing to the local uproar – and lamented that Mr. Ebenstein's stated intent is to facilitate on-street parking on Glendessary Lane. Members of the Board noted that Glendessary is a private right of way owned by the residents, and therefore outside the purview of our Association's and the County's control. Further, Mr. Ebenstein had already removed most of the stonework by the time the issue surfaced. Mr. Ebenstein states that the stonework is going to be re-installed further west along Glendessary, and that his ultimate landscaping plan, when completed, will actually improve the area. We certainly hope this will be the case.



The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, October 5th, 2004 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary