

**MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 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 December 7, 2004, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Ralph Daniel, Tom Jacobs, Bill Menchen, Jenny Cushnie, Ray Smith, Pma Tregenza, Dorothy Vea. Absent were Nancy Bertelsen, Remo Ruccioni, Mark Carr, Sandra Petersen, Bob Maloy and Kathy Koury. Ray Mullin also attended.

The minutes of the preceding Board meeting, as well as the Financial Report for the CY 2004 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, will be submitted for approval at the January 2005 meeting. Reimbursement requests from Tim Steele (\$157.88 for copying) and Pma Tregenza (\$145.64 for Mutt Mitts) were approved for payment.

Tim Steele has referred the draft Mission Canyon Fire Plan to Joe Launie for his review and comment.

Tim Steele reported on the status of tree removal, based on his recent conversation with Nancy Johnson. Nancy says the current plan is for ironwood trees for the replacement garden. Nancy also says that she will forward to Tim the contract requirements with Patrick Daugherty, which require the use of fire retardant materials. Chris Wood has terminated his employment at the Garden. Pma Tregenza questioned the accuracy of recent reports of vandalism at the Garden – e.g. the reported diesel contamination of the pond was actually some oil leaking from the pond pump. Pma will inquire as to whether a police report was filed for the other incidents.

Randy commented on the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, which have now been approved by both Planning and the Board of Supervisors. Regrettably these amendments – some of which are quite significant for Mission Canyon – did not receive any prior review by or input from our Board or Canyon residents. Randy will contact Noel Langle, to see what can be done to give us a better voice on local zoning issues (apart from just paying better attention).

The Board discussed the Mission Canyon Fire Drill, which was a topic of discussion at the recent FireSafe Council meeting. Jenny says that April 16 or April 30<sup>th</sup> are the two likely dates. Jenny emphasizes that we should work to have the largest possible turnout. Ralph will investigate Brooks Institute's documenting the event on video, and Ray will

see if Rick Church's students might be interested in watching the evacuation traffic patterns unfold.

The Board discussed the Mira property, and how we should approach County Planning on moving this matter forward. Randy will draft a letter to Planner Dan Nemechek for Tim's and Ray's approval.

Tim reported on the sale of the UCSB property to Dan Meisel. Dan lives in Mission Canyon and owns two properties here. The price was in the range of \$550,000, and apparently the property will not be developed.

Jenny reports that County Fire is interested in doing a Reverse 911. She will attend the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on that topic.

The Board renewed its discussion of the vegetation clearance ordinance. Tom Jacobs suggested that we should solicit community input before promoting a tough ordinance with penalties, etc. against owners who fail to clear hazardous brush conditions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, January 4th, 2005 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary

