

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2005

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 February 1, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ray Smith, Ralph Daniel, Randy Reetz, Remo Ruccione (hooray!), Sandra Petersen, Dorothy Veal, Kathy Koury, Jenny Cushnie, and Nancy Bertelsen. Absent were Pma Tregenza (excused) Bill Menchen, Mark Carr and Tom Jacobs (excused). Also present was Nancy Johnson, representing the Botanic Garden.

The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were presented and approved.



Sandra Petersen reported on the membership committee meeting held at her home on December 14th: Sandra, Randy and Pma attended. The committee established a goal of doubling the annual memberships, based upon efforts in these areas: Neighborhood meetings, the annual meeting, brush clearance day, the Newsletter, secondary solicitations, specific community projects (like the Chipping Festival), and conducting community surveys (as we did with the sewer survey).

Nancy Johnson advised us as to doings at the Botanic Garden:

- The raw materials for the Patrick Dougherty installation – namely the willows – have arrived on the installation site.
- The Garden's representative has discussed with P&D the applicability of the new zoning requirement, specifying that permits must be obtained for certain "temporary uses", and received confirmation that such permits are not required for the upcoming installation events on March 5 – 6th.
- The letter to neighbors regarding the proposed eucalyptus tree removal are in the mail.

The litter pickup event will be set for this spring, on a date to be set by Mr. Reetz.

Mr. Reetz advised that the P&D has extended the County BAR hearing date for Mira to May 13, 2005, to allow Mira additional time to draft plans “to adequately address the County BAR’s comments, to satisfy County Flood Control requirements, and to take your revised project to the Mission Canyon BAR”. Mr. Reetz will be preparing an informational letter on the matter to the Palomino Road residents; Mr. Steele will pre-approve that letter before publication.

The Board discussed the effect of the recent torrential rains on Mission Canyon. A few instances of flooding and mudslides were identified. Jenny Cushnie advised that parking continues to be a problem on Upper Tunnel Road. No-Parking signs are ignored or removed. We need more striping, more tickets and more towing. Remo Ruccione offered to compose a letter to the News Press on the topic.

Tim Steele, Kathy Koury and Jenny Cushnie reported on the status of the MCA’s grant request to the US Forest Service for \$35,000, to pay the cost of roadside vegetation clearance along the Mission Canyon roadways. The grant would pay for professional (Fire Storm) chipping. Fire Station 15 supports our request. The work would be done over an 18-month period beginning April 2005.



Ralph Daniel updated the Board on insurance coverage for the association, and on his conversations with agent Donna Eyman. Ralph advises that liability, not D&O insurance, would be desirable. Quotes are elusive because the MCA does not exactly fit any standard category. Ms. Eyman secured a quote of \$3,658 for liability insurance, as the initial annual premium.

Jenny announced that the chipping dates would be March 5th (beginning at the end of Mission Oaks Lane), March 19th and March 26th. We will need sites for dumping the chippings produced. Ralph Daniel offered to take a load.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, March 1st, 2005 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary