

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 5, 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 April 5th, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ray Smith, Randy Reetz, Bill Menchen, Dorothy Veal, Nancy Bertelsen and Kathy Koury. Also present were Nancy Johnson (Botanic Garden), Rolf Brinckmann, David Gledhill and Ray Mullins. Absent were Tom Jacobs, Ralph Daniel, Remo Ruccione, Sandra Petersen. Pma Tregenza is no longer an active Board member; and Mark Carr has previously resigned.

The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were presented and approved, as the financial report for the 1st quarter of CY 2005.

The recent Chipper Day event generated an invoice from Fire Storm for \$4,782.14, which the Board approved for payment. Craig Lieberman will be billed for \$500, since his brush chipping far exceeded that of the average Canyon household and created, in part, the cost overruns we experienced.

Jenny reported on the \$37,000 grant for fuel reduction, which has now been officially awarded to our Association. This is expected to be an 18 month project, beginning this April 2005 and extending into September 2006. The affected area will be three main roadways: Tunnel, Cheltenham and Mission Canyon Road. The grant allows us to hire and pay for a grant administrator. The Board approved an advance of \$500 for liability insurance, to be reimbursed from the grant moneys when received.

Nancy Johnson requested some reaffirmations from our Association, regarding our endorsement of the eucalyptus tree-clearing project, due to some hesitancy on the part of the Garden's project donor. The Board offered whatever might be needed, and advised as well that our upcoming Newsletter contains an article which strongly supports the Garden's project.

Nancy Johnson advised the Board that the fences and locks remain in place, and that additional fencing down to Mission Creek will be installed soon. Ray Smith requested that the Garden cut back the dry grass and brush near the Tunnel Road hairpin, since

hikers park their cars in that area. Hot mufflers can easily ignite fires under these conditions.

The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting, set for April 12th at the Natural History Museum. Tasks and chores were assigned to various Board members. Ray Mullins was invited to operate a special information table, where his concerns regarding the “penalty tax” imposed by the County on Area 12’s septic tank owners.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, May 3d, 2005 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary

Annual Meeting Minutes -- April 12, 2005

The annual meeting held April 12, 2005 -- “social at 6 and business at 7” -- was well attended. Snacks and light refreshments were served. Numerous local luminaries attended, as did a large cross-section of the Mission Canyon populace. Tim Steele conducted the meeting. Directors Vea, Jacobs, Steele and Reetz were re-elected to directorships. Several speakers addressed issues of concern to the Canyon. Nancy Johnson sparked lively discussion on the proposed eucalyptus tree removal. The April 30th Fire Evacuation Drill was discussed at length by Bill Miller (20 year veteran, specializing in communications) and Sal Navarro (Watch Commander) of the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Miller explained the workings of the “Reverse 911” fire alert system. Charlie Johnson (County Fire) advised residents to take responsibility for clearing their properties. Jenny Cushnie contributed her voice about the importance of this evacuation drill, and encouraged participation at every level by our Mission Canyon residents. Sarah Craig, design engineer with County Public Works, described the upcoming Tunnel Road repair project. Ray Mullin spoke effectively regarding the \$6,000 a year “penalty” being collected from Area 12 septic system users. Rick Merrifield, Environmental Health, added his comments and suggestions regarding the Mission Canyon sewer issues, suggesting as one possibility that this \$6,000 be utilized to underwrite a program of periodic septic tank inspections and pumping. Coffee and home-made cookies from Dorothy Vea provided the perfect finishing touch to this very congenial, informative evening.