

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JULY 8TH, 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 July 8th, 2005, rescheduled from July 1st, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Randy Reetz, Remo Ruccione, Kathy Koury, David Vorbeck, Nancy Bertelsen, Dorothy Veal. Absent were Bill McCullough, James Madison, Jenny Cushnie, Tom Jacobs, Ray Smith and Sandra Petersen. Gracing us with her presence was Ginger Sledge (pictured), a Tunnel Road resident and an insightful, creative member of the Mission Canyon community.



The Board elected David Vorbeck, Bill McCullough and James Madison as members of the Board. Mr. Vorbeck, a general contractor, lives on Montrose Place and has been a resident here since 1992. Remo Ruccione suggested we establish an orientation package for incoming directors.

The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were presented and approved. The quarterly financial report for the 2d Qtr CY 2005 was presented and approved.



Tim reported on Brush Clearance Day, with 28.01 tons of brush collected and 13 roll-offs. We actually had more participants this year (60) than in prior years, possibly due to the targeted post cards being sent to past brush clearing participants.

The Board discussed the FireSafe Council grant, which will begin funding sometime toward the end of this month. The grant term is from

May 15, 2005 to May 31, 2007, approximately two years. Kathy Koury expressed concern about the end date, asking what would happen to any unused funds. She suggested extending the end date to July 2007, and making the beginning date July of 2005.

A long and inconclusive discussion ensued regarding the duties of the “grant administration secretary”. The Board took no action on this, but did select a “Grant Supervision Committee” consisting of Cushnie, Steele, Daniel, Koury and Vorbeck to outline the job duties of this proposed position.

Ralph Daniel proposed increasing the dues to \$35 a year (from \$20) and using “Pay Pal” for the payment of membership dues. The Board requested Mr. Daniel to take up these proposals with the Membership Committee chaired by Sandra Petersen.

Ginger Sledge advised the Board about a proposed three-lot development at 1451 Orange Grove Avenue. The project has several ominous aspects – large houses on small lots being the most obvious – and deserves our attention.

Tim updated the Board on various matters: the on-going review of the Botanic Garden’s expansion plans by Mr. Carbajal’s committee; and the luncheon meeting with Dr. Hutterer at the Natural History Museum, in which the prospect of creating an improved pedestrian walkway between the Old Mission and the Museum was discussed.

Mr. Ruccione proposed reducing the numbers of directors needed to constitute a quorum of our Board. Mr. Reetz said he would check the Corporations Code and advise the Board of what might be permissible. Mr. Ruccione also asked whether e-mail or other electronic communications -- in lieu of personal attendance -- might be useable for the conduct of Board business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, August 2d, 2005 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary