

**Mission Canyon Association  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
August 2, 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Jennie Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough Sandra Petersen, Remo Ruccione, and Ray Smith. Absent were Nancy Bertelsen, Tom Jacobs, Bill Menchen, Dorothy Veal, Randy Reetz and David Vorbeck. Also present were Paul & Clari Cook, Dave, Mary & Julia Burke and Ginger Sledge.

The minutes of the preceding board meeting (June 7, 2005) were presented and approved. There were no requests for reimbursements.

Jenny Cushnie provided an update on the progress of the Fire Grant given to the MCA. The California Fire Safe Council's Check Presentation Ceremony and Grantee Training Session will be held on Friday, August 12, 2005, from 10 am – 12 noon, at the American Red Cross (note added after the meeting). A self appointed Fire Grant Committee consists of Jenny Cushnie, Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Kathy Koury and David Vorbeck. This committee will track the Fire Grant activities. With respect to insurance, it was moved (Smith), seconded (Ruccione) and passed unanimously that, if necessary, petty cash from MCA general funds could be used to pay for same since the start day of the Grant was May 15, 2005.

There were some mutterings about the bylaws, which this secretary did not understand, and so he ignored this discussion.

There was a brief discussion about the (previously called) "UCSB" property. Apparently the neighbors are concerned that the new owner will not clear brush as was previously done by UCSB. It was agreed that if the neighbors have a problem with this they should handle it themselves or, alternatively, provide the MCA with sufficient information for us to adequately consider the issue.

Tim Steele reported on the Septic Maintenance Rebate. The County Board of Supervisors has approved the use of our Septic taxes for an \$84 rebate (once every four years) when a property owner makes use of the Septic Service for cleaning.

The Paul Cook provided a lengthy overview of the Burk & Cook Orange Grove Ave. owners proposal. They are proposing 3 homes to be built on 3 "legal non-conforming" lots that comprise less than 1 acre. The proposed houses, not counting garage and studio, will be 3,300 ft<sup>2</sup>, 3,300 ft<sup>2</sup> and 2,800 ft<sup>2</sup>, a total of 9,400 ft<sup>2</sup> on less than one acre of property. Ginger Sledge, a concerned neighbor, spoke briefly in opposition to the Orange Grove Ave. proposal. A full hearing on this proposal will be taken up 5 August, 2005 at the MCA ABR.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the MCA write a letter to the Special Problems Committee urging them to consider all aspects of a project within a small neighborhood (such as the Orange Grove neighborhood) of Mission Canyon rather than only focusing on individual projects. Issues of concern include: emergency ingress and egress, septic systems and their backup areas, drainage and flood control, neighborhood viewsapes, etc.

The Land Use Committee scheduled a meeting at Kathy Koury's home for 16 August, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.. the next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday September 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

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Ray Smith, Acting Secretary