

Mission Canyon Association  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
February 7, 2006

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 7, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Randy Reetz, Ray Smith and Dorothy Vea. Also present was Nancy Johnson from the Botanic Gardens. Absent were Nancy Bertelsen, James Madison, Remo Ruccione, Ginger Sledge and David Vorbeck.

After presenting the minutes of December's meeting, Tim Steele made a motion that the minutes be approved. Board members approved the motion.

Agenda item 5.1 – Liability Insurance bill

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the \$816 annual premium for the MCA's general liability insurance coverage be paid to State Farm drawn on the MCA - Fire Safe Council Grant #1 account. This is the annual premium for the period April 5, 2006 through April 5, 2007.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that several reimbursable bills presented by Randy Reetz (\$5.24 for copy work, \$25.60 for PO Box, \$164.56 for mutt mitts) be paid.

Agenda item 5.2 – MC ADRC new review criteria (Mission Canyon Architectural Development Review Committee: Tom Jacobs, Tim Steele, Dan Upton, Dennis Allen, Remo Ruccione)

Tom Jacobs gave a brief overview of the meeting between MCA board members with Supervisor Carbajal and several members of County Planning and Development. At issue is how our MC ADRC can stay within its review and purview guidelines while at the same time expressing concerns of the community to the County BAR on specific development plans. Tom suggested that the MC ADRC create a checklist for each reviewed project that would provide a means of expressing concerns to the County BAR. Bill McCullough pointed out that the Mission Canyon Area Specific Plan Implementation Summary/Checklist

(<http://applications.sbcountyplanning.org/forms/PermitAppHndt/AppsHndts.cfm>) could provide a basis for such a checklist since it includes: water service, sewer/septic, geology/slopes, circulation, parking, fire safety, aesthetics, grading, tree protection and sensitivity to cultural/historical resources. There was considerable discussion including: a possible rating of the various checklist items, the assurance that this checklist would not replace our effort to create design guidelines for the Canyon, and the suggestion that MC folk need to show up at South County BAR meetings when MC issues are considered. It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed and passed that the MC ADRC create such a checklist.

Agenda item 5.3 – Orange Grove Side bar letter

A draft letter addressed to the South County BAR discussing the Orange Grove development was presented to the Board to be considered for MCA/BOD authorship. After some discussion it was decided that a more prudent plan of action would be for the Board to write a letter to accompany a letter written by the Orange Grove Neighborhood Group (OGNG) stating that our Board had received input from the neighbors (said OGNG letter), feel that they have raised a number of significant issues, and requesting that the South County BAR give consideration to these issues. It was moved, 2<sup>nded</sup> and passed that the Board ExCom compose such a letter for email approval by the remainder of the board.

Agenda item 5.4 – Mission Park Rehab meeting

Tim Steele gave a brief report on the Mission Park Rehab meeting. This was a meeting of a group of stakeholders concerned with pedestrian traffic between the Mission and the Natural History Museum. In brief, it is a difficult problem and Tim will continue to advise the Board of new developments.

Non-scheduled agenda items:

Nancy Johnson provided information about a homeless person that had interacted with several of their staff in the Garden. There was considerable discussion on this issue but no action was taken.

Nancy also announced that the Garden's plans were deemed complete by the County and that the Garden is now preparing for their EIR.

Randy Reetz reported on graffiti in the Canyon. It was moved, 2<sup>nded</sup> and passed that the MCA would:

- (1) offer a \$100 reward leading to the information regarding the graffiti,
- (2) request the owner to clean up the graffiti,
- (3) and offer volunteer help to clean up the graffiti if the owner could/would not do so on their own.

Ray Smith reported on results from the most recent Trails Alliance meeting. Briefly, in September 2004 the Front Country Trails Working Group (TWG) presented to the Forest Service, County and City a series of recommendations to address trail user conflicts on the local front country trails. The MCA endorsed those recommendations. In mid-January the Forest Supervisor (Gloria Brown) requested District Ranger Linda Riddle to respond to the Sept 04 TWG letter. This response was positive and the Forest Service is now working with County and City representatives to begin drafting a plan (based on the TWG recommendations) and working toward public hearings on this plan. (Ray has copies of both the above referenced documents if anyone is interested.)

Ralph Daniel discussed a parking problem on Ariba way. Neighbors hope to work out this problem on their own. If this isn't possible it was suggested he call Brent Steward (?) with county public works.

Janny Cushnie announced that the Fire Safe Council and the SBBG were holding a firescape event on 5 May and requested that the MCA approve \$250 to co-sponsor this event. I believe this was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed, but there were so many folk talking that this 3<sup>rd</sup> string secretary does not know if this for sure.