

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 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 March 7th, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tim Steele brought the meeting to order, without a quorum.

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

Tim suspended approving February's minutes until April's meeting, when we hope to have a quorum. Dorothy read the part of February's minutes that was unclear to whether the MCA had approved, and issued a check to the Botanic Gardens for \$250. This is MCA's contribution for the Botanic Garden sponsored Firescaping Seminar with Doug Kent in May. Nancy Johnson confirmed that indeed the BG has received the funds.

Dorothy Vea didn't have any news for the Round table discussion this meeting.

Nancy Johnson introduced a new employee who will be working with her as the Gardens' PR Marketing Manager, Graham Brown. Graham will fill in for Nancy at MCA's meetings for the next two months. Nancy informed the board that the County has committed to a reasonable schedule for the Garden's building plan. The first scoping meeting is scheduled for April 3rd. Notices will be sent to neighboring properties in the next few weeks. Tim discussed putting this topic on next MCA's meeting's agenda on April 4th, the next day

Tim conveyed that MCA's Land Use Committee is starting a surveying process for the upcoming development of an updated or new Community Plan. "We want to a double check that we are not overreaching. At the annual members meeting we will discuss and have some invited speakers. Kathy is scheduling a LU meeting on March 22nd. Ginger reminded the group of our monthly Salud-MCA meeting, which will consistently be the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is March 23rd at 3pm.

As part of Bill Johnson's round table information, he explained that he went to a Charette process town meeting in Ventura. The process works by having a concentrated bunch of meetings, all stakeholders in one room, until an agreement is reached. After four nights the groups came to an agreement that worked for everyone. Watching how disorganized and poorly public meetings are held in SB, Bill suggested how we might learn from this Charette process. Architects, Builders, City, Neighbors really changed the project for the good after the four days. The Architects ran the meeting. Bill thought the Charette system could work well for our Community plan and Annual Meeting Process. Ginger

suggested although this is a great idea, it might be premature until after the annual meeting, survey and initial overlay/plan first draft is completed.

Ralph Daniel is in the process of simplifying MC resident survey that Ray Smith originally outlined. The survey emphasizes – what is important about the Canyon for its residents and how they want the MCA to act or work on the residents' behalf.

A question arose as to how we will structure the annual meeting. Initial phase: what is important to you? Which Canyon issues do you want MCA to focus on? MCA committees will take the data from the surveys and begin to put together the information to come up with a draft for the Plan.

It was stated and understood that the MCA be sensitive to the Community, make sure the residents have relevant and sufficient information, and to invite them to be part of the project, before moving on to a Charette process.

Bill informed the board that Remo, Randy, and he had an updated list of residents. There are names duplicated on some of the properties. The lists are categorized into the different Canyon neighborhoods. Bill asked help from those of us living in the specific areas to fill in phone numbers and emails. Bill currently has 20-30% of residents' email addresses. These lists are part of the process of developing the safety/evacuation trees.

Tim asked Bill to get a proposal from JDL to get a radius mailing list and data base, other fields, acreage, house size, slope, mailing address, name, etc.

Ralph discussed the MC residents' survey and possible edits. He asked the group for adjectives describing important characteristics of the Canyon. Ralph will send out an email asking for final suggestions for the survey draft before going to press next week for the MCA newsletter.

Tim Steele passed on his turn to speak during the round table discussion.

Ginger Sledge's contribution to the round table concerned the property, 1483 Tunnel Road, a building site at the top of Holly ridge. Recent rains have brought mudslides to the Orange Grove watershed, specifically from the ridge site at 1483 Tunnel Road. The County has been alerted and the County Grading Inspector has walked the site along the watershed. Tony Bohnett, the Inspector, has contacted the owner of the property and they are discussing some type of mitigation measures to lessen the impact on the downhill neighbors fronting Tunnel Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, April 4th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Ginger Sledge, Secretary