

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 4, 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 April 4, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Ginger Sledge, Dorothy Veal, Nancy Bertelson, Jenny Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Tom Jacobs, Randy Reetz, and Bill McCullough. Absent were Remo Ruccione, David Vorbeck, and James Madison. Guests present were Paulinna Conn and Dr. Bob Muller of the Botanic Garden.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7th's meeting, and Ralph seconded.

Randy presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report, the Board made a motion, and it was approved. Randy also informed members that the neighborhood survey had cost \$1483.00 to send to 1100 residents, and that we should investigate the County reimbursing the MCA -since the purpose of the survey was to gauge the community's wants and needs as a way to scope the development of the update of Mission Canyon's Specific Plan. Randy resigned as treasurer, Bill McCullough was nominated and voted in by a majority to become the MCA's new treasurer.

During the "Round Table" period of the meeting, Tim took the opportunity to present Randy Reetz with a parting gift from the Board. Each member thanked him for his years of service and hard work, and wished him the best for the future.

Ginger reminded the board of MCA's monthly meeting with Salud Carbajal on the 4th Thursday of every month @3pm. This month the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006.

A discussion was had regarding getting more information about the Botanic Gardens' expansion process out to the Mission Canyon residents. Ray, Jenny, and Ralph agreed there needs to be specific information reaching the public. A possibility would be to add BG information in the MCA newsletter.

A general agenda was discussed for the MCA annual meeting:

- A. Review Specific Plan Update
- B. Derek Johnson, County P & D project manager, will speak about MCA's participation with the County.
- C. Sergeant Tom Walton to speak about the Reverse 911 system.
- D. Ralph Daniel will have edited video of Tom Morse's RV driving on roads through canyon pointing out specific areas that require brush clearance. Also on the video, Jenny is interviewing a fire Captain at Station 15.

- E. Jenny Cushnie will speak about the Fire grants MCA has received, present rules for limbing up trees along main roads, and explain the importance of brush clearance.

Tim Steele announced that Salud offered for the Sheriff's department to utilize and test Reverse 911 before the meeting. The message will include encouraging residents to return the surveys and a reminder of the date and time of the annual meeting.

Ray Smith and Kathy Koury volunteered to buy and prepare the refreshments for the opening mixer before the meeting. The Board approved an expenditure of \$300.

Bill McCullough and Ginger Sledge will be sitting at a membership table to sign up new MCA members and renewals.

During the annual meeting, Tim said he would announce those up for re-election to the Board and he would open the room to nominations for future Board members.

Ray Smith told of the Trail Alliance's proposal at the County meeting last Thursday: Public input abounded in support and opposition to the TA's proposal, which states that trails are open to all, but there should be an even/odd day schedule for mountain bikers. A subset of the Downhill Trail Alliance is opposed. Ray asked with a motion for the MCA to support the even/odd days schedule, and the Board approved.

Tom Jacobs gave an update regarding the Pedregosa Paseo Historico (the area between the Mission, Natural History Museum, and Rocky Nook Park.) Tom announced that a grant existed from the History Channel that could provide potential seed money for this project. As MCA proactively gets the "three schools" involved...we should investigate the HC grant.

Jenny Cushnie gave a report regarding the Fire Safety Council Grant process. Jenny sent in a report scoping the areas of needed brush clearance with the hopes of being awarded a second year grant in the amount of \$55,000.

The Board was given an account of Monday's April 3rd Botanic Garden's EIR scoping meeting by several attending members. Tim Steele summarized and briefed members regarding a letter from MCA that would be sent to the County by the April 14th deadline. Tim invited all members to contribute input regarding the impacts of the project on the environment (on grounds and neighboring properties,) noise, traffic, geology, fire, history, etc.

Paulinna Conn said she would write the County a letter to protest the April 14th deadline and would copy Salud on this. Tom suggested that Paulina's report re: BG's specific building use, be incorporated in the body of the 4/14 MCA letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Ginger Sledge, Secretary