

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 2, 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 May 2, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Ginger Sledge, Nancy Bertelson, Jenny Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Tom Jacobs, Randy Reetz, and Bill McCullough, and Dr. Bob Muller of the Botanic Garden. Absent were Dorothy Vea and Remo Ruccione.

After Tim called the meeting to order, Bill made a motion to approved April's minutes and all approved.

Nancy Bertelson brought up the large sewer service assessment fee that she and homeowners in her part of the canyon have been paying and discussed the utilities comparison amongst the group of us. We compared the upper canyon residents' bills and those around the foothill area. Upper Canyon (Tunnel Road) pays only a \$25 fee on the property tax bill, while those who live in the Mission Canyon Heights pay over \$500.

Tim reviewed the nominated board of directors from the annual meeting. Re-nominated and then elected were Ralph Daniel, Ray Smith, Kathy Koury, Remo Ruccione, Nancy Bertelson, and Jenny Cushnie for another two year term. A motion was made to approve these members; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

The board members discussed, and concluded that James Madison and Dave Vorbeck should no longer serve on the Mission Canyon Board due to their many absences from the monthly meetings and non-participation.

Nominations for the Mission Canyon Association Officers were announced: Bill McCullough, Treasurer; Ginger Sledge, Secretary; Tim Steele, President; and Ralph Daniel, Vice President.

Ralph Daniel suggested that Bruce McRoy be contacted, as he was interested in participating as part of the Land Use Committee.

Tim made a motion that Randy finalizes the newsletter after making a couple of corrections. In regard to the Orange Grove development article, a suggestion was made by Tom Jacobs that Randy include a box stating that letters of opinion by Mission Canyon residents be found on the website by going to a specific link. This idea was to keep the newsletter from becoming longer than twelve pages.

A motion was made to compose and send a letter of request to Salud Carbajal asking the County for funds and support to update the Mission Canyon Specific Plan. The motion was approved.

Tom Jacobs gave the board an update regarding Pedregosa Paseo Historico. The supporters and participants of the project include the Sperlings (owners of the middle school building,) Riviera Homeowners Association, MCA, Natural History Museum, the Mission, and Pearl Chase Society. Everyone is very enthusiastic about getting a good project going. Post-Hazeltine submitted a \$4500 proposal to prepare a historical resources report for the area. Tom also mentioned that the Pearl Chase Society (non-profit) was a good option for running the funding through.

Jenny Cushnie gave an update regarding the fire safe council grant. The MCA received a check for \$10,500. from the US Forest Service. Jenny also said the County would be able to do the clearing work in 10 days for \$2400 per day and they would do their own traffic control. The County crew is available for the work in mid-June. Ralph and Tim citing grant rules, asked to see more bids before deciding on the County to do the work.

Randy Reetz discussed a company that could scan the MCA archives for \$1000. The board needs to decide and vote regarding the scanning.

Ray Smith said he would be receiving the Mutt Mitts box in the mail within the next week, but needed volunteers to re-install on Tunnel Trail. The first box was knocked down and taken.

The next meeting of the Mission Canyon Association will be June 6, 2006 at 7:30pm.

Ginger Sledge
Secretary, MCA