

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 6, 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 June 6, 2006 beginning 10 minutes late at 7:40 p.m. Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Jenny Cushnie, Tom Jacobs, Ray Smith, Dorothy Vea and Nancy Johnson from the Botanic Garden. Absent were Nancy Bertelson, Ginger Sledge, Kathy Koury, Bill Mccullough, and Remo Ruccione. Jean Yamamura was also present and subsequently unanimously elected to be a member of the Board of Directors of the MCA.

Minutes - Reading, corrections, additions & approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2006 meeting was tabled for lack of a revised version to reference. Approval will be discussed at the July meeting.

Tim Steele opened the meeting with a round table discussion on the recent County approval for updating the Mission Canyon Specific Plan – for which the county has budgeted \$163,000 for the next two years. There followed a free ranging discussion by all that included the following suggestions and thoughts:

- The MCA BOD needs to consider optimum ways to help focus specific topics, in realistic terms, utilizing long-term thinking as we move forward on the Specific Plan project.
- Results from our survey, that identified a half dozen or so key themes(e.g., fire, parking, land use, ...) of greatest concern to Canyon residents, should be used to form working groups that would encourage broad community participation and input on each of the themes.
- Recognition that the Specific Plan will be an SB County (and City) activity which will include all stakeholders within the Canyon.
- Recognition that the MCA is but one stakeholder within the community and that a key role for the MCA will be to help the County and City in identification, outreach and communication with the various stakeholders.

| Action items forthcoming from [Derek](#) Johnson and several key community (Goleta, Summerland, Toro Canyon, ...) folk who have worked on community plans. Two possible types of meetings were discussed: one, an extended Land Use committee meeting scheduled prior to our next Board meeting; second, at our next (July) regular meeting of the BOD.

Jean Yamamura was nominated and unanimously elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the MCA. It is possible that she would be interested in helping with the Newsletter – and area of her interest and expertise.

We have a new Mutt Mitt Dispenser that needs to be mounted at the head of Tunnel Trail. There are two options: mounting to one of the existing “no parking” signs or, once again, setting our own post in concrete. A course of action will be determined by Jenny, Tim & Ray.

Jenny discussed the Fire Safe Council Grant work. The grant is in hand and work has begun at the top of Mission Canyon Road (1500 to 1220). Brushy stuff has been removed along the shoulder of the road. Tunnel Road is next on the agenda for work.

Several bills were approved for payment:

Jenny Cushnie a bill for stamps & envelopes (\$113.20) charged to the Fire Grant.

Kathy Koury a bill for food for the Annual Meeting (\$229.24)

Ray Smith a bill for Mutt Mitt Dispenser + 800 mitts (\$270.57)

A discussion regarding archival storage for the MCA “stuff” was begun but this 2nd string scribe left the job of reporting same to Tom Jacobs.

Archives:

Archival and other storage of MCA documents, history, and miscellaneous items (plastic ware, cups, etc. for annual meetings) was discussed. Tim will research the lowest cost small storage compartment available downtown; it should cost approximately \$50/month or less.

Nancy (SBBG) said that her archival people did not recommend scanning documents.

A committee on archival storage was discussed.

Finding someone in the Canyon to work with, a webmaster type, to assist us with this was discussed.

Tim brought up edhat.com, a site created by someone in the canyon.

No action was taken.

Announcement re Brush Clean-Up Day:

July 29, Women’s Club Parking Lot

There were no Committee Reports

To avoid the 4th of July, the next meeting will be 11 July, 2006 (2nd Tuesday) at 7:30 pm.

Ray Smith
2nd string scribe, MCA