

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 14, 2006
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Nancy Bertelson, Ralph Daniel, Ann Goff, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Milt Roselinsky, Tim Steele, Dorothy Veal, Jean Yamamura.

Absent: Jenny Cushnie, Tom Jacobs, Ginger Sledge, Ray Smith

Guests: Nancy Johnson, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Steele.

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved and the Minutes of the October meeting were approved as amended.

Roundtable: Bill McCullough noted a water break he had seen and reported. The Board discussed the cutting that has been completed and possible projects to be included in the next \$50,000 grant, if and when it becomes available.

The Board approved expenditure for Mutt Mitts to Randy Reetz.

Ralph Daniel reported that Southern California Edison had been running 136 volts up in Mission Canyon when they replaced a temporary switch. This caused a dangerous situation burning out some electrical equipment. The problem has been corrected. Those who have a claim should file it against Southern Cal Edison.

Nancy Johnson reported that the Botanical Garden has increased gates, locks and fencing and will allow entrance only during operating hours – 9:00-5:00 in the winter months. They have also hired a security guard. There have been six incidents of “smash and grab” in the parking lot recently. The expansion project plans will be ready for public review in the near future.

Jean Yamamura reported that there has been some vandalism in the Tunnel Road area. The recent helicopter in the area concerned a lost hiker.

Tim Steele reported on the meeting with Salud Carbahal. David Neels, Vegetation Management Program Coordinator of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, stated that the County Fire Plan has been delivered and approved. We will need this to obtain grants. Officer Neels invited us to graft our fire plan onto theirs. He asked us to take the 30-page draft of the fire plan and make it into a five-page item by March. Tim stated that we need to start thinking about what we need to do that we may not have done before. Ralph suggested that a committee be appointed to begin in January to edit this to the five-page document to improve the preparedness of our community.

Dorothy Vea is concerned of the design criteria from the fire department in terms of the width of roads and “four wheels on the street” parking. The Board noted that in addition to the narrow width of streets, parking enforcement will be a problem. Bill McCullough suggested that the plan be broken into segments and a different portion discussed each month at the Board Meeting.

Tim will contact Dick Axelrod and a traffic engineer to come to the next meeting to begin addressing traffic and parking problems in the Canyon.

Bill said that the Fire department’s website gives a link to a Homeowners Manual on Fire Preparedness that is a wonderful tool. He will put the link on our website.

The Board voted to raise dues to \$25 per year per household and to add the option of using Pay Pal to pay dues. Ralph will set it up for the website.

President Tim noted that the new Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee is a stellar group.

Two board members should serve on the Brown Out committee. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be December 5, 2006.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Goff
Board Secretary