

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 6, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Present:, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Milt Roselinsky, Ginger Sledge, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura.

Absent: Dick Axilrod, Nancy Bertelson, Ann Goff, Tom Jacobs, Tim Steele, Dorothy Vea

Guests: Nancy Johnson (Santa Barbara Botanic Garden), Laurie Guitteau

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ralph Daniel.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

Milt Roselinsky presented a revised draft of the MCA Fire Plan for inclusion into the SB County fire plan. This plan had been reviewed by the MCA Fire Committee and it was presented to the full board for their comments and approval prior to presentation to the County. A general discussion of the Fire Plan followed, several comments and suggestions were made for the Plan, and it was approved unanimously by the Board. Milt will work to have the Plan available to the County by the end of this month (Feb07).

A suggestion, during the Fire Plan discussion, was to include a workshop on fuel reduction as part of our Community Outreach efforts. The timing of this proposed workshop was set for April 14th so that Tom Cova, author of "Public Safety in the Urban-Wildland Interface", could attend the workshop. Milt, Jenny and Ray volunteered to work on the logistics for this workshop.

The NOAA emergency broadcast system was also discussed as a possible option for inclusion in the Fire Plan. Bill volunteered to find more about the NOAA system and to pass the information on to Milt. Foothill road improvement project was discussed and Ray volunteered to find a way to check on the status of this project.

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The board briefly and generally discussed the Newsletter costs and software. Nancy Johnson of the Botanic Garden offered to donate the time of Don Matsumoto of the graphics department to help with the production of the Newsletter.

Treasurer, Bill McCullough presented updated cash flow figures. Nothing has changed in the Fire Safety account. There is \$7000 left from the first grant and \$5000 from the new grant. No interest is generated on this account. In the MCA

general account, the increase in dues will cover the expenses of the newsletter, ABR mailings, etc. The Brush cleanup was \$641 which covered salary of the laborers. The dumpsters were donated by MarBorg. The Treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Tom Jacobs proposed the hiring of a part time BAR secretary to do repetitive tasks. His very conservative estimate of time necessary would be no more than 7.75 hours every two weeks. After discussion and a consensus approval, the board authorized Tom to review the issue and come up with a specific plan at the next Board meeting. The board also discussed the feasibility of using the mailing list of the County or maps generated by the fire department or tax assessor and came to the consensus that APN numbers are available.

Ray Smith announced that he will resign from all subcommittees except Land Use. He wishes to become the liaison to the MCPlanning Advisory Committee. Ray reminded the Board of the Brown Act that limits the persons involved in any one meeting or subcommittee.

Ray met with Derek Jones and covered how the general plan will show up within the diagram (it is now under "Other."); how special problems are designated and how it interferes with the specific plan and the Special Problems booklet. A chair has not been selected for MPAC.

Milt Roselinsky offered an outline as a point of departure for focusing the Board input into the MC PAC. It comes down to an effort to get emergency contingencies in place. Evidence and data are a good starting point. He would like about 2 pages from each committee with a summary stating the history and solution, and perhaps an appendix. Tim applauded Milt's effort and will see that an email forum is set up to track changes in a mechanical way.

Jennie Cushnie mentioned the underground utility requirement, which may be done in a piecemeal basis. With the changes in climate, we will have more extremes and more power outages in the future.

Tim asked that each committee meet this month and get together with Milt indicating what makes us unique for each area and how to modify ordinances for the unique characteristics within the Canyon. Ralph will be a good filter. Jennie will Co-chair the Fire Committee with Milt Roselinsky.

The Board passed a motion to spend the money left from the first grant on the main exit routes, specifically on dangerous trees and those not native to the area.

Ralph Daniel will co-chair the Traffic Committee with Dick Axilrod. New members are Carmel Blum and Bob Ferris. Ray Smith and Dorothy Veal are also members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be February 6, 2007.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Goff
Board Secretary