

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

Present: Dick Axilrod, Jenny Cushnie, Ann Goff, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Ginger Sledge, Ray Smith, Tim Steele

Absent: Nancy Bertelson, Ralph Daniel, Milt Roselinsky, Dorothy Veal, Jean Yamamura.

Guests: Paulina Conn, Kellon de Forest, Tom Gill, Randy Reetz

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Steele.

Minutes of the February meeting have not been formalized, but Ray Smith took notes and will format and distributed them.

The board discussed a draft of a letter to Santa Barbara Botanic Garden on issues pertaining to their incremental growth in the Canyon. We should ask for hydrology reports. The water main on Mission Canyon Road broke last summer and fixing it was postponed due to fire season. However, the repairs should start around April 1. It is up to the Botanic Garden to put in their own line. There is plenty of pressure – an 8” main at the top. Tim Gill has knowledge of water systems and spoke to this issue. The Board voted to send the letter with suggested changes. Hydrology is a second issue.

City Council approved the new location for the failed main down Mission Canyon Road. Kathy Taylor of FEMA indicated that 100% of the cost would be covered by FEMA. \$202,000 has been approved, along with extra costs. Money was added for contingencies. Santa Barbara Botanical Garden’s 1300’ is city owned. They have a right to water provided they have the ability to issue service and hydrants. Tom Gill stated that the upper canyon pressure system is woefully inadequate. He suggested asking the City for information regarding pressure for fire fighting in Mission Canyon. The existing tank holds one million gallons. The Botanic Garden is proposing four hydrants. Derek Johnson has a map showing existing hydrants.

The Board voted to contact City County and ask for a Hydrology Report of water conditions of two of the three zones in the Canyon. The Board also discussed work involved in replacing the main, rules and noticing, and encroachment issues.

Ray Smith commented on the recent MCPAC Workshop held February 24. Over 60 people attended, and it was very worthwhile. The comments are being compiled and will be published on the web, with a link from our website. Ray stated that it has been really exciting to get a full range of ideas on the table.

The next meeting will be held March 21 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The most pressing need of residents expressed is maintaining the beauty and charm of the canyon, followed by fire and safety.

Dick Axilrod, Manager of Traffic Committee suggested that if we don't come up with a solution about parking on some of the streets (four in particular) based on public input, some restrictions will be imposed. The Board of Supervisors will make the final decision. Derek Johnson has commented that compared to other communities, we are hot. It's all about secondary dwellings. Problems arise from SPARK (Special Problems and Review), a statewide mandate regarding affordable housing and R2 zoning.

The Annual Meeting of Mission Canyon Association will be held April 10, 2007 at Fleishmann Auditorium. Tom, Nancy and Dorothy's terms are expiring; Dick Milt, Ann and Jean need to be approved. Alistair Wynn is one new candidate for the Board of Directors. Logistics and the Agenda will be on the website.

A Workshop on Fire day will be held April 14, 2007, from 9:00 – Noon at First Presbyterian Church. Officer David Neels, Director Vegetation Management, of the County Fire Department will speak.

The Board voted to become listed as an advocacy group of the Trails Group. Webmaster Bill McCollough will handle this matter.

Mention was made of a complaint of solid waste (a junk car). The Orange Grove property is now on the market. Prospective buyers should know the history of the BAR comments.

The next Newsletter will contain a notice of the increase in dues.

The Board voted to keep the same meeting time – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be April 2, 2007.

Submitted by,

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Board Secretary