

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 1, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Dick Axilrod, Nancy Bertelsen, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Ann Goff, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Milt Roselinsky, Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Dorothy Veal, Jean Yamamura

Absent: Bill McCullough, Ginger Sledge

Guests: Kellan de Forest, Nancy Johnson (SBBG), Randy Reetz, Nancy Weiss (Friends of Mission Canyon)

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Steele.

The Board approved the Minutes of the April meeting, as amended.

There was no Treasurer's Report. Bills were presented and approved for payment - \$64 for copying maps; \$26.14 to Tri County Blue Print; \$150 to the caterer for the Annual Meeting.

The Board briefly discussed the Annual Meeting. President Tim Steele apologized to Tom Jacobs for overlooking his nomination and election to another term on the Board. The Board took corrective action and voted to extend the terms of Tom, Nancy Bertelsen and Dorothy Veal. Any Board Member who misses three meetings without notifying the Board of their intention not to attend will be phoned to determine lack of interest and subsequent removal from the board. Ann will keep track.

Other comments on the meeting were to limit the number of slides in a presentation, perhaps allow for more audience participation. Overall, it was a great meeting.

The meeting with Salud Carbajal went very well. He suggested that the Board write several letters because June is the month for budgeting in the City and County. Tim has written four letters for consideration by the Board.

The first letter is to the City of Santa Barbara requesting a study of the Mission Canyon area water system. The second letter is to the City to study the proposed rate structure for the Mission Canyon Sewer District Rate review hearing May 5, 2007. After discussion, these drafts were approved.

The third letter is to the County requesting consideration of Rule 20A (undergrounding utilities). This draft was approved.

The fourth letter is to The Santa Barbara Botanical Garden detailing our recent correspondence and requesting that the Garden cease claiming MCA support until we have evaluated the EIR. The draft was approved.

Ray presented a report from the Task Force of the Tunnel Trail Committee and pictures showing tourist busses from a local hotel illegally parked at the trailhead. He is creating a position paper and wants comments from other committees regarding education with respect to fire and limitations during high fire time.

There is a geological information class at UCSB with five students who are doing a Fire Prevention Plan Project. They will come here and give a power point presentation that includes a growth model, traffic model, etc. David Neels is an advisor to the project.

Dick Axelrod gave a report of the traffic and parking committee concerning overcrowding and parking on streets. He has prepared some handouts. There are major problems, and he would like input from board members. We need more enforcement from CHP. We need to become proactive now. The board discussed putting a letter on the windshield of cars in violation, telling the owner they are in violation and asking them to park elsewhere.

Nancy Weiss of "Friends of Mission Canyon" spoke to the Board. Their goal is complimentary to MCA. They are interested in the Botanic Garden expansion plan and other issues. The BG issue has gotten complex quickly. It is challenging to get accurate information. The plan is large and complex.

She stated that her purpose in coming was to say hello and ask for support and hope that we will become allies with Friends of Mission Canyon. The Board discussed our common grounds, particularly fire issues, but expressed the desire not to set up alliances and to maintain our separateness.

Milt Roselinsky reported on the Fire Safety Council Grant and Workshop. We had good support from the fire department, National Forest Service, but a low turnout of citizens. A recent vegetation map of the ridge shows enhanced defensibility.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be June 5, 2007.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Goff
Board Secretary