

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

Present: Dick Axilrod, Jennie Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Laurie Guitteau, Kathy Koury, Ann Marshall, Bill McCullough, Tim Steele, Dorothy Veal, Jean Yamamura

Absent: Nancy Bertelsen, Tom Jacobs, Milt Roselinsky, Ginger Sledge, Ray Smith

Guests: Kellam de Forest, Marc Chytilo, Nancy Johnson (SBBG), Randy Reetz

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Steele.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were approved as amended.

The Board discussed the Zaca fire and the preparations that should be taken. Right now, the fire is not an immediate threat, and we will get adequate warning. People in the Canyon should be making plans for horses and those with special needs. The Board voted to ask the County Fire Department and Sheriff's Department to meet with Canyon residents to discuss the Zaca fire and answer questions.

The Board approved \$2000 of the grant money to clear shrubbery in the area between Tunnel and Holly Road to provide an alternative emergency route.

The Board also authorized a letter be written to Cathy Taylor asking that the hydrant at 2805-2815 Holly Road be remedied from an agricultural to a residential hydrant.

Discussion turned to the Draft EIR of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the Meadow Terrace Exhibit. Nancy Johnson stated that the plantings in this exhibit are to be raised in containers. She stated that the design of the exhibit has been permitted. Questions arose as to why the Meadow was chosen as an exhibit site, citing desecration of land that has been a Historic Landmark.

Tim Steele presented a letter to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden from the Planning Commission regarding the SCD for the Meadow Terrace Exhibit. Tim noted that the Application of the Botanic Garden for this SCD does not conform to County's Application requirements.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session. Kellam de Forest, Marc Chytilo, and Randy Reetz were invited to remain.

Dick Axilrod brought parking signs he has prepared to be placed on vehicles improperly parked on narrow streets in the Canyon. Each Board member received one sign to be duplicated and distributed to others. Dick asked that the

signs be placed on improperly parked vehicles. He will send the sign by email so that more may be printed by Board members. Jennie Cushnie announced that the Red Flag Warning signs are in place and will indicate no parking in certain areas during red flag alerts.

The Board will ask Supervisor Salud Carbajal to authorize a one paragraph request placing a moratorium on road work in Mission Canyon during fire season.

Tim Steele has prepared a draft letter to the Planning Commission requesting a moratorium on further Substantial Conformity Declarations for the Botanic Garden prior to approval of the upcoming CUP.

The Board discussed possible recourse with the Santa Barbara Planning Commission. Marc Chytilo stated that Tim's draft letter will serve only as a "distraction." We have no appeal, except to the court system. The greatest threat to the Botanic Garden is the EIR review in five weeks. Ralph offered to work on a letter that states the Board's grave concerns about the EIR document for a mailing to residents of the Canyon to express concerns to the Planning Department.

After lengthy discussion, Marc agreed to identify concerns with the draft EIR; Jean Yamamura will write a simple one-page letter with check-off boxes that Canyon residents may use to communicate with Alex Tuttle of the Planning Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be September 4, 2007.

Submitted by,

Ann Marshall
Board Secretary