

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

Present: Dick Axelrod, Nancy Bertelsen, Jennie Cushnie, Milt Roselinsky, Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Jean Yamamura

Absent: Ralph Daniel, Laurie Guiteau, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Ann Marshall, Dorothy Vea

Guests: Kellam de Forest, Nancy Johnson, Alastair Winn

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Steele at 7:50 p.m., a quorum having arrived.

The Minutes of the October Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report postponed to next month when treasurer will be present.

Jennie Cushnie says \$5,000 more has arrived for the 2007 Fire Grant. Now totals \$55,000.

Upper Mission Canyon Road thanks MCA, Fire Committee, and Tim Steele for their work clearing the area, Milt Roselinsky reports. Has changed conditions for wildfire.

Ray Smith mentions lack of consistency with fire signs. Station 15's "extreme" sign needs to match road and trail signs. Red Flag warning has ended, but signs still on trail. Kellam de Forest suggests that Station 15 get a red flag. JC will look into it.

Nancy Johnson reports water line is complete, Fire Department ready to test. Hydrants work. County says neighbors want to wait till spring to slurry road. She will check after two inches of rain falls.

Tim S. reports on Foothill Road: Engineering is done for work from stop sign to hilltop before Tye Rd. Presently delayed two-years for lack of money in state budget. MCA needs a forum with neighbors. Need to check scope of project specifications. Problems are the culverts from Mission Hill, waterfalls between houses, flooding at Foothill residences. Caltrans plans culvert and trench to capture water. Ray S. says MCPAC talked to flood at county works. TS writing letter to Caltrans. General discussion on need for pedestrian and bicycle ways in the 40-foot right-of-way space. RS moves that the Traffic Committee meet with engineers in January, talk with county, hold Foothill and Heights residents meeting with county. Dick Axelrod seconds. All vote aye.

Nancy Bertelsen says a neighbor's big garage project on Las Encinas has stalled. It's a second residential unit, no review. Fire Department wants a 20-foot road. Alastair Winn adds that resident is infirm and needs help and neighborhood patience.

Tim S. reports the Fire Grant has been used to clear the ravine on Upper Mission Canyon Rd. and that they're nearly done. Have eliminated a fire chimney. Homeowners paid half of labor. Area is more defensible. About half of the firebreak is completed. Trail is on city property. Anne Marks would need a CEQA review to clear. Jennie C. thinks the city's fire plan has a blanket CEQA. TS says work clearing a 200-foot wide zone on Spyglass down to water tank is next.

Also, two eucalypti in Rockwood parking lot will be taken down by MCA as a thank you for using the lot on Brush Day. One tree is diseased with root rot.

RS reports next MCPAC meeting is November 14, 6 p.m., agenda is online.

Jean Yamamura provides drafts of newsletter to board members.

Meeting adjourns at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Yamamura, acting secretary.