

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 4, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Ralph Daniel, Tom Jacobs, Bill McCullough, Milt Roselinsky, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura

Absent: Dick Axelrod, Jenny Cushnie, Laurie Guitteau, Kathy Koury, Ann Marshall, Tim Steele
Dorothy Vea,

Guests: Kellam de Forest, Nancy Johnson, Amanda Delucia, Alastair Winn, Mike Daly & friend

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ralph Daniel at 7:30 p.m.

The Minutes of the October Meeting were not discussed.

A full treasurer's report will be given at the January 08 meeting. Bill McCullough reported that our expenses this year have been \$18K more than our income. He recommended we consider both raising dues and working harder to get new members. He suggested we also think of new ways to increase revenue.

Ray Smith lead a discussion regarding the upcoming Feb 7, 2008 Town Meeting where the MCA will host an outreach to the community regarding MCPAC's work on the revised Mission Canyon Area Specific Plan. A number of suggestions were made regarding possible "hot topics" for the Town Meeting including: post disaster reconstruction, traffic circulation, vegetation management, fire assessment districts, alternative energy, sewers & septic systems, second units and the Special Problems Area Committee. After considerable discussion the following four topics were selected as potential discussion items:

- 1) post disaster reconstruction (Ray Smith lead with ?? helping)
- 2) traffic and circulation (Ralph Daniel, Dick Alexrod, and ??)
- 3) possible fire assessment district (Milt Roselinsky and ??)
- 4) vegetation management (Jenny Cushnie and Amanda Delucia)

Lead folk and helpers (all are welcome to volunteer) are tasked with writing a few paragraphs on their discussion item for the January MCA Newsletter – due to Jean Yamamura by the 1st week of January 08.

Mike Daly discussed the need for some kind of regulation and enforcement regarding vegetation that obstructs previously existing views. He also noted that current enforcement of defensible space is "a joke". Ralph and Ray volunteered to meet with Mike and see if MCA can affect some kind of mediation in this regard. It was noted that every house was visited this year by fire folk checking defensible space. It was not reported what actions were taken in this regard. Mike was advised to take the broader issue of "obstructing neighbor views" to MCPAC for consideration in the Specific Plan.

The Foothill Road neighborhood meeting was an item on our agenda but since Tim Steele was absent this item was continued to our January meeting.

Bill McCullough reported that MCA's first Fire Safe Council Grant was closed out and that we were about one-half way through our 2nd grant. Milt Roselinsky reported that considerable clearing has been accomplished on both sides of the canyon: on upper Mission Canyon Road and upper Tunnel Road. The goal is to create a buffer where fuel is reduced north of the residential areas in the Canyon. Nancy Johnson reported that they have received the first installment of their \$85K fire grant and will start spending these funds in January. Milt reported that the MCA fire committee plans to write a grant for the upcoming period.

Ray gave a brief update of MCPAC activities. These activities can be found in detail via links on the MCA web site. The next MCPAC meeting is scheduled for 12 December and will consider goals for the Specific Plan as well as a discussion of the upcoming Town Meeting.

Alastair Winn inquired if the MCA had taken any action on the problem he had presented to us at our last meeting. Since Tim, who had volunteered to look into this issue, was absent the MCA took no action on

this item. Alastair was advised to gather his neighbors and to schedule an appointment with Supervisor Carbajal to see how this issue might be resolved with the Planning Department.

Tom Jacobs presented the 2008 Schedule for the MCA Architectural and Development Review Committee (ADRC). The ADRC 2008 Schedule will be posted on the MCA web site.

Nancy Johnson presented the monthly Standing Report from the SBBG to the MCA. This report included information on the following (full report will be posted on the MCA web site): FireSave Council vegetation removal grant, waterline/hydrant installation for improved fire protection, meadow terrace exhibit installation, fire prevention, SBCBAR and MCBAR meetings, and December Garden events.

Submitted by Ray Smith, acting secretary