

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 5, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Dick Axelrod, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniel, Laurie Guitteau, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Milt Roselinsky, Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Jean Yamamura

Absent: Nancy Bertelson, Ann Marshall, Dorothy Veal

Guests: Kellam de Forest, Nancy Johnson

After moving to Broder Hall because the McVeigh House was occupied, the meeting got underway at 7:45 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting: Is being held in conjunction with McPac. Kellam praised the last newsletter. Randy Reetz and Ray have met with the county and are creating PowerPoint slides. Set up 5:30 or 6 p.m. Social half-hour from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; scenic corridor slides will play. Tim will bring meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ray will introduce county staff: Derek, Rosie, and David; discuss McPac process, money gone by February 2009, all documents through Board of Supervisors by then, and so on.

Slides will show newsletter topics, McPac's decisions so far, ask for feedback, etc. Two-minute limit on speakers. Discussions limited to Specific Plan and Design Guidelines.

Tim and Jenny posting signs tomorrow.

Fire Assessment: 331 tons of brush cleared since 2000, grants and progress, David Neels' buffer zone photos, city's assessment district details, Mission Canyon in center, ask how much participants willing to pay. Details are up to county to work out. City provides roadside brush clearing, helps with defensible space, clear vacant lots. Assessment charged by acre and steepness. May be more attractive to Heights residents. Money will be in a Mission Canyon fund.

Want to call this a Benefit Assessment District, and not a fire district. Keeps fire funding with county, not MC funds. MCA can clear private property, county cannot. MCA can still seek grants with assessment district in place.

Board Positions: Need to stagger terms. Bill and Tim's terms up. Ray, Bill and Tim will determine roster.

2008 Fire Grant: May be last one. Milt and Kathy say maybe not. Are seeking web cam, goat herd and herder Jay Lopez for Meisel property. John List and his masticator can't make it into area. Tractor treads tear up road too much.

Walkway from MCRd to south side of Foothill: Dennis Jaffey with WalkSB helping to approach property owner. Want to use boulders from Caltrans project to build wall for property owner.

Caltrans: Last proposal at MCPAC was insufficient. Going from Glen Albyn to MCRd, was from Alamar originally. Actually stops at Tye Rd. Poor architecturally, wrong concrete colors. Big gas and water pipes underground make undergrounding utilities infeasible. 23 oaks coming down and replanting 70 new ones at 154. MCPAC advised placing trees at residences along Foothill.

Botanic Garden: HLAC meeting February 11. No design changes since January. Terrace appeal before supervisors February 19. SBAR February 29.

County counsel is deciding CEQA tomorrow.

State Fire Safe meeting mid-April.

SBBG not seeking grant money as is complicated by Endangered Species Act in riparian areas. ESA study would cost \$50,000 and grant is for \$85,000. ESA requires eucalyptus to remain. MCPAC also reviewing endangered studies. Riparian area grants involve erosion near roads.

Cheltenham and Exeter Jungle: Ralph and Mike Daily looking at Nancy Uwin's property. Downhill neighbor has a forest, big trees, bamboo, decks nearly touch tree tops, and won't trim. Cannot help if neighbor won't cooperate. States she will trim in spring as usual. May need defensible space visit by fire department. Would assessment district have enforcement ability?

Minutes submitted by acting secretary Jean Yamamura