

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 8, 2008
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Jenny Cushnie, Milt Roselinsky, Jean Yamamura, Georganne Alex, Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Bill McCullough

Absent: Dick Axelrod, Dorothy Veal, Tom Jacobs, Laurie Guitteau

Guests: Fran Galt, Lisa Bogart, Alastair Winn, Randy Reetz

Meeting called to order. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report – As a result of formal invoicing, membership has doubled from last year. In June, after the Annual Meeting (where many often join MCA), it was suggested to send membership notices to residents who have not yet joined. There is approximately \$10,000 balance remaining from the Fire Safety Grant.

Independent Special Districts – Tim Steele attended monthly meeting. It was suggested to form a sub-committee to examine the issue of special districts. A Special Assessment District is almost like a mini-city. More research is needed to understand if it is viable for Mission Canyon. (Please see attachment to Minutes)

Fire Safe Council Conference – Jenny Cushnie and Tim Steele attended. A motivational speaker at the conference suggested sending out a survey to discover the kind of work (careers) of people in the neighborhood. With the information, Mission Canyon residents can be utilized for services needed. Ralph said he would send out information from Fire Conference book to MCA Board members.

There was a discussion regarding differences between a 501C3 and 501C4 status. After April 15, 2008, Bob Mallory, CPA will be asked to clarify the accounting needs of MCA regarding 501C4 status. The Board will explore the future possibility of change in status to 501C3.

Grant – MCA was awarded \$ 130,000. The money will provide for a camera, goats for fire abatement maintenance and more brush clearance at the top of the canyon. There were questions as to when the grant money will be received.

Related to the receipt of past grant monies, MCA needs to file Form 990 for 2006 and 2007. This must be done by May 2008.

Ray Smith spoke about including the Scenic Corridor (between Mission and the Natural History Museum) in the MCPAC.

Draft Mission Canyon Community Plan – Randy Reetz reviewed the components and aspects. Components//preserve deep setbacks, protect stone walls and gates and dedicate/promote/protect trails in area. Along with Kellam de Forest, they are identifying the historic aspects of the canyon. Randy will be speaking to HLAC. The County Landmark Commission is very interested. Missing from the Community Plan is the storing of a mobile home, cars and boats.

Bylaws – Kathy Koury stated the Board has not been conforming to ByLaws. There is a term limit which can be removed. It was moved and seconded to remove wording in the Bylaws from Jan/Feb 2001, section 5, first sentence regarding six year term limits for MCA Board membership (there maybe later revisions to examine).

Ad Space/MCA Newsletter – Jean Yamamura brought up ad space and the pros and cons of selling ad space. No resolution at this time.

Annual Meeting/April 22, 2008 – Food – needs to be there by 5pm, Board members will bring desserts. Ralph Daniel will speak to Stan Nicolaidis for food, Kathy Koury will set-up coffee and Lisa Bogart will provide appetizers. Survey will be distributed at Annual Meeting. There will be a report from Mark Chytilo/Friends of the Canyon about the Meadow/Terrace of the Botanic Garden. Nancy Johnson, from the Botanic Garden, will give a report. The Fire Department will give a presentation about Shelter in Place. It was agreed to remind residents to thank their supervisors for their recent decision regarding the Botanic Garden growth project.

Minutes submitted by secretary Georganne Alex