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Mission Canyon Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 9, 2008

7:30

Present: Alastair Winn, Bill McCullough, Tom Jacobs, Milt Roselinsky, Laurie Guitteau, Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Dick Axelrod, Jean Yamamura, Georganne Alex

Absent: Tim Steele, Jenny Cushnie, Ralph Daniels

Guests: Nancy Johnson, Ginger Sledge, Peter Kornbluth, David Beard (Cal Trans), Michael Mortensen (Cal Trans)

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Michael Mortensen and David Beard reviewed process Cal Trans plans to follow regarding the Foothill Road repairs. With the present plan, Michael Mortensen stated the anticipated length of closure time for Foothill Road would be nine weeks. On January 10th, Michael Mortensen plans to walk Foothill Road with the arborist. Due to environmental laws regarding bird nests, beginning in February the removal of trees along Foothill Road will begin. The trees marked in red indicate February removal. Half the trees that need to be removed will be done in February and then more are anticipated to be removed in April. Michael stated that everyone residents on Foothill will be notified prior to removal. The present staging plan requires the largest part of the project (at 2825 Foothill Road) to take 45 working days.

The four stages of the project include:

1. Stage 1: In April, create a two foot culvert on the south side of Foothill from 2825 to Cheltenham.
2. Stage 2: Late May, road closure for approximately nine weeks for installation of the cross culvert.
3. Stage 3: North side of the road.
4. Stage 4: Culvert and other work at 2825 Foothill Road.

Night work is anticipated in the second stage.

The retaining wall at 2825 Foothill entails a lot of excavation and is expected to be 50 feet long and 15 – 18 feet high.

There was strong objection, by Board members, to the proposed road closure. Mr. Mortensen said that perhaps they could use an alternative to open excavation. Another thought he had was to put a detour to widen the north side which would enable the contractor to work more easily.

Main issue discussed was the maintenance of flow to outside of canyon. The MCA Board would like to look at other alternatives.

Some of the solutions raised:

- Maybe a temporary structure can go over the culvert allowing people to exit in an emergency situation.
- Stage construction one-half of the road at a time thereby reducing risk for area residents.
- Staging in a different order (David Beard said staging in stated order because of weather)
- No retaining wall.

Tim Steele, Milt Roselinsky, Tom Jacobs and Jean Yamamura will be the committee to work directly with Cal Trans to prepare their presentation for the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2009.

It was scheduled to have David Beard, Michael Mortensen and Jim Shivers (public relations) at the February 3, 2009 MCA Board meeting.

Peter Kornbluth talked about his experiences during the Tea Fire. He said that many of the out-of-town firefighters didn't know the roads and they had problems finding their way in certain areas.

Minutes approved from December 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report –

Dues collected have had a positive effect on the Mission Canyon Association budget. Tim is waiting for fire grant money to reimburse the Association which has paid \$5,000 out of regular funds for fire safety.

Moved and seconded to accept Treasurer's report.

Tea Fire Meeting/February 25, 2009

- Planning post disaster and reconstruction
- Review process on MACPAC relevant to resident's letter. Ray Smith wants people to understand State law regarding rebuilding.

Annual Meeting/March 31, 2009

- Cal Trans Foothill Road project
- Parking
- Botanic Garden up-date
- Grant money for brush clearance

Jean and Laurie will talk to County regarding any addition of items to the agenda.

Milt Roselinsky re-issued a draft regarding Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. He will send information to the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by secretary Georganne Alex