

Mission Canyon Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

**October 6, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

Present: Bill McCullough, Jean Yamamura, Cass Ensberg, Tom Jacobs, Ralph Daniel Ray Smith, Georganne Alex, Paulina Conn (Land Use Committee),

Absent: Laurie Guitteau, Milt Roselinsky, Tim Steele, Kathy Koury, Alastair Winn, Dick Axelrod

Guests: Nancy Bertelsn, Kellam Deforest, Pat Saley

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Fire Safety Grant has \$30,000 with nine months remaining to spend the funds. The Mission Canyon Association has just over \$3,007.29. Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports –

Communications Committee– Bill hopes to have an insurance meeting in November. Stated that United Policy Holders has been helpful. There are a lot of issues. Ken Klein, Esq. From San Diego will give presentation. Bill is also trying to put together a banking/mortgage meeting.

Pat Saley (Ombudsman) – Pat was questioning if there is a disproportionate number of older people in Mission Canyon related to recovery. Also raised the question if elders needed more help. There was general discussion around this issue. There appears to be issues with people who have mortgages having trouble with the banks holding onto their checks. Bill McCullough attended Pat's caseworker meeting. There was a question about the fire fund for the Tea Fire about who is dispensing money or how is it being dispensed.

Fire & Safety Committee – A meeting has been set-up with David Neels and Bob Traver after the Fire Safe council meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Questions to be posed: What to do with Mission Canyon Fire Plan? How to bring it up-to-date now that there has been a fire? How to keep fuel reduction maintained on upper area that burned? It was agreed to contact the new Fire Chief Mike Dyer recommending commendation for Captain David Neels for the work he did during the fires. Tim, Ray, Ralph and Milt toured Mission Canyon Heights. Cameron Bensen identified Rattlesnake and junction of Mission Creek as an important place for flood control. Owen installed markers. The webcam is on Andante. The goats finished three weeks on Arriba and Alamar Canyon. The Koontz family participated. Hand crews are needed to go in and finish.

Flood Control Committee – Meeting scheduled for October 15, 2009 with Tom Fayram. Ralph will attend.

Tom mentioned the UCSB Affiliates Chancellor's Community Breakfast and the presentation about flood control. (Monday, November 16, 2009, 7:30 a.m. at Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 E. Cabrillo Boulevard Topic: "Fire and Flood in Southern California" with Thomas Dunne, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management and Alicia Glassco, Master of Environmental Science & Management, 2009 – information in parentheses provided by Tom Jacobs after MCA Board Meeting)

Newsletter Committee – Deadline is October 19, 2009.

Land Use Committee - Paulina Conn reported an October 22, 2009 deadline for written public letters regarding the SBBG. Paulina supports conditional use. There are vending machines at the SBBG. The objection to them is related to the increase in truck traffic to SBBG. Letters can be sent to the Planning Commission. Paulina will email Land Use Committee meeting report to MCA Board.

Fire Safe Council – Red Flag Alert clarity is needed regarding consistency about messages regarding the alerts. SBBG participation is voluntary until resolution

regarding expansion plans.

The Planning & Development meeting was well attended. Information was conveyed with good questions and answers.

MCPAC Parking – The intern is measuring all public streets. Fog lines are being created to delineate where the road is located. Not as many signs will be needed with this process. It was suggested that the Association include the information in the newsletter or write a letter to residents. Cheltenham already has fog lines. It was voted to include an article in the newsletter.

Meeting with Salud Carbajal– Milt and Ray attended. The issue of water pressure during the fire was discussed. It was voted to write a letter to Mr. Carbajal requesting interface between the SB Fire Department and City Water regarding the water pressure.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by secretary Georganne Alex