

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 2, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Present: Dick Axelrod, Bill McCullough, Milt Roselinsky, Ralph Daniel, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura, Laurie Guitteau, Ray Smith, Georganne Alex

Absent: Kathy Koury, Cass Ensberg, Tom Jacobs

Guests: Nancy Johnson (SBBG), Fran Galt, Paulina Conn

Meeting called to order.

Old Business

Bob Braitman from Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) believes we should utilize the existing sewer district to see if we can get money for fire suppression. Less worry about grant money. Called county assessment District #12. There would have to be a vote by residents of Mission Canyon to see if they would agree to new fire assessment. Amber Anderson runs the fire assessment district for city. Mission Canyon is surrounded by city district.

To raise the fire district money, the options are: vote in assessment district (amount is \$65/household in city) or we could raise the money. We could have the City of Santa Barbara do clearing by giving them the money or give to County Fire Department for them to put into their fund. City plan can be reviewed on-line for information regarding fire suppression details. MC already assessed by districts: Sewer Assessment District and Vector Control Assessment District.

Ralph will check on audit of sewer money.

In the Salud Carbajal meeting - budget cuts were mentioned. The importance of writing to Supervisors urging them not to cut fire money was emphasized.

Tunnel Trail closure and parking issues at end of Tunnel Road are being ignored.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- o Fire Chief Dyer
- o Dr. Karl Hutterer, Natural History Museum
- o Fire Assessment District– explanation that we did not receive a grant and explaining options.
- o New Board Members – Need slate of officers. Recruiting younger members for the Board would be helpful.

Committee Reports –

Brush Clean- up scheduled for June 12, 2010

- o Milt sent email to Dan Upton for help
- o Laurie will confirm with Marborg
- o Women's Club is okay
- o SBBG will volunteer a truck.
- o Laurie will call Station 15
- o Postcard – Bill will send last year's to Milt. End of May should be mailing date.
- o Cass will prepare signs
- o Need to make sure people bringing brush actually live in the Canyon.
- o Laurie will check on matching funds from grant money.

Fire Committee - Discussed filing for grants. The energy was low so it was not done. This year's grant is being completed. There will be money spent on weather station parts. UCSB will host, details to be discussed. Ralph has meeting with UCSB on this Friday. Deadline for spending money will be checked. Jean and Laurie are working on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) revision.

Newsletter – There is was a slight delay with graphic designer.

Parking & Traffic – Two signs recently up on Arriba Way. They will be looked at. Report to follow review of signs.

Ray sent thank you notes to people who helped with reviewing the watershed. They offered to return and walk the area. Laurie recognized Ray and Jean for their work in this arena.

Natural History Museum – meeting scheduled with Karl Hutterer on March 11, 2010. Alastair will check with Dr. Karl Hutterer to see how much time he needs at the Annual Meeting.

Communication – Insurance and tax issues still evolving from almost one year old Jesusita Fire. Bill will check with both insurance groups and Pat Saley for possible participation at Annual Meeting. The invoice for dues will go out soon.

SBBG Report – Ed Schneider is leaving. Garden received 6+ million as insurance settlement. \$183,000 has been received from the community. May 4th is the anticipated determination hearing with Board of Supervisors. Ray asked for seed list for Mission Canyon.

Meeting Adjourned
Executive Session

Minutes submitted by Secretary Georganne Alex