

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION MINUTES

October 5, 2010

7:30pm

Present: Ray Smith, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau, Ralph Daniel, Jean Yamamura, Cass Ensberg, Alastair Winn

Absent: Gwen Philips, Dick Axilrod, Kathy Koury, Georganne Alex, Milt Roselinsky, Tom Jacobs

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's disbursements approved: \$34.20 (Kinko's copies of CWPP), \$119.40 (iPower Website server annual fee), \$1.66 (Cox Cable late fee), \$57.00 (SB Mini Storage), \$82.52 (Mutt Mitts, Rocky Nook Park).

Assessment District -- County costs likely to be higher than District can generate. Chief Dyer does not want to implement a half-measure. County will talk with city counterparts to generate interest to have existing city wildfire district manage Mission Canyon with MC assessment fee monies.

Trails and Red Flag Days -- MCA wrote to Mayor Schneider and Supervisor Carbajal regarding closing front country trails on red flag days. Fire Agencies, Parks and Rec, and Ray met and agreed policy was needed. City people expressed overwork and underpayment. Another meeting is planned. Ray observes that L.A. enforces no parking in foothills during red flags.

There is a new hike, bike, horse sign at the Tunnel Trail junction.

CWPP Update -- Laurie has completed. Need to add maps of proposed veg treatment areas: trail area, Laurel Canyon, below Holly, evacuation corridors, olive orchards.

Foothill Road Crosswalk -- At west side of intersection with Mission Canyon Road. Cass writing to Michael Mortensen every couple of weeks to check progress. He says it can take time.

Webcam -- Have been working with city real property agent David Thornberg because Carrillo Reservoir is nearby. Radio club is getting permission for a new building for radio gear. Camera needs permit. MCA is treated as member of radio club and can use its antenna to transmit the camera signal; will block nearby neighborhood from view.

Fire Safe Council -- National Weather Service gave a lecture, then met with UCSB Geography Department climate group, talked with micro-scale fire modelers, learned about U's three other weather stations. Good opportunity for two groups to sit down and talk.

CARe -- Lawsuit may be pending regarding Jesusita Fire. CARe not involved, but facilitating.

Fewer Cars Ordinance -- County planner Noel Langle writing ordinance to limit number of cars on residential properties. Jean to ask him for a copy. Will email blast when hearing dates known.

Fire Grant -- Laurie, Ray and Jean talking with two retired firefighters about writing and administering grant for MCA. Owen Guitteau willing to oversee contractors. Grantwriters would be paid \$2,000 if grant not given; otherwise they are paid out of the grant. Board approves expenditure. Fire Committee will continue to look into other grants.

SBBG -- Four candidates have spoken; Ray attended lectures and met some of them. Directors meet 10/13; should be choosing someone then.

Riviera Association is interested in triangulating fire locations by erecting a third camera.

Natural History Museum -- Kellam reports that Pearl Chase Society has heard that moving 10,000 cubic feet of dirt is involved. Will check. Also want to know why left-hand turn lane onto Puesta del Sol was removed from Mission Canyon Road, and when.

Post-Fire Rebuilds -- Laurie checked with Petra Leyva at County Planning. Of the 80 homes destroyed, 25 now have permits to rebuild. Rybnicek house first one with final permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Yamamura, secretary ad litem