

Mission Canyon Association Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2010

Present: Ray Smith, Laurie Guitteau, Cass Ensberg, Dick Axilrod, Alastair Winn, Tom Jacobs, Milt Roselinski, Jean Yamamura, Ralph Daniel, Kellam deForest
Absent: Georganne Alex, Gwen Phillips, Kathy Koury
Guests: Nancy Keltner, Meghan Williams, Fran Galt

Dick Axilrod requests that all please include him on emails to Board. Bill McCullough continues to maintain the board list at board@missioncanyon.org.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Nancy Keltner lives at the very top of Tunnel Road and lost her home and a guest house in the fire. Lost her job the day before. Was insured by Lloyd's of London. She believes her broker knowingly underinsured her and misrepresented the amount of her insurance to her mortgage company. She ended up being underinsured, as she found out too late. She is suing her broker. She is trying to renegotiate her mortgage with Wells Fargo, but they are not cooperating.

Board members provided names of others known to be insured by Lloyd's to see if they can offer support.

Milt reports that Brush Day was a success: 33 tons collected, 18 roll-off bins. Cass's volunteers cleared an area at the corner of Mission Canyon and Foothill roads; Alastair and crew cleared near Las Encinas. Two local contractors lent a lot of help. \$485 in dues collected, about \$400 in laborers and lunch spent. Station 15 cleaned the lot afterward. Great community feeling at event.

Fire committee members and Al Costa camouflaged weather pole with paint on Saturday.

Fire committee met to discuss assessment district. A lot of questions. It's moving forward. Need for another survey debated. District would chip, clear roadsides, clear brush, give defensible space advice, have financial oversight committee, and annual renewal review by Board of Supervisors.

Ralph reports that burn permit negotiations ongoing. Neighbors are advocating for off-duty or retired fire person to monitor burns.

Increasing dues discussed in light of what a savings Brush Day represents, endless dump runs for \$25. Vote to raise dues to \$35 for 2011. Cass will work on wording for this.

Laurie and Meghan will organize a weather spotter meeting.

Newsletter is full. Will go out in July.

Ray reports that MCA mini-storage is full to bursting. Dick and Ray will sort it out.

Cass and Bill have yet to pass Treasurer duties over. Ralph and Ray and Cass will work out how to pay the directors and officers errors and omissions insurance. Policy renewal has been proffered, after some difficulty, by Old Republic for \$1187.

Ray Ford and his trails group are seeking support for a \$200,000 fundraiser to fix Tunnel Trail. Will be meeting with Ray and Jean, who are interested in using some of that for a footpath from Rocky Nook to the trailhead to help with parking problems. Footpath would go behind Station 15, up east side of creek to Andante Bridge, up to the SBBG and along the Pritchett Trail to the bridge.

Ray has been checking post office box. Found a delinquent notice from the IRS for Form 990EZ, which has no associated tax but was compiling \$20, plus interest, for each day it was late. He talked the IRS into dropping the \$501.92 late fee. Form is due August 15.

Tom Jacobs reports that the Botanic Garden is rebuilding the Campbell Bridge and installing the RAWS weather station. The buildings are at the conceptual stage with ABR.

Kellam notes that HLAC meets next Monday, June 12, 10 a.m., about Campbell Bridge. Wonders when the terrace will be removed and the Cultural Master Plan written.

Milt notes the latest "Ironwood" announces the approval of the VMP and shows historic photos of the Meadow. SBBG is digitizing its photo collection.

Dick asks when the fogline fund-raising might start. Ray thinks it would be after the Traffic and Evacuation Study, which is still circulating among county staff and not yet released to the public.

MCA has been requested to stay on top of the Natural History Museum expansion by an anonymous letter-writer. Alastair will be doing that. Kellam distributed a list of concerns that the MCA should consider in evaluating the museum's development plans.

Fran Galt reports that several neighbors are willing to pitch in to commission a new wood sign at the wye, \$425 total. It's on the Botanic Garden's property. Ray will contact the BG to request permission and a contribution.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Yamamura, for Georganne Alex, secretary