

**MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2011**

Present: Jean Yamamura, Dick Axilrod, Cass Ensberg, Tom Jacobs, Laurie Guitteau, Kellam de Forest, Ralph Daniel, Alastair Winn, Milt Roselinsky

Absent: Gwen Philips, Ray Smith, Kathy Khoury

Guests: Steve Windhager, Fran Galt, Ron Nye

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Introduction of guests.

Minutes Approved.

Treasurer's Report Approved.

Old Business

Annual Meeting scheduled for April 19, 2011 reviewed; Election of officers, Steve Windhager (SBBG) will be guest speaker, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm, plea for dues, review of

MCPAC, progress report on SB Natural History Museum, Wildfire CWPP and brush day. Postcard will be sent with agenda of meeting. (Agenda 4.1)

Regarding the Community Wild Fire Protection Plan, the fire department has created a template. Reviewed list of community organizations to approach – Friends of the Canyon, Environmental Defense Center (EDC) and all interested environmental groups. The SBBG plans to have a meeting to encourage people and community to address the issues regarding clearing. The EDC is concerned about extensive clearing causing harm to the environment. The use of goats was cited as an example-they tramped repeated patterns. It was suggested that it is better to bring more goats for a shorter period to time as they will cause less damage.(Agenda 4.2)

Dave (grant writer) will be at the Fire Grant Workshop (April 26, 2011) and then will finish the grant. (Agenda 4.3)

Webcam – Ralph is closing Cox account, returning modem and is looking for software person or webcam person to help. Ralph will also be researching possibility of hiring – what it would take. A code needs to be written so that camera will direct to certain spots at certain intervals. It was suggested to check at UCSB, and City College and to speak to the person who programmed Diablo Peak. (Agenda 4.4)

Car Ordinance – Meeting schedule for around April 20th. County Planning/May 4th and go before the Board of Supervisors/June 21st. (Agenda 4.5)

SBBG met with Friends of the Canyon at Milt Roselinsky's house. Steve Windhager has requested a letter of support (from MCA, Pearl Chase Society and "Friends" of Guild House as a residence instead of office (as part of conditional use). Submission to Alex Tuttle, no permit process and no change to existing structure.

April 7, 2011 (SBNHM) will be a community meeting for strategic planning. It is the second of three meetings. The first meeting, albeit small, went well. 400 people have responded to SBBG's community survey.

There is a plan to remove all black chain link fencing from SBBG. (Agenda 4.6)

New Business

- New Directors – Three possible new people: Alex and Darby Feldwinn, Ron Nye (Agenda 5.1)
- Brush Removal Ordinance – Jean reports the county is a year or two away from updating. (Agenda 5.2)
- Insurance Commissioner – May be coming at end of April. (Agenda 5.3)
- Post Fire Mental Health Seminar – Georganne will make telephone call for meeting. Jean will email information from MCA. (Agenda 5.4)
- Mission Canyon Creek - Fran Galt reports the fence (near Whale House) near Andante and Mission Canyon Road has come down. The land it rests on is eroding close to the road. The county has been unresponsive. She spoke to SBBG. Growing Resolutions will be contacted for restoration help. Fran has done some small restoration along the creek. She believes creek must be cleared of invasive

plants, the land should be built up and ultimately plant native plants. Fran wanted to know if the Board is supportive. She will keep MCA updated. (Agenda 5.5)

Committee Reports

Fire Committee – Brush Day is scheduled for June 11, 2011. (Agenda 6.1)

The volunteer gardeners will work with Alex Mahto (Ames House property) on the corner of Foothill and Mission Canyon Road. (Agenda 6.3)

Natural History Museum Committee – Alastair reported meetings were on-going regarding the Santa Barbara Mission to Museum walkway.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Secretary Georganne Alex

