

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes
April 3, 2012

Present:

Ray Smith, Laurie Guitteau, Ralph Daniel, Darby Feldwinn, Alex Feldwinn, Alistair Winn, Kevin Snow, Dick Axilrod, Kellam de Forest, Susan Davidson, Barbara Lindemann

Guest: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Santa Barbara Co. Public Works Department, Transportation.

Absent: Tom Jacobs, Milt Roselinsky, Jean Yamamura

Mr. Pearson reported on the status of current projects within Mission Canyon:

- Work on the gas line at Exeter and Cheltenham is progressing. From Exeter work will move along Cheltenham to Foothill, and then along Foothill
- The work on the water line on Exeter is almost finished
- New fog lines have been completed
- Work on the water line on Mission Canyon Rd. by the Botanic Gardens will begin soon

The **Minutes** of the March 6, 2012 meeting were approved
M Guitteau, 2nd DeForest, Carried unanimously

Old Business

Annual meeting:

Election of Board members

Candidates to be presented for election are Tom Jacobs, Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, and Richard Solomon

The 15 minute presentation about Mission Canyon's history will describe the project and inform residents where they can find the wealth of information that resulted from the study.

Susan Davidson requested approval to set up a display at the entrance to the meeting hall, showing invasive plants and how to remove them. Included will be a list of desirable plants, particularly natives to the region, as well as particularly invasive plants that should never be used in gardens.

Approved by acclamation

Tunnel Trail Parking:

Hikers are heeding the new striping, for the most part. Roadway still very crowded with cars and hikers.

Fire Safe Council report:

Contract has been signed to use the goats for brush clearance in September and October at the trailhead and in Laurel Canyon. The property owners on Palomino have been contacted for permission to graze goats and to remove the castor bean plants from uncultivated private land.

Almost \$19,000 of matching funds have already been documented, with more expected as brush clearing progresses. The grant money cannot be expended until the Mission Canyon Association receives the report from the Bureau of Land Management.

Ralph Daniel recommended that homeowners be encouraged to continue to cooperate for brush removal after this grant cycle is completed, as homeowners in several neighborhoods already do.

The Guitteaus have photographed all the areas where grant money will pay for brush removal.

Jean Yamamura is finding the insurance company that will insure the project workers.

Webcam

Ralph Daniel and Ray Smith will be meeting with Michael Harris about transferring the web cam to computers in the new County Office of Emergency Services, built as a impressively safe center for command, with excellent computer capacity.

Website

The minutes have been uploaded to the MCA website; the Fire safe project still needs to be uploaded.

Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee and Mission Canyon Community Plan

Representatives of the MCA discussed with Salud Carbajal concerns over delayed approval of the MCCP. They requested that County Council respond to the specific concerns raised by attorneys for the SB Natural History Museum rather than delay approval while the Environmental Impact Report is recirculated. Supervisor Carbajal promised to take up the issue with County Council.

A meeting of the MCPAC is planned for a date (a not yet established) later in April.

Brush Day June 6

All arrangements have been made: donated dump trucks and workers have been made available, and volunteers are ready to go.

New Business

Dick Axilrod recommended that a membership chairman be appointed to identify and encourage potential Board members, and to follow up with those who have expressed interest in serving on the Board.

There were no committee reports.

8:40 adjournment.