

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes
August 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm by President Barbara Lindemann

Board Members **Present:** Ralph Daniel, Susan Davidson, Alex Fedwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura

Board Members **Absent:** Dick Axilrod, Kellam de Forest, Tom Jacobs, Milt Roselinsky

Guests: Steve Windhager (Executive Director, SBBG) , Karl Hutterer (Executive Director, SBMNH), Suzanne Elledge (SBMNH)

Minutes of the July 10, 2012 were approved unanimously

Treasurer's report (Jean Yamamura) for period June 5 – August 7, 2012 – approved unanimously (document attached).

Jean also reported that we now have liability insurance from Philadelphia Insurance Company.

FSC Grant report from Laurie Guitteau presented by Barbara Lindemann. Hot-shot crew eliminated the “castor bean forest” (steep gully north of bottom of Palomino Road). Property owners will kill castor bean plants as they reappear and then replant with fire resistant, soil holding, native plants. Steve Windhager kindly provided a list of possibilities for replanting. Bids have been received and contracts awarded to remove dead euks on Las Canoas and the trailhead and to remove roadside vegetation along Tunnel and Holly roads. To facilitate timely work, it was moved, 2nd and approved unanimously to pay bills for grant work when contracts are completed with the assumption that grant money would subsequently become available to cover MCA up-fronting the costs. It was noted that Larie and Owen Guitteau are doing an excellent job in keeping our grant project going.

Old Business

4.1 Botanic Garden Update: As requested by Steve Windhager, the Botanic Garden Committee presented a letter of support, with the recommendation that it be approved by the Board and sent to the Garden, summarizing proposed modifications to the Garden's Phase 1 building plan. In response to questions, Steve noted that the Garden expects to receive a Cultural

Landscape Report from Charles Birnbaum and that the historic preservations standards within the report are expected to be “cut and dried” and unlikely to seriously impact current proposed Phase 1 plans. The Board unanimously approved the letter of support for the Garden (document attached).

4.2 Museum of Natural History Update: There remain concerns regarding attendance counts, projected growth numbers and how these numbers may, or may not, impact community traffic and the Museum’s Master Plan approval process. Considerable discussion ensued (Solomon, Smith, Hutterer, Elledge and Winn) and it was agreed that our Museum Committee and folk from the Museum would meet soon to discuss these issues and seek common ground for agreement. It was moved and 2nd to authorize such a meeting.

4.3 Webcam Update (Ralph & Ray): Ray needs to do some homework at UCSB to move this project forward.

4.4 Website Update (Alex): Web is being periodically updated.

4.5 Safe Passage (Tom, Alastair): Project is moving forward and is on an upcoming agenda for both the City Council and Board of Supervisors. Alastair did not anticipate any problems, thought that private money would be partially involved in a solution and that current effort is toward getting consensus on what needs to be done.

4.6 MCPAC – MCCP draft EIR update (Ray): Ray gave a brief summary of a meeting with County Planning & Development. The meeting discussed the traffic baseline for the MCCP Revised Draft EIR. The concern is that the RDEIR for the MCCP accurately reflect the impacts to traffic circulation, safety and fire evacuation from buildout under the Museum’s Master Plan. And questions were raised regarding the assumptions and corresponding numbers that will be included in the Fehr & Peers traffic reanalysis and evacuation study. The issues are subject to various interpretations (see 4.2 above) and the County reiterated their commitment to keep us informed and involved in the process.

New Business

5.1 Botanic Garden letter of support (see 4.1 above)

5.2 Report on meeting with Supervisor Carbajal (Barbara, Ray):

The status of the M CCP was discussed (see 4.6 above)

Mission Canyon infrastructure, especially fog lines, were discussed.

Supervisor Carbajal noted that support and money for needed infrastructure is more readily available when tied to a Community Plan for it's rational.

Ray noted, this is one of the costs of the M CCP reanalysis delay.

5.3 Committees for the coming year, members & chairperson:

Considerable discussion. See attached document – which will also be posted on our web site.

6. Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Fire Committee – see fire grant report above

6.2 Newsletter (Jean): Jean noted we are looking for articles to go in our next news letter. One suggestion was to include the Garden's plant list.

The meeting ended with thanks to outgoing president, Ray Smith, that included a gift certificate to Chaucer's Books. Ray very much appreciates the kind words and yes, I do a lot of reading so many thanks to you all – a wonderful Board.

Next meeting: September 4, 2012 7:30 p.m. McVeagh House, Natural History Museum