

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors – October 2, 2012

Board members present: Barbara Lindemann, Dick Axilrod, Richard Solomon, Milt Roselinsky, Alastair Winn, Susan Davidson

Board members absent: Ralph Daniel, Tom Jacobs, Jean Yamamura, Laurie Guitteau, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Kevin Snow, Ray Smith, Kellam DeForest

Guests present: Steve Windhager, Karl Hutterer

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

A quorum was not present, so no business could be conducted.

2. Minutes of September 2 meeting: deferred

3. Treasurer's report: was given (previously distributed by email by Jean) and noted

4. Old Business:

4.1. Botanic Garden: Steve Windhager, Exec. Director of the Garden, reported on public meetings on the future of the Garden held in September which focuses on the building and garden plans. Highlights include:

- cultural landscape—remove pavers through out Garden; a low-maintenance, wheelchair accessible surface is being explored, such as resin-impregnated sand; all the better if the new surfaces were permeable, but that might not be possible.
- the Historic Committee recommended cutting down three redwoods which impede the view of the meadow; this is controversial and will be further discussed.

More public meetings are planned before decisions are reached and the entire plan goes to the County Historic Landmarks Committee. Steve also reported that there will be a net reduction in square footage by combining two buildings into one. The sewer line project is in the permitting process and must be completed before construction can begin.

4.2. Fire Safe: Milt reported that the goats are there eating away. Our weather station needs some maintenance (such as calibration), but there's no budget for this now; deferred to November meeting. One neighbor complained about the guard dogs barking; one was removed and the other got a "no bark" collar which helped.

4.3. Museum of Natural History: Barbara met with Karl for a "cordial conversation." They agreed to set up another meeting between Museum reps and the Association's sub-committee to explore the issues. Richard reported that the sub-committee has not received any further attendance data nor a response to Ray's suggestion at the September meeting that the MCA have access to the Museum Board to share our concerns. Karl responded to the latter by saying that if we want to communicate with his Board by email, he would definitely forward such emails to his Board members. He also said he would ask members of the Museum Board if they would give permission to share their email addresses with us.

4.4. Webcam: Ralph not here, so this item is deferred.

4.5. Website: Alex was going to add a link to the goats; this items is also deferred.

4.6 Safe Passage: Alastair reported that the group received a CalTrans grant for planning, so the project can move to the next level. The County and City collaborated on the grant application (gasp! Hooray!). Tom Jacobs has put his home on the market and moving into town, so will probably be withdrawing from the MCA board; he will probably stay involved with the Safe Passage project.

4.7. MCPAC: Barbara reported on Ray's letter to the County Planning Dept re the classification of Mission Canyon Road and their response that they are sticking with the S1 classification in the draft Plan. The draft EIR will be completed in November, with the first public hearing at the Planning Commission in the Spring. Barbara also reported that the issue of whether the MCA should formally take a position on the draft MC Plan will be on our agenda for the November meeting.

5. New Business:

5.1. Draft of letters to Salud re Goals and Intent of the MCCP (which was attached to Barbara's email re the October meeting) and to the Fire Chief (thanking him for his service): deferred to November.

6. Additional Committee Reports:

Graffiti: Susan reported on a call from a resident about graffiti on the historic sandstone bridge by the Tennis Club; six other locations in the Canyon have also been tagged. Apparently, the County has no resources to respond to graffiti. This time, the City responded to Susan's call (amazing!). Richard asked about the possibility of the MCA applying for funding to call a private service to remove graffiti as soon as possible after it's noticed; this would relieve the public agencies of having to respond and might allow for a faster response because the sooner the stuff is removed the less likely the little buggers will continue their tagging. Deferred to November.

Noise and Nuisances: Susan also reported that Dan cancelled his party apparently in response to the many protests. The policy issue is whether there ought to be rules in place governing private uses which pose the risk of turning into nuisances. Deferred to November.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Solomon

Ad Hoc Secretary