

Mission Canyon Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors - November 6, 2012

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

Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Susan Davidson, Kellam de Forest, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Ray Smith, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura

Board Members **Absent:** Ralph Daniel, Laurie Guitteau, Tom Jacobs, Richard Solomon. (Milt Roselinsky has resigned from the Board)

Guests: Karl Hutterer (SBMNH), Steve Windhager (SBBG)

2. **Minutes** of the October 2nd, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously

3. **Treasurer's report** (November 2012 report attached)

The report was approved unanimously.

It was also reported that the Fire Safe Council grant now has \$90,000 in "in-kind matching" and \$700 in cash. We are looking for additional cash to expand projects.

4. Old Business

4.1 Botanic Garden Update

Steve Windhager reported that the HLAC meeting regarding the Garden's cultural landscape report will be December 10th. Kellem noted that the full cultural landscape report is available on line for review. Steve noted that the report was a work of love for Susan van Atta. He also noted that there may be some controversy since some of the redwood trees are coming into the view shed of the meadow that were not in the original design. This issue is a "grey area" and may not be critical.

4.2 Fire safe grant update

Jean reported that the goats have finished the Tunnel Trail head work and were still at the Palomino site. There was discussion regarding hand crews working the "western bowl" of this site. This has yet to be determined. It was noted that Laurie and Owen Guitteau have been doing a great job in keeping the action on the FSC grant going forward. It was also noted that Milt Roselinsky has resigned from the Board and he was thanked for his considerable work as chair of the Fire Committee.

Barbara pointed out that the board as a whole will need to think of new members to replace Milt and eventually Tom Jacobs, who will be moving

out of Mission Canyon

4.2 Museum of Natural History Update (Barbara)

Barbara reported on her meeting with Karl Hutterer, aimed at establishing better communications between the MCA and the Museum. (See new business below.)

4.3 Webcam Update

Ray noted that the webcam has been significantly upgraded since the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club (SBARC) has been offered (and accepted) an opportunity for fast connection at Mesa/La Vigia, at no cost. John Franklin (a good Mission Canyon neighbor) told Bill Talanian (SBARC) "since you guys don't use much bandwidth (like a commercial user would), I am giving you a 5 Mbs upload/20Mbs download connection to the internet via a microwave antenna on my Gibraltar Peak tower". Given this upgrade, Ray & Ralph will go back to Michael Harris at EOS to re-discuss their possible use of the webcam.

4.4 Website Update

Putting the webcam link on the MCA website was briefly discussed. Alex will give us an estimate how much traffic that would entail and what the site can handle.

4.5 Safe Passage

Alastair was not at the meeting fund raiser on how to get the project funded. He will report further information at our next meeting. Alastair felt the project was "moving in a good mode with some issues that need to be solved". It was noted that when Tom moves out of the Canyon he will no longer be on our Board, but will continue to work on the Safe Passage project.

The status of the Cal Trans grant – to do a preliminary study – was not clear. Alastair will report back when more is known.

5. New Business

5.1 "Guiding principles in MCA Board relations with the Museum of Natural History" were circulated by Barbara prior to our board meeting. Barbara explained that when members of the Board meet with representatives of the SBMNH to discuss elements of the Museum's proposed Master Plan that affect Mission Canyon, they need direction from the Board as to procedure and goals.

A full and lively discussion followed, including suggested modifications to the original draft.

The first point was revised to read:

“The Board supports the need for a Museum Master Plan to modernize the buildings and improve the site.”

At the end of this discussion, it was moved (Jean) and 2nd (Darby) to approve the Guiding Principles as modified (see attached). The motion was approved unanimously.

5.2 Proposed thank-you letter to fire chief (Jean)

Ray and Jean will work on this letter.

Karl Hutterer announced that he would be retiring at the end of this year and that his replacement as Director of the Museum would be announced within the next few days.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Smith,
Secretary