

**Mission Canyon Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
October 1, 2013, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions

Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Susan Davidson, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau, , Barbara Lindemann, James Madison, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura, Alastair Winn

Board Members **Absent:**, Hugh Twibell, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn

**Guests:** Luke Swetland, Steve Winghager, Bill Menchen

2. Minutes of the Sept. 3, 2013 meeting - approved

3. Treasurer's report (Oct) - approved

4. Old\_Business

4.1 Botanic Garden Update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported that the Garden is permitting the water and sewer, which should be approved soon. Steve also reported that there is a pending action by the Director of P&D to amend the Garden's Final Development Plan on October 29, 2013. "To modify development on the east side of Mission Canyon Road by eliminating the rebuilding of the Gane House and instead adding square footage to the Conservation Center. In addition, the driveway serving the proposed Conservation Center would be modified to eliminate the pocket parking along the road and instead would enlarge the parking area on the East Ridge at the top of the driveway." The Director of the P&D Department intends to approve this Amendment to the FDP. It was also noted that the MCA has provided a letter of support for these changes. Future possible changes will be discussed with MCA and FOMC folk. For the MCA, he plans to circulate suggestions to our MCA Garden

Committee. Steve also listed a series of upcoming events, which can be found here:

<http://www.sbbg.org>

Ray volunteered to keep the Mutt Mitt container at the south-west gate of the garden filled.

#### 4.2 Museum of Natural History (Luke Swetland)

Luke noted that the Museum had a successful art walk, with off site parking for staff and artists, with no apparent problems. With respect to the future development plans, Luke noted that the Museum Board Planning Committee was meeting to discuss what they wanted to accomplish over the next 5 to 10 years. He observed that to modify existing building, they must bring them up to current building, ADA and fire codes – an expensive process. In the near term, the Museum will request that the property they own within the County be annexed to the City. They would like their whole site to be under a single jurisdiction.

#### 4.3 Signs at Tunnel trail head (Barbara)

Barbara reported that the effort to have a sign mounted at the Tunnel Trail head was moving forward (ed. note – sign is up, well done Barbara!!)

#### 4.4 Rowney Trust (Barbara)

Barbara reported that, in response to the Land Trust's letter to the land owner, there has been much clearing of the property. It was noted that not everything has been done, but that it was a good start. Barbara has spoken with Petra Levya regarding County enforcement terms and the time frame for full compliance – including, especially, removal of non-native species.

#### 4.5 Meeting with Supervisor Carbajal (Barbara)

Barbara reported that thanks to Supervisor Carbajal, the County paid attention to the issues associated with the Rowney trust. We are now scheduled to have a meeting to discuss enforcement of parking at the trail head and within the rest of the canyon. It was noted that there is a new CHP Commander in the area, so we will have an opportunity to meet with the new police commander. Steve was invited to attend this meeting with the MCA.

#### 4.6 Status of Mission Canyon Community Plan (Ray)

Ray reported that the upcoming (21 November, 2013) joint Planning Commission meeting is the first step toward the adoption of the Mission Canyon Community Plan (MCCP). The 1984 Specific Plan (which the current MCCP is replacing) requires a joint hearing per the Amendment Processes outlined for the 1984 Specific Plan. According to County Long Range Planning, “ This hearing will not focus on the EIR, rather, it will focus on obtaining conceptual approval of the final MCCP. The City PC will focus on issues of City/County joint concern such as wastewater, water, storm water runoff and fire protection. The County PC will consider the full MCCP. The County also makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the final Design Guidelines, Land Use and Development Code amendments and EIR (at later hearings).”

#### 5. New Business

##### 5.1 MCA donation to Safe Passage (Alastair)

Alastair suggested that the MCA make a donation of \$500 to Safe Passage (he will match it) to fund various unavoidable costs of the project going forward. It was moved, seconded to make this donation to the Safe Passage project. After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Meeting scheduled for Oct. 7 with county officials about enforcement of Red Flag Day parking (see 4.5 above).

5.3 Barbara reported that there are County Resolutions of Commendation to Owen and Laurie Guitteau, and Randy Reetz for outstanding volunteer service to Mission Canyon. By working with government agencies they provided an outstanding model of citizen and government working together. This will be presented at our MCA Annual Meeting in April and at a Board meeting at around the same time so that this recognition can be in front of neighbors and BOS.

#### 6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.3 Parking & Traffic (Dick Axilrod)

It was announced that the County was planning work on Cheltenham and La Combadura roads on Oct 14/15<sup>th</sup> . The County was not sure how the contractor would handle traffic, but that they certainly would have a provision for emergency evacuation.

6.4 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.5 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

6.6 Fire Committee (Laurie)

6.7 Botanic Garden Advisory Committee (Darby Feldwinn)

6.8 Garden Whys Committee (Susan Davidson)

6.9 Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)

6.10 Safe Passage (Alastair Winn)

(See 5.1 above.)

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

8:38 pm meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting Nov. 5, 2013

MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Smith, secretary