

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 5, 2013, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions

Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Kellam de Forest, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, James Madison, Hugh Twibell, Ray Smith

Board Members **Absent:** Susan Davidson, Laurie Guitteau, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Jean Yamamura, Alastair Winn

Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager

2. Minutes of the Oct. 1, 2013 meeting – not approved for lack of a quorum

3. Treasurer's report (read on January, April, July, October)

4. Old Business

4.1 Botanic Garden Update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported on efforts to get preliminary approval of the Garden's development plan amendment. Progress held up by city easement process for the water line. Once sewer and water line put in – sewer is the county – water line is the city – two separate easements – progress will go forward. Garden will go to SBAR this month (Nov.)

4.2 Museum of Natural History (Luke Swetland)

Luke reported that it was a quiet month for museum. The Folk and Tribal Arts Market Place will take place December 6, 7 & 8. He also reported that a letter to the community will soon be sent to the neighbors describing what the Museum hopes to achieve over the next few years.

4.3 Oct. 7 meeting with county officials about parking enforcement

Barbara reported that she, Ray and Steve Windhager, Kevin Snow and Dick Axilrod attended a meeting that Supervisor Carbajal called. In attendance were the new CHP Chief and his top officers,

County Fire Chief Dyer and the head of transportation Gary Smart, along with Ryan Rockabrand, County Emergency Management Director, and Sheriff Butch Arnoldi. Key objective was to increase communication among CHP and County Fire regarding parking enforcement during Red Flag Warning days. This includes creating closer communication between Fire and CHP dispatchers and the County Sheriff as well as communication with NOAA regarding weather announcements. It was noted that the sign with respect to RFW parking needed to be moved so as to be above Montrose (so folk could not claim they missed sign at bottom of the hill).

4.4 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).” Further information should be available about one week before meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Concerns of Skofield Park neighbors

Ray reported briefly on a meeting held by City Parks Department to discuss the security concerns of neighbors. Bottom line, budget cuts seems to dictate City action. Kellem asked if there were any deed restrictions on the gift of Skofield Park to the City

5.2 Septic Systems

Ray reported that the County, to meet State regulations, will instigate updated regulations regarding septic systems. This upgrade has been included the latest version of the Mission Canyon Community Plan.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.3 Parking & Traffic (Dick Axilrod)

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) meeting

Kellem reported that the meeting was well organized and that many of the same issues previously discussed were presented to those attending – how to make the route from the Mission to Foothill safer for cars, pedestrians and bikers. Key object of the meeting was to get folk to discuss “what is most important to accomplish” – not, at this time, to discuss solutions. There will be a follow up meeting in January. Barbara noted that the County ran the meeting with input from the community and public at large.

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

8:38 pm meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting Dec. 3, 2013

MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Smith, secretary

