

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**January 7, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions  
Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau , Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Ray Smith, Alastair Winn, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura  
Board Members **Absent:** Susan Davidson, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, James Madison  
**Guests:** Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Ginger Sledge
2. Minutes of the Dec. 3 2013 meetings approved as written - passed
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October) – Jean presented the January treasurer's report that was coordinated with Alastair. Barbara is discussing the possibility of James taking over some of the work that Jean has been doing. This is in progress.
4. Old Business
  - 4.1 Botanic Garden Update (Steve Windhager) – Steve reported on the sewer and water infrastructure improvement project for the Garden. Improvements are scheduled to start in mid January and they are forecasting completion by the end of April 2014 subject to weather impacts. They hope to have formal ground breaking on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring. He noted that the water supports everyone above the garden and that they will mothball a line that goes across the creek. The sewer line will only serve the Garden. It could serve others further up the canyon, if they wanted to join in, but then they must share in the cost.
  - 4.2 Museum of Natural History presentation about remodeling plans (Luke Swetland) Luke presented a power point presentation showing the future of stewardship and transformation for the Museum. He noted that the master plan he inherited had 3 major challenges: cost greater than \$100M, renovation would have occurred all at once, and require closing the Museum for about 1.5 years. Current plan is a series of small projects with priority given to education and science programs.

Once approved, these projects will transform the museum, and can be implemented over time with a goal of inspiring a thirst for discovery and passion for the natural world by creating a revitalized and coherent visitor experience.

The Museum has prioritized as set of competing needs and taken care to be respectful of neighbors, including:

    - improved access to main entry
    - historic landscape restoration and visitor garden
    - improved access from Fleischmann to creek bank
    - improved pedestrian bridge across creek

- facilities improvement but also including programmatic updates
- Chumash village – create this area – used mission appropriate instillation
- replace butterfly garden pavilion
- improved access to museum backyard and nature club house
- oak woodland restoration as a habitat restoration zone
- some really cool exhibits
- revitalize the other spaces
- update the Museum’s CUP
- live with the footprint of existing facilities
- will live within our currently allowed maximum annual attendance of 165,000
- update and submit protocols for event traffic/parking and fire protection and response
- submit a request to annex county parcel into city for ease of jurisdictional oversight

#### 4.3 Skofield Park residence (Kellam)

Kellam reported that the city has put off hearing regarding the Parks Dept. plan to rent the caretaker cottage at Skofield park. Apparently the city attorneys are wrestling with the deed restrictions on the property that was given to the City.

4.4 Barbara reported that a letter from the MCA regarding Penny Estes has been added to her file and tomorrow is the hearing. Victims have been notified and may show up at the hearing.

### 5. New Business

5.1 Birch & Cook (Ginger Sledge) Ginger reported that the developers at 1451 Orange Grove are starting some kind of construction. Apparently with little regard for the years, time, money and energy the neighbors put in over the Orange grove plans. She noted that after 15 SBAR meetings the County granted a Land Use Permit that included a drainage plan approved by County, developers and the neighbors. The drainage plan was required for development of the three parcels. Now, it seems, the County has approved an alternative drainage plan for just one parcel. Ginger suggested this was “piecemealing” the project and has questioned the County regarding this.

### 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) Alastair reported that the next meeting would be Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. They are working on conceptualizing a master plan.

Considerable progress has been made in both mapping and modeling the area.  
6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)  
MCPAC – What is the schedule? – Ray to check with County and send out response.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next regular meeting, Feb. 4, 2014  
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Smith, Secretary