

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 4, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order & introductions
Board Members **Present**: Dick Axilrod, Susan Davidson, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau , Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Ray Smith, Alastair Winn, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura
Board Members **Absent**:, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, James Madison, Richard Solomon
Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, SB County Fire Chief Michael Dyer and Cameron McKenna & Bill Islava from Flamesniffer
2. Minutes of the Jan. 7, 2013 meetings approved as written –
3. Treasure’s report (Read on January, April, July, October) –
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Botanic Garden Update (Steve Windhager)

Started water and sewer line which will entail road encroachment. Steve requested MCA’s endorsement of starting road work at 8:30am (rather than CUP dictated 9am) so as to shorten the period of disruption to Mission Canyon Road. Moved, 2nd and passed to approve requested endorsement.
 - 4.2 Museum of Natural History (Luke Swetland)

No report - quiet month.
 - 4.3 Skofield Park residence (Kellam De Forest)

Kellam reported that Nancy Rapp (for Park & Rec. Dept.) decided not to rent out the house at Skofield Park. They will look for a park employee, presumable with some duties associated with Skofield Park, to live there. This decision is better in keeping with the original gift of the park to the City.
 - 4.4 Rowny Trust property zoning violation hearing (Barbara Lindemann)

Barbara reported that virtually all debris has been removed from the property. One RV remains and there are still wood stacks along the property line (called by the owner a fence). The County said no and property owner has one month to store RV elsewhere and a month to remove the wood. There will be a \$600 fine if not done on time. Michael Feeney will be consulted as to how the native vegetation (as part of the agreement with land trust) will be restored.
 - 4.5 Orange Grove development project, change in drainage requirements and meeting with County planner, Ann Almy (Barbara)

It was reported that drainage regulations, under state law, have changed since the previous agreement. Rules now emphasize retention of water on the property (eg., with a catch basin). It is not clear what will happen next, especially with respect to development of the other two parcels. A final judgment (Ann Almy) has not yet been made.
- 5.0 New Business

There was a presentation by Fire Chief Michael Dyer and Mr. Cameron McKenna from Flamesniffer (a company that produces a device that “provides 24-hour detection and real-time intelligence” including:

- presence of flame / spark /arc
- presence of smoke / gas
- current temperature
- 360 degree thermal images
- 360 degree webcam images
- wind speed & direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure

The device is solar powered and remotely programmable.

The Chief has studied many potential systems and is proposing this Flamesniffer system for installation in Mission Canyon as a “pilot” program. The sensors would be mounted on 8 Edison’s electrical towers that cross the top of Mission Canyon. Chief Dyer is consulting with folk at Edison and with Supervisor Carbajal to implement the pilot program for 12 months. This is an advanced warning system that, in the event of a fire, would give the Fire Department, and the residents, early warning.

Considerable discussion followed, with many questions and answers. At the end of the discussion it was moved, 2nd and passed unanimously to support the proposed pilot project.

- 4.6 Barbara gave a brief report concerning a complaint about illegal "tenant only" parking signs on lower Cheltenham and Tye Roads. Apparently, it is illegal for anyone to put up signs save for County Public Works Dept. It was reported that Public Works sent 15 letters to folk on Cheltenham Road and 2 on Tye Road. MCA will see what can be done to mediate the issue.
- 4.7A neighbor requested additional speed limit signs on Foothill Road because folk are concerned with speeding on Foothill. The Parking & Traffic Committee will take up this issue and report back to the Board.
- 4.8The approval of the Mission Canyon Community Plan EIR is due to go in front of the Board of Supervisors on 18 February. Interested folk are encouraged to attend the BOS meeting.

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 10th. 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)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Smith, Secretary