

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

1. Call to order & introductions  
Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau , Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Ray Smith, Hugh Twibell  
Board Members **Absent:** Susan Davidson, James Madison, Richard Solomon, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura  
**Guests:** Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager
2. Minutes of the Feb. 4, 2104 meeting – accepted as written
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October)
4. Old Business
  - 4.1 Botanic Garden Update (Steve Windhager) – Steve reported that construction has begun – and it rained (which only caused a 2 day delay and they remain on schedule). He also reported that, in spite of MCA approval, they could not begin work at 0830 without BOS approval. The Garden has sent proposed changes to their CUP to Glen Russell (County P&D) and then will begin discussions of same with the community. Hugh asked what the schedule was for the new building. Steve reported that the site is currently being used as a “lay down location” and that the building still needs some approval (*scribe not sure from where/what*). That said, there will be a ground breaking ceremony on March 20<sup>th</sup> (first day of spring and MCA board members are welcome to attend). Road work is finding lots of rocks, which will be used for landscaping and retaining walls. Steve expects the building to start in a few months.
  - 4.2 Museum of Natural History (Luke Swetland) – Luke reported that he attended a “magical” special event at the Garden last week – a micro beer sampling in the garden. He further reported that on 7 March the Museum would hold it’s annual Mission Creek Gala to

celebrate the work of the Museum. All parking will be valet parking and event should be finished by 9pm. On the 14 March the Museum will host Free Teen Friday, where teens of all ages are invited free to the Museum for various tours. Students will arrive by school buses. Luke also reported that next Thursday the Museum will submit their “light on the ground project” to the City. He noted that this is primarily a renovation project and meetings with the nearest neighbors and the community will follow.

4.3 Skofield Park residence (Kellam De Forest) Kellam reported that the Parks Department had no firm schedule for how the caretaker house would be handled but that they would keep us informed.

4.4 Rowny Trust property zoning enforcement (Barbara Lindemann) Barbara reported on the status of the Rowny property clean up. Some removal has been done, but there remains a so-called metal fence (that appears to be an excuse for storing said metal). After much discussion, it was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed that the MCA BOD would support a formal complaint, should the nearest neighbors decide to take such an action.

4.5 "Private Parking" signs on public right of way – Barbara reported that some Cheltenham residents are up in arms over the issue of private parking spaces. The Public Works Department send out notices to residents in various parts of county, letting property owners know that only the County can put up no parking signs that are enforceable and that the private signs must be removed.

4.6 Speed limit on 192 – Dick Axelrod – Dick reported that a neighbor had requested MCA support in obtaining another speed limit sign on Foothill Road. After some discussion it was decided that this was not an issue we could effectively deal with. However, it was suggested that we could request the “portable temporary radar speed device” be placed on Foothill to see if that would make any difference. If so, then perhaps some action would follow.

4.6 County Board of Supervisors' ratification of the Revised Environmental Impact Report for the Mission Canyon Community Plan (Ray Smith) Ray reported that the BOS approved the DERI for the

MCCP on 18 February. The issue now goes to the City Council on 18 March for their approval and then back to the BOS for final approval on 1 April.

## 5. New Business

5.1 MCA Weather Station (Ray) – Ray was unprepared for this discussion. It was noted that, to keep the MCA weather station up and on line, it would require an expense (estimated to be nominal). After discussion, it was agreed to keep the weather station operational and to incur said nominal expense for one year. (*Ed note: After the meeting Ray did his homework, contacted Milt Rosalinsky to learn that we needed to pay for dynamic host service for the computer downloading the weather data, and paid the cost of \$30 for a year's service.*)

5.2 Matching money (with County Public Works) for fog striping in Mission Canyon Heights (Dick Axilrod) Dick reported that, during the hearings for the DEIR for the MCCP by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, there had been strong support for the Action Item requesting fog lines in Mission Canyon. All had agreed that it was a relatively inexpensive way to provide enhanced safety for emergency ingress and egress to the Canyon. It was uncertain how Public Works would handle this issue because of perceived possible objection by some property owners. There was considerable discussion on this issue. It was noted that MCA could play a positive role by seeking to educate the community for the rational and need for said fog lines. For example, possible special news letter articles and MCA funds to the County to help defray the costs of putting in the striping. There was consensus for our support for the fog lines and to make sure that Chief Dyer was supportive also.

5.3 Annual meeting, April 17 (Laurie Guitteau) – Laurie reported on the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Luke Swetland would give an overview of the Museum's revised plans. Chief Dyer would give a brief report on the Mission Canyon pilot program for Flamesniffers.

5.4 Brush Day, June 14 (Laurie Guitteau) – Laurie reported that the annual brush clean up would be at the Womens Club this year on 14 June. (*ed note: Which now, apparently, will be changed.*)

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) - \$10,040 in

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) – Kellam reported that the next meeting for the Safe Passage group would be on Friday 7 March.

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next regular meeting, April 1, 2014  
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum