

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 6, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order & introductions
Board Members **Present:** Dick Axilrod, Pablo Buckelew, Susan Davidson, Alex Feldwinn, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith, Richard Solomon, Hugh Twibell, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura
Board Members **Absent:** Darby Feldwinn, James Madison, Kevin Snow
Guests:
2. Minutes of the April 1, 2104 meeting – approved as written
Ray will be off line for the next three months. Richard agreed to take minutes during June & August and Laurie agreed to take minutes during the July meeting.
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October)
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Latest on Skofield Park issues (Kellam)
Kellam reported that Parks & Recreation have not yet installed a caretaker at Skofield Park. Not sure when this may occur. Kellam volunteered to draft a letter to the City Council but it was not clear what position the Board would take in drafting such a letter.
 - 4.2 Annual meeting (Dick Axilrod)
Dick reported on the annual meeting, noting that Supervisor Carbajal had explained the issue of fog lines to the assembled guests. Luke Swetland had explained the Museum’s plans in a clear and concise manner. Dick also noted that Barbara ran a very smooth meeting but also noted that we had a very small turnout. Jean observed that we forgot to put out street signs announcing the meeting, which may have contributed to the low turnout and she added that about 20 folk paid their dues at the meeting.
 - 4.3 Annual Brush day (Laurie Guitteau)
Laurie reported that Brush Day was all set thanks to Richard Solomon. The all new 3-day concept will be Thursday thru Saturday (June 12,13,14) from 8 AM to 4 PM at the MarBorg Facility downtown (119 North Quarantina Street). On Saturday the 13th both the Garden and Alastair can provide trucks to haul brush for those in need. Contact Richard and he will notify the Garden &/or Alastair.
Pablo asked if there was some kind of setback rule regarding brush along the roadside in the County’s easement. A discussion of brush along the road followed, with the advice to notify County Fire (after first trying to engage the property owners) if you feel there is a fire hazard caused by roadside brush. Someone will notify the Fire department regarding the Palm fronds piled on Williams Way.

4.4 Member's request for a speed limit sign on Route 192 west of the Mission Canyon intersection (Dick Axilrod)

Dick reported that nothing new has happened, but that he is following the issue. He assumes something will be done in a reasonable time.

4.5 Meeting with Supervisor Carbajal (Barbara)

Barbara reported that the parking issue was discussed and that Salud expressed the need to proceeding very cautiously. Various County staffs are looking into the situation at which point there likely will be public meetings. A lengthy and spirited discussion followed.

5. New Business

5.1 Election of officers – Officers for the coming year were elected: Barbara Lindemann (President), Laurie Guitteau (Vice President), Jean Yamamura and James Madison (Treasurer), Ray Smith (Secretary)

Barbara announced that she would agree to be president for one more year only. Richard suggested that prior to next year we form a nomination committee prior to the election (which comes at the first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting)

5.2 Committee assignments were reported:

It was moved and passed that we eliminate the **Ordinance Committee**.

Barbara requested committee chairs to make sure the information regarding their committees was up to date on our web site by sending current information to Alex.

Architectural Design Review Committee: Hugh Twibell (chair), Joyce McCullough, Dwight Gregory, Victor Schumacher, Dan Upton, (Kellam said he would be happy to be on this committee.)

Botanic Garden Committee: Darby Feldwinn (Chair), Kellam deForest, Ray Smith, Laurie Guitteau

Finance Committee: Alastair Winn & Richard Solomon

Fire Committee: Laurie Guitteau (chair), Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura

Garden Whys: Susan Davidson (chair), Darby and Alex Feldwinn, Fran Galt, Bruce Reed

Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow (Chair), Richard Solomon, Ray Smith

Membership: Laurie Guitteau (chair)

Natural History Museum Committee: Kevin Snow (Chair), Alastair Winn, Kellam deForest, Richard Solomon, Barbara Lindemann

Newsletter Committee: Jean Yamamura (chair), Laurie Guitteau, Lee Ann Dollison

Parking & Traffic Committee: Dick Axilrod (chair), Darby Feldwinn, Jean Yamamura, James Madison, Pablo Buckelew

Safe Passage: Alastair Winn (Chair), Kellam DeForest

Webmaster: Alex Feldwinn (chair), Barbara Lindemann (ex-officio), Jean Yamamura It was suggested to include care of the camrecorder as part of this committee.

5.3 CUP application, Museum of Natural History (Barbara)

The Museum committee continues to meet with Luke Swetland to discuss the Museum's plans. A concern was voiced regarding evacuation scenarios on Red Flag Warning days. It was noted the Red flag Days called by the County are determined by two sets of criteria: weather conditions and available first responder resources. The key question seemed to be, what triggers an evacuation? Museum's stated goal is to evacuate the Museum prior to the remainder of the Canyon needing to evacuate. Considerable discussion followed on this subject including a suggestion by the Museum of no parking on streets adjacent to the museum during major events. It was also noted that there is a need to coordinate all institutional major events within the Canyon (SBBG, Museum, Women's Club) to prevent overlap. These organizations are working toward such coordination.

5.4 Request for annexation to city of woodland area, Museum of Natural History (Richard) –

There seems to be two options, the area could have a conservation overlay or it could be zoned to allow potential future development. (*Editor comment:* A conservation overlay is consistent with residential zoning. A conservation TRUST, as I understand it, would mean that nothing could be built there in the future. I'm not sure of the difference between an overlay and an easement.) It is not clear how the Museum and City will handle this issue and Richard suggested that "caution is well deserved".

5.5 Proposed CUP revisions, Botanic Gardens (Barbara & Ray) – The Garden committee continues to meet with Steve Windhager regarding potential changes to their CUP. They will keep the Board informed.

5.6 How to recruit volunteers for the Cape Ivy removal project (Susan) – Susan reported that Jason (who will coordinate the Cape Ivy removal project) is waiting on the City. She also reported a propane leak in the upper canyon last week that took a long time to repair

5.7 Safe Passage report (Alastair)

Alastair reported that the city & county engineers have adopted the concept that the group has been working on for the past few years. In particular, a round-a-bout is possible at the triangle area north of the Mission. Difficult issues remain but the group effort is moving forward. Kellam noted that we do not yet have a public consensus regarding what to do.

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)
- 6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next regular meeting, June 3, 2014
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum
Respectfully submitted,
Ray Smith, Secretary