

**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Sept. 2, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**

1.0 V.P. Laurie Guitteau called the meeting to order at 7:30pm & introductions followed.

2.0 Board Members Present: Dick Axilrod, Pablo Buckelew, Susan Davidson, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Laurie Guitteau, Kellam de Forest, James Madison, Ray Smith, Richard Solomon, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura, Board Members Absent: Barbara Lindemann Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager

3.0 Minutes of the Aug. 5, 2104 meeting - approved

4.0 Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October)

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported that construction has begun. He noted that if it rains in the next few days it is because they have begun construction. He expects to have zoning clearance in next day or so.

5.2 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)

Luke announced that the Museum would be hosting a forum on fire in chaparral. Also there is an upcoming symposium on human origins and the Annual Art Walk is upcoming. He noted he expected the city to deem their proposed annexation to be complete in the next few weeks.

5.3 Community meetings/neighborhood "captains" for Mission Canyon Heights Parking and public safety issues were discussed. See item 6.1 below.

6. New Business

6.1 Meeting with Supervisor Carbajal (Ray) – It was reported that the Supervisor would like us to promote neighborhood groups. A few of these have already been formed. It was agreed that each neighborhood would “do their own thing”. Jean reported that the news letter has been delayed.

6.2 Fire Safe Council meeting report and chaparral issues (Ray) – Ray reported that Chief Dyer informed us that the flame sniffers would be installed sometime during September. It was also noted that County Fire

has some resources available for clearing the areas that were previously cleared with our grant. Fire Committee will meet with Captain Rob Hazard to discuss priorities and timing for this work.

6.3 Request for \$1,000 donation to Mission Heritage Trail Association
Kellem reported that the safe passage group now has a new name to go with their status as a 501 non-profit public benefit organization. He asked if MCA would be willing to make a contribution to this new organization where the money would be, for example, to demonstrate conceptual plans to various agencies and to product drawings and material for these various agencies. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that MCA should have some formal request outlining the use of said gift. After considerable discussion it was moved to provide a gift of \$1000 to the Mission Heritage Trail Association after MCA has received a financial statement. The vote to approve will be by email.

It was noted during this discussion that the City has requested that the MHTA plans not be released to the public until the City had a chance to fully review said plans.

6.4 Incorporation of Mission Heritage Trail Association (Kellam) 501
Discussed under 6.3.

6.5 Report from Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)

Their was a brief discussion concerning undergrounding the wires from the power poles by the Stegosaurus wall on Mission Canyon Rd. There is a hope that both electric power and telephone lines between the Rose Garden and Foothill could be put underground. The idea is consistent with the MCCP but it is not clear how far or by what means this proposal can progress.

The proposed annexation of Museum property into the City was also discussed. One concern is that by annexing the oak woodland to the City the conditions for an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat designation along Mission Creek would be lost. It was suggested that MCA could support the annexation provided the Museum's CUP was consistent with the MCCP. No resolution to this issue was agreed upon and it was decided that our previous (July) resolution supporting the Museum was sufficient at this time.

It was also noted that the City Planning Commission wanted to enforce the MCCP and, in particular, the revised fire evacuation plan.

6.6 Luke, as a resident in Mission Canyon, described undesired activities (overnight parking, camping and associated activities) on Las Encinas road, which is pitch black during the night. He requested our support in

asking the County to put up “no overnight parking” signs on the street. It was moved, seconded and passed to support Luke request to the county.

It was also decided to take up with Supervisor Carbajal the issue of nighttime parking at other locations within the Canyon.

7. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

7.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

7.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

7.3 Parking & Traffic (Dick Axilrod)

7.4 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

7.5 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

7.6 Fire Committee (Jean)

7.7 Botanic Garden Advisory Committee (Darby Feldwinn)

7.8 Garden Whys Committee (Susan Davidson)

7.9 Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)

7.10 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Alastair Winn)

7.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next regular meeting, Oct. 7, 2014

MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectively submitted,

Ray Smith, Secretary