

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**Nov. 4, 2014, 7:36 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions
  
2. Board Members Present: Dick Axilrod, Pablo Buckelew, Susan Davidson, Kellam de Forest, Alex Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Alastair Winn  
Board Members Absent: Darby Feldwinn, James Madison, Richard Solomon, Jean Yamamura  
Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager
  
3. Minutes of the Oct. 7, 2104 meeting – approved as written
  
4. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October)
  
5. Old Business
  - 5.1 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported that construction on the conservation center has begun. The basement is dug and will be ready to pour concrete in about a month. Further information will be posted on the Garden’s web site. The Garden and the Museum are sponsoring an interactive conversation where special guests will discuss carnivore in urban environments – “Living on the Edge” which MCA will help publicize. Also, it was noted – after our meeting - that Jason Nelson had, for now, completed the cape ivy eradication project. Jason reported “we have completed the first round of weeding on approximately 80% of the main ivy patch (originally about ½ acre) and 100% of four smaller infestations upstream. I have surveyed the creek from the Garden almost up to the main project site and have found only one more patch of Cape Ivy (in the debris basin) which I’ll eradicate soon. All of the living ivy in the main patch is way up on the slope and difficult to access. Volunteer work days (Sundays) are on hold now ...,but will resume by December at the latest.”
  - 5.2 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)

Luke reported that November will be “programmatically quiet”. The Museum’s application to update their Conditional Use Permit should be complete in about 1.5 weeks. It will be released to the public for review

on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be back in front of the City Planning Commission on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion regarding the timing of the PC's schedule and a request from the City to require a sidewalk in front of the Museum.

### 5.3 Flamesniffer update (Ray)

Ray reported that at the time of our meeting there was no further news regarding installation of the flamesniffers. (Ed note: I've been informed that the flamesniffers are being upgraded and should be installed early in December.)

5.4 Community "captains" (Barbara) Barbara reported that some folk, contrary to previous complaints, have requested parking striping on their streets so that cars parked in the street can be ticketed. It was decided that this should be a neighborhood by neighborhood determined issue.

## 6. New Business

6.1 Fire Safe Council meeting report (Ray) There is not much to report other than that this is FSC grant writing time.

### 6.2 Neighborhood issues

- Barbara reported on parking problems on Exeter (see 5.4 discussion)
- She also reported that we've received a complaint regarding night lights on Holly Road. We will investigate.

6.3 After some discussion it was moved and unanimously approved to provide \$5,000 support for the Garden's "seed for the Future" campaign.

6.4 It was also moved and unanimously approved to provide \$1,000 to the Mission Heritage Trail Association (aka Safe Passage) to help with their expenses associated with record keeping and providing information to the public and government officials.

6.5 Barbara reported that we had a request from a resident in the City to appeal a decision of the City Planning Commission. We noted that the City is not in our area of purview and recommended the resident seek help from the Allied Neighborhoods Association.

6.6 Barbara also reported that Ron Nye is doing research for the MHTA regarding the Mission Creek Bridge and he has requested access to the MCA storage locker to see if there is any relevant information to be found there.

## 7. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

7.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

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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)

Steve announced that this committee will be meet this coming Friday (7<sup>th</sup>) to consider various potential changes to their CUP. Items for discussion include methods for counting cars rather than people to set limits and Red Flag Warning closure based on the Garden's RAWS weather station.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next regular meeting, Dec. 2, 2014 7:30  
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully Submitted  
Ray Smith