

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Dec. 2, 2014, 7:31 p.m.

1. Call to order & introductions

Board Members Present: Pablo Buckelew, Kellam de Forest, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura

Board Members Absent: Richard Axilrod, Susan Davidson, James Madison, Richard Solomon

Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager

2. Minutes of the Nov. 4, 2104 meeting –accepted unanimously

3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October)

4. Old Business

4.1 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported that construction is underway. In spite of the rain, all is going well. The Garden capital campaign raised \$14M. They will be going back to the SBAR, proposing less rock – value engineering – on the building.

4.2 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)

Luke reported that the annual tribal arts market place would be coming up soon. They have the parking worked out and will make sure there is no illegal parking.

4.3 Ron Nye search of MCA "archives" (Barbara) – Barbara reported that the MCA storage locker was opened to Ron Nye to check for relevant historical information.

5. New Business

5.1 Fire Safe Council meeting report (Ray) – Ray & Steve reported that they had submitted a conceptual proposal (for \$195K) to the California Fire Safe Council. The proposed project is titled “Oak Woodland Restoration for a Fire-Wise Wildland Urban Interface”.

This will be a collaboration between Steve Windhager (executive Director, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden), Max Mortz (U.C. Cooperative Extension, Ecosystem Science Division, Environmental Science, Policy & Management Department, UC Berkeley), Ray Smith (Chair Fire Committee, MCA and Prof. Emeritus, UCSB) and

Lisa Stratton (Director of Ecosystem Management, Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration, UCSB)

5.2 Report on November 7 SBBG Committee meeting (Darby Winn)

Darby reported the committee met with folk from the Garden to discuss possible changes to their CUP. Steve will present full information regarding potential changes at our next meeting.

5.3 Report on Dec. 1 meeting of the MNH Committee (Kevin Snow)

Kevin reported that the Museum is raring to go. There followed considerable discussion after which Alastair & Kellam suggested the following motion: that the MCA Board has reviewed the revised 1 December document, find it meets our objectives, but we prefer to hold final opinion pending review of the City's comments. This motion passed in spite of the fact that there was concern that review of these documents during the Holidays would not provide sufficient time for careful reflection.

5.4 Alastair reported that there would be a joint meeting of the City and County Planning Commissions to discuss the new plans for the "Mission Park to Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvements". It was moved, 2nd and passed that Alastair would provide a letter from the MCA expressing our approval of these plans. (Said letter to be placed on the MCA website.)

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 (Jean)

6.7 Botanic Garden Advisory Committee (Darby Feldwinn)

6.8 Garden Whys Committee (Susan Davidson)

6.9 Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)

6.10 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Alastair Winn)

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next regular meeting, Jan. 6, 2015 7:30
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum
Respectively Submitted, Ray Smith, Secretary