

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Jan. 6, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order & introductions
Board Members Present: Pablo Buckelew, Richard Axilrod, Susan Davidson, Kellam de Forest, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Hugh Twibell, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura
Board Members Absent: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, James Madison
Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Suzanne Elledge , Betsy Collins
2. Minutes of the Dec. 2, 2104 meeting – accepted as written
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October), Jean Yamamura – approved
5. New Business
5.1 Steve Windhager (Executive Director, SBBG) gave a power point presentation “Proposed Changes to the SBBG Conditional Use Permit, Jan 2015” to the MCA Board. The proposed changes are a result of working for four years with the current CUP and from extensive discussions with the Community and Garden folk. Steve noted that material had been sent to our Board for review prior to this meeting. Proposed modifications include:
 - Phase 1 – County Approved
 - Rebuild of the Gane House (8,178 s.f.)
 - New Conservation Building (5,552 s.f.)
 - New Horticulture Building (3,527 s.f.)
 - New Barns/Support Services (1,733 s.f.)
 - 37 Total parking spaces east of MCR
 - Phase 1 – Modified Plan
 - New Conservation Building approved (11,500 s.f.) (not rebuild Gane House)
 - Horticulture Building (3,427 s.f.) in future
 - Barns/Support Services (1,733 s.f.) moved to lower on site
 - 37 Total parking spaces east of MCR
 - Phase 2 – County Approved
 - New Visitor Entry and Restrooms
 - Modified Visitor Parking Lot for New Entrance, ADA Compliance & Bus turn
 - Phase 2 – Proposed Modification
 - Restore Historic Stairs for main entry
 - Add ADA access to historic and East side
 - Extend Stairs East of Mission Canyon Road
 - Visitor Parking Lot modified only to meet ADA & use of Historic Stairs
 - Elimination of on street parking along Mission Canyon Road
 - Phase 2 – County Approved (con’t)
 - Move “Cottage” to 1140 Tunnel Road (1,390 s.f.)

Demolish Herbarium (2,818 s.f.)
New Education Center (7,941s.f.)
New Children's Lab (2,678 s.f.)

Now Phase 3 – Proposed Changes

Move “cottage” (1,390 s.f.) if necessary to south
Demolish Herbarium (2,818 s.f.)
New Education Center (7,941 s.f.)

2,678 s.f. entitlement for “Children's Lab” to 1140 Tunnel Rd (with Phase 1)

Proposed Operational Changes were outlined in a 12/31/14 Table entitled

“**Recommended Modifications to SBBG CUP**” that was circulated to the Board and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

At the end of his presentation, Steve noted that it is his intention to give a similar presentation to near neighbors and others who may be interested.

There was a motion to support the proposed changes, noting that our Garden Committee had recommended support, and that we would consider endorsement of these changes at the appropriate time. Passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

4.2 MNH Committee's report on the Museum's CUP application

Kevin Snow reported for Museum Committee and the several issues discussed by the committee via email and meetings. The Board then discussed in detail each of the issues, came to a consensus on most issues, and voted unanimously to support the Museum's Master Plan and Annexation Application with several caveats as would be expressed in a letter to the City Planning Commission dated January 7, 2015 (this letter is attached as Exhibit B which summarizes the above mentioned discussion).

The Museum's proposed use of external loudspeakers was an issue that did not reach consensus. It was generally agreed that actual (not modeled) noise tests should be required to ensure that the speakers generated “no more sound than 2db above ambient” at the Museum boundary. However, there was no consensus on how such tests would be conducted or what mitigation measures would be required if speaker sound was above this level. It was suggested that the Museum and near-neighbors should work together to find an agreeable solution to this “noise” issue.

4.3 Skofield Park

Ray reported that Nancy Rapp (City Parks and Recreation Director) had announced that the Parks and Recreation Department employees have begun tenancy in caretaker residences located in Skofield Park. Caretaker services are performed in lieu of rent and include:

- Opening and closing the park parking lot entrance gates, Mon-Fri.
- Conducting a daily site walk prior to park closure.
- Maintaining a log of all time spent on caretaker services.
- Submitting a monthly log to the Parks Manager for review & approval.

4.4 MCA ADRC & SBBG

Steve explained that the SBBG would be having a hearing at the ADRC this coming Friday to discuss proposed changes in the new conservation center. Because of costs, rock walls will be replaced by a less expensive alternative and this change will be screened by big plants.

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)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next regular meeting, Feb. 5, 2015 7:30
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Smith,
Secretary

Attached:

Exhibit A – Recommended Modifications to SBBG CUP
Exhibit B – Jan 7, 2015 MCA letter to City Planning Commission