

Mission Canyon Association
Mission Canyon Board of Directors
Feb. 3, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order by V.P. Laurie Guitteau
Board Members Present: Richard Axilrod, Susan Davidson, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn , Laurie Guitteau, Kellam de Forest, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Hugh Twibell,
Board Members Absent: Pablo Buckelew , Barbara Lindemann, James Madison, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura
Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager
2. Minutes of the Jan. 6, 2015 meeting – approved & passed
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October), Jean Yamamura
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 SBBG update - Steve reported that there would be a public meeting to present the Garden’s proposed CUP changes to those interested on Sunday (Feb. 6th) at 3 pm in the garden library. This presentation would be like that given to our Board last month.
 - 4.2 Museum of Natural History update – Luke thanked the Board for our letter of support and noted that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved the Museum’s Conditional Use Permit.
 - 4.3 Kevin reported that the Carey’s had appealed the Planning Commission’s approval of the Museum’s CUP to the City Council. Specifically, objecting to the use of external loud speakers. Kevin also reported that he and Richard Solomon had met with Bogatello to discuss the issue of trash pickup noise so that it should not be a problem.
Richard noted that the Museum’s CUP and accompanying charts did not provide for the protection of the trails as indicated in our letter of support to the PC. (Condition #2 of our approval letter stated: “To implement the Museum’s commitment to protect all segments of the existing loop trail in the oak woodland to be annexed, the Museum has agreed to submit a revised map which depicts those trails and to have the map incorporated by reference into the appropriate Condition and to be recorded for notice purposes.”) He noted that this oversight had been pointed out the Museum folk but, so far, no meaningful correction had been forthcoming.
There followed considerable discussion concerning the trails, noise related to dumpsters, days and timing of construction, and external speakers all associated with the Museum’s CUP. It was hoped that these issues could be resolved to everyone’s satisfaction.

4.4 Flame Sniffers installed – Ray reported that the Flame Sniffers devices donated for the Mission Canyon Pilot Project had been installed. There are 9 Flame Sniffers, with accompanying solar panels, installed on Southern California Edison power poles creating a line of detection starting at Spyglass Ridge (at the eastern end of the installation) and heading west across Laurel and San Roque Canyons to the Arroyo-Burro Trail (at the western end). In addition to the sensor units, there are two Base stations (located at SB County Fire Headquarters and Station 15) that will receive the information from the sensors.

5. New Business

5.1 Laurie and Ray reported on our meeting with Supervisor Carbajal on Feb. 2.

Mark Schleich (deputy director of Public Works) described how they would like to put sewer charges on water bills for those on sewers in the Canyon. We inquired if this would entail a surcharge of 30%, as for our water bill, and he will investigate this. He will come to our March meeting to fully explain this issue. Also, County Health & Safety has notified us that septic tank dollars are not being used and they want to meet with us to discuss how best to both manage septic systems and utilize this fee that is being collected.

Once again we mentioned the illegal parking on Tunnel Road and, once again, Salud said they would contact CHP & Sheriff to see what can be done.

5.2 Annual meeting, April 29 Laurie reported that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 29th. A possible subject for this meeting could be a panel discussion of how to create defensible space for communities. Stay tuned.

5.3 Liability insurance renewal (Jean) Liability insurance was discussed and it was decided we will renew it.

Also, Laurie reported that the annual dues letter would be sent out this week.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

There was a brief discussion on when the next News Letter should go out since we now have sufficient news for same.

6.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.3 Parking & Traffic (Dick Axilrod)

6.4 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.5 Membership: Dues letter about to be sent; new software for the membership list (Laurie Guitteau)

6.6 Fire Committee (Ray)

6.7 Botanic Garden Advisory Committee (Darby Feldwinn)

6.8 Garden Whys Committee: Project to remove invasive eucalyptus and acacia trees from the debris basin above the Botanic Garden – Susan gave a report on the effort for habitat restoration – removing cape ivy from the

Canyon. Volunteers from Channel Island Restoration and UCSB folk will make this effort sometime this month. The possibility of MCA supporting some of this restoration work was made. This suggestion was greeted with favor but would require a specific proposal and budget.

6.9 Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)

6.10 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Alastair Winn)

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm
Next regular meeting, Mar. 3, 2015 7:30
MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully Submitted
Ray Smith, Secretary