

MCA Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015

Board members present: Hugh Twibell, Karl Hutterer, Jean Yamamura, Darby Feldwinn, Alex Feldwinn, Alastair Winn, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau

not present: Ray Smith, Barbara Lindemann, James Madison, Richard Solomon, Laurie Dahl, Kevin Snow

Guests: Paulina Conn, Luke Swetlund, Erica Sharghi, Lanny Ebenstein, Steve Windhager

Minutes and treasurer's report from previous meetings accepted.

Guests

Paulina Conn speaks about how some MCA members are not in favor of the multi-modal (sidewalk/footpath) plan for Mission Canyon Road and Puesta del Sol, especially the pedestrian bridge on the west side. She is dismayed that MCA sent a letter to HLC and a membership letter supporting the project after stating it would remain neutral. Would like MCA to support the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon.

Discussion ensues about whether or not there is a plan (MHTA members say not) and whether MCA supports the concept versus the non-existent plans (MCA says support concept). Can refund Paulina's membership dues; she can ask to be on next month's agenda; MCA would like to know who's on her coalition.

Lanny Ebenstein stated the elimination of east-side access is a problem, as is relocating historic walls and Mission Canyon Road. Asks board to reconsider position, to oppose bridge to west of stone bridge, support retaining east-side access. Twenty-five can call a meeting. He plans to apply for landmark status. After some discussion, Lanny states he is speaking of the museum plan as it relates to the bridge as it would hook up to a sidewalk on Puesta del Sol. Almost each HLC member said it was not a good plan, needed more work, would cause the area to lose semi-urban feel. MCA board needs to have more diversity of opinion on this. Board states they need more time to consider Lanny's letter and that committee needs to be heard from, too.

We are to send March agenda to Paulina and Lanny as it is available.

Old Business

Steve Windhager reports the roof, exterior waterproofing, most windows are in place on SBBG conservation center. Noisiest exterior work is done. Expect to be finished April/May. Big community meeting May 1 to review project, introduce four new gardens. Beer garden February 20 -- 200-odd tickets sold, with vendors 225 total people at garden, will be closed to visitors.

Luke Swetland states 600 pieces of birthday cake served to more than 1,000 people at Sunday's community open house.

Museum expansion plans at HLC last week. Phase 1 complete to 60 percent of designed drawings, but meeting only discussed Puesta del Sol right-of-way improvements concept. They want a plan that's lighter on the ground; museum is looking to Public Works requirements; hope to remove the more-urban design features that irk neighborhood. Team working through HLC comments. Next HLC meeting will hopefully address all other elements, e.g., the butterfly pavilion, backyard arrival plaza.

Luke explains the CUP requires the museum to put in safe pedestrian path of travel. The MHTA focuses on west side; museum plan might seem to be a part, so people are asking why museum is not considering using east-side access. He has explained this to Paulina's coalition.

Board asks for information from last month.

Rocky Nook Park

Kellam de Forest says Pearl Chase Society will be discussing Profant Foundation's interest in using the park building, leased at \$1 per year. Parks hopes it will stay recreational use. Was last used by Parks about a year ago, and it's in pretty good shape.

Museum Centennial Donation

Donation was agreed to last month, but board wanted information on levels of giving, which was sent. Karl states museum, founded in 1916, was here before most of the neighborhood was here, had an immeasurable impact on the lives of those who grew up here. \$5,000 is proposed, can go on next agenda or acceptance by board members emailed in. Requesting donations at MCA Annual Meeting is suggested by Alastair.

New Business

Laurie reviews Annual Meeting needs. Date is Thursday, April 28. Two board slots open; would be good to find someone from the Heights area; let Barbara know suggestions. Topic could be MHTA in either groups or with a moderator. Geoff Green and John Jostes suggested.

Fire Committee

Rob Hazard working thru grant; can board suggest areas that need clearing? Also have goat time owed, maybe late spring.

Architecture Review Committee

Hugh reports they are getting a lot of "art studios" and very large pool house that are obvious second residential units. Board suggests letting planner know is all committee can do.

Meeting ends at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jean Yamamura, secretary pro tem

