

## Mission Canyon Association

### Minutes of the Board Meeting

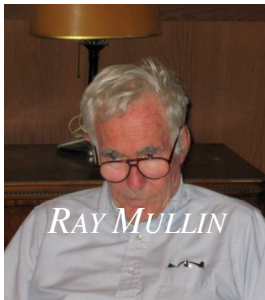
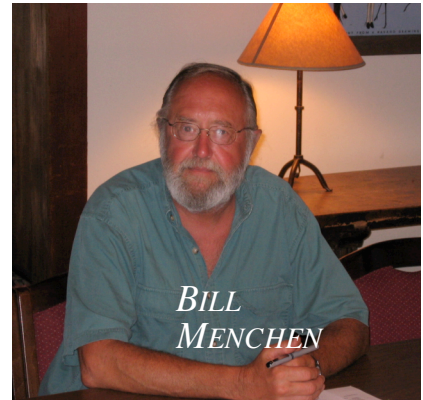
August 5, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association, a California corporation, was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on August 5, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Bob Maloy, Jenny Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Dorothy Vea, Nancy Bertelesen, Tom Jacobs and Pma Tregenza. Also present were Ray Mullin and Bill Menchen. Absent were: Ralph Daniel, Charles Del'Arbre, and Mark Carr.

Ray Smith chaired the meeting. The minutes of the preceding minutes for June 3d and July 1<sup>st</sup> were approved, with one correction – Mr. Reetz was present at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Reetz' treasurer's report showing a cash balance of \$25,233.17 was approved.

Our guests introduced themselves: Bill Menchen, a civil / traffic Engineer, retired, with 39 years of experience, who lives at 960 Cheltenham Road, a 29-year resident of Mission Canyon; and Ray Mullin, past president of our Association, community advocate, and a resident at 930 Tornoe Road.



Mr. Reetz outlined his ideas for the Fire Abatement Project, involving proactive measures to clear selected sections of the Canyon of the fire load. This project, premised on the Cone Fire in Northern California, is intended to slow or even stop the spread of a wildfire in Mission Canyon. The matter was referred to Jenny Cushnie, Fire Chair, for her consideration and recommendations.

The Board approved Mr. Reetz' proposal for mutt mitts and a dispenser at the back side of Rocky Nook Park, with an estimated price tag of \$100. The Board opined that a similar installation might be done on Tunnel Trail. Pma Tregenza will explore this with Ruby Lucca, who has already installed trash receptacles along Tunnel Trail.

The Board discussed the problem of overgrowth and shrubbery encroaching along Mission canyon Road, in the corridor between the Mission and Foothill Road. Unless County Roads acts to remove this brush within 20 days, the Association will undertake its own self-help measure to clear this fire and traffic hazard.

The Board considered the "Charter for Mountain House" submitted by John Turner, in connection with the proposed boarding facility at 37 Mountain Drive. The Board felt that the Charter was overly generalized, and failed to state the specifics of Phoenix' proposed use of the property. Further, the Charter was silent as to activities that Phoenix would not conduct on site, which might be detrimental to the neighborhood, or to the health and safety of Mission canyon residents. The Board assigned Tim Steele to this matter, and requested that Mr. Steele follow up with John Turner on such issues as: the criteria for admitting residents to the program, staff supervision, a fire plan, the appropriateness of

requiring a CUP for the project, security and alarm systems, evacuation plans, staffing during red flag alerts, exclusion of residents with records of pedophilia and arson and violent offenses; a two-year probationary period, and such other matters as Mr. Steele might consider appropriate.

The Board agreed to make a secondary membership drive, directing solicitations to long-term Canyon residents, to people who had availed themselves of the Association's services, and to Association members of prior years. Prior to making this secondary drive, several Board members offered to solicit their neighbors, and accordingly, dues envelopes will be distributed to Koury, Veal, Maloy, Tregenza, Cushnie, and Jacobs.

Mr. Reetz and Dr. Smith will formulate an agenda for the October joint meeting with the Riviera Association's Board.

Notices of apparent land use violations will be sent to David Phillips, the owner of 1990 Las Canoas Road, with the request that Mr. Phillips appear before our Board to discuss his property.

The Board discussed the following additional matters:

- The poorly attended sewer meeting at Fleishmann Auditorium. Cushnie and Maloy are to recommend a better-publicized public meeting at a later date, to focus on sewer and alternate waste disposal methods for the Upper Canyon area. Dr. Smith will confer with Salud Carbajal to ascertain whether sewerization is on any current County agenda.
- The hiker / trailbiker controversy. Per Dr. Smith, the sides are now perfectly polarized and at an apparent impasse. Dr. Smith feels a distinction needs to be made between the kamikaze downhill racers, and the loveable, law-abiding mountain bicyclists.
- The Botanic Garden has requested and received an extension to December 2003 on its CUP plans. The Garden has purchased a 13 acre parcel on its eastern border.
- The Mission Garden Project will have a second planting session Saturday, between 10 and 12.
- Regarding emergency evacuation routes: Tim will try to get a copy of the R/W agreement between Koonce and Miller to see if it would serve as a model for similar routes.
- The extensive Glendessary / La Combadura drainage and riprap work is complete. The trail joining these two streets is unaffected. No neighbors have complained.
- Mr. Reetz will inquire regarding the work on the Mission Creek Bridge at Rocky Nook Park.
- The recent Red Flag Alert confusion was instructive, and suggests that the communication between fire agencies could use some improvement.
- Tim Steele spoke regarding the possible placement of an ANSWAR-approved fire station on Dr. Smith's front lawn.
- The Land use Committee (LUC) will meet August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Koury / Steele residence.
- The curious addition of a curb or berm along upper Mission Canyon Road, noted by Mr. Maloy, will be checked out by Mr. Menchen (who also advised that, if appointed as a director, would happily serve in that capacity).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 2d, 2003 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary