

Mission Canyon Association

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 2, 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 September 2, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Randy Reetz, Jenny Cushnie, Tom Jacobs, Kathy Koury, Ralph Daniel, Bill Menchen, Nancy Bertelsen. Also present were Paulina Conn and Ray Mullin. Absent were: Tim Steele, Bob Maloy, Dorothy Veal, Mark Carr, Pma Tregenza.

Dr. Smith chaired the meeting. The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were read and approved. Mr. Reetz' treasurer's report, showing a cash balance on hand of \$25,336.37, was approved. Jenny Cushnie noted that she had also paid the Labor ready invoice, and that she would recover the overpayment directly from labor ready.

The Board welcomed Mr. Menchen, and with his consent, appointed Mr. Menchen as a director the Association. With his background in civil engineering, and his interests in land use issues, view preservation, traffic and road design, Mr. Menchen will be a welcome and useful addition to this Board.

Mr. Reetz was requested to provide each Director with the current By-laws and the Contact List of our directors and officers.

The Board discussed the Kenmore / Cheltenham brush clearing project. The diseased pepper trees may not be chippable, but Jenny Cushnie will inquire further in that regard.

Mr. Reetz is to investigate as to the status of the City's proposals for restricting creekside development along Mission Creek. Mr. Reetz will also contact Charles Del'Arbre to inquire as to his future activities on our Board.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that the Santa Barbara Economic Community Project Report should be forthcoming by September 25th. This Report will be of interest to us, in that it focuses on various development scenarios, and their respective economic, environmental, etc. impacts. The UCSB Geography department Chair, Keith Clark, has been an important contributor to the Report.

Our efforts to pin down the Phoenix House on its activities at the Mountain drive property have yet to yield fruit. Tim Steele has directed a letter to John Turner, the Phoenix Director, expressing our concerns, but the response from Mr. Turner was not quite the clear and comprehensive statement we are seeking.



*Justin Bogart, working in
MCA's Mission Garden
Courtesy LJ Photography*

Mr. Reetz received Board approval to prepare a solicitation letter for memberships, addressed to past MCA members, long-time Canyon residents, and persons who have availed themselves of our Association's services, and yet who have not purchased their memberships for the current year.

Ralph Daniel continues his work in identifying, establishing and publicizing emergency evacuation routes of Mission Canyon.

The Board endorsed a brush clearing project along Mission Canyon Road. Mr. Mullin will contact the Anderles, to see if their complaints about vegetation encroachment on Mission Canyon Road have been resolved by County Roads.

Peggy Langle and Vivian Nelson (Environmental health) will be asked to report on new developments (if any there be) for the sewerization of the Upper Mission Canyon area.

Dr. Smith reported that no resolution has been made to the competing charges and counter-charges made by the kamikaze bikers and the endangered hikers, over the appropriate usage of Front County trails. Stay tuned; the parties are still talking.

Ray Smith agreed to accept and install a weather station on his Tunnel Road estate, should one be offered to him. Ray is out of town until September 22d.

The next meeting of our Board will actually be a joint meeting with the Riviera Association's Board. The meeting will be here at the McVeigh House. Dianne Channing, president of the Riviera Association's Board, will collaborate with us in the adoption of an agenda for the October 2d meeting.

Kathy Koury reported on the last meeting of the Land Use Committee on August 25th. Topics of interest included the adoption of Architectural Standards & Guidelines, the DOT / Cal Trans improvement project for Foothill Road; and the rip-rap installation along Glendessary Creek. The next LUC meeting is September 15 at 4:30 pm at the Koury / Steele residence.

The next MCA Newsletter will be on the newsstands in late September or early October.

Jenny Cushnie advised that the next Fire Safe Council meeting is September 18th at Fire Station 7. Mr. Reetz will attend in Ms. Cushnie's absence, she being out of town on that date.

Mr. Reetz is to re-establish contact with the Allied Neighborhood Association, via Lee Moldaver, its chairman.

Ray Smith will inquire as to the proposed revamping of County Planning & Developments procedures and permitting process.

Nancy Betertelsen addressed the Board regarding encroachments made on the Mission Park Drive private right of way, by one John Grutin, 340 Mission Park Drive. Mr. Grutin appears to have adopted an intransigent stance, leaving Nancy and her neighbors in a quandary as to what to do. Ray Smith will speak to Mr. Grutin and apply his mediational skills.



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

Randy Reetz, Secretary