

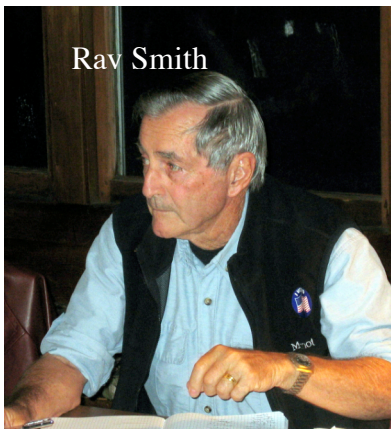
## Mission Canyon Association

### Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 7, 2003

A special joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association and the Riviera Association was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on October 7, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present from the Mission Canyon Association were: Ray Smith, Randy Reetz, Jenny Cushnie, Mark Carr, Pma Tregenza, Charles del'Arbre, Bill Menchen, Dorothy Vea, Ralph Daniel, and Kathy Koury. Not present were Tim Steele, Bob Maloy, Nancy Bertelsen, Tom Jacobs. Present from the Riviera Association were: Dianne Channing, Helen Coucelis, Joe Campanelli, Birgitte Forsell, Steve Patchen, Bill Stewart, Lloyd Applegate. Also present at the meeting were Gloria Zay, residing at 719 Mission Canyon Road; Gwen Phillips, a neighbor of and advocate for Skofield Park; and Nancy Johnson on behalf of the Botanic Garden.



Ray Smith



Birgitta Forsell



Dianne Channing

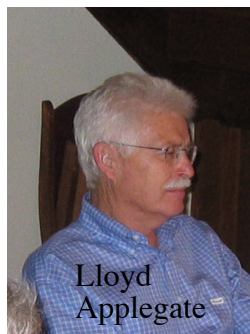
Dr. Smith and Ms. Channing co-chaired the meeting. Routine board agenda items – approval of minutes, financial reports, etc. – were tabled to the next scheduled Board meeting (November 4<sup>th</sup>). Dr. Smith notes that: the LUC will meet October 20<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Koury's house. The Mission Canyon BAR will consider the Velasquez fence issue. Bob Maloy will host a sewer meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>, to be attended by Steve Halstead and Hillary Hauser.



Steve Patchen



Bill Stewart



Lloyd Applegate

Dianne Channing, Riviera's chairperson, explained the operations of her Riviera Association. A newsletter is published twice a year. They host a presentation by the Mayor and council candidates. The dues are \$20 a year, and collected from approximately 600

members (out of total parcel count of approximately 1,200). Membership increased from 300 to the 600 level following just one membership drive. The Riviera Association's website will be up and running in two weeks. The Newcomers Club is a source for new members. The Board solicits replacement officers and directors informally. As it happens,

most board members reside atop the Riviera, but an effort is being made to add members, officers and directors from the downhill neighborhoods. The Riviera Association's budget is expended for membership meetings, newsletters, mailings, web design, attorneys fees, consultants and insurance (general liability, as well as officers & directors liability). Recent activities by the Riviera Association include the Francheschi House landmarking, the Sheffield Reservoir replacement, the new City View Ordinance, the Riviera Business Park lighting problems, the City's proposed update of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance, and fire safety.

Ray Smith, the MCA Chairperson, similarly explained the MCA's operations – our use of committees, publications, current issues, the association's organizational structure, etc.

Dr. Smith and Ms. Channing next discussed issues which our two Associations have in common: Fire protection and the measures being taken to reduce the risks of wildfire in our respective communities; red flag alerts; architectural and land use controls; the effect of a possible County split; the proposed staffing changes at Skofield Park.

The Boards considered proposals for improving communications between our respective Associations, such as by exchanging newsletters and the minutes of Board meetings, joint board meetings, a joint committee or subset of each Board meeting at annual or more frequent intervals. The apparent demise of the Allied Neighborhood Association, which hosted several public interest forums, was noted with regret.

The session closed with interesting, informed and provocative comments made by various members of the two Boards. Gwen Phillips added her views on the ill-considered staffing changes at Skofield Park, and a number of individuals indicated a desire to speak before City Council on this issue at the Council's October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nancy Johnson informed the meeting regarding the Botanic Garden's request for County approval of the Garden's plans for extending sewers up into the Garden's property, and for remodeling, upgrading and preservation of the Gane Residence – separate from the Garden's proposal for a master CUP on its overall expansion plans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary