

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MARCH 1, 2005

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on March 1, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Randy Reetz, Kathy Koury, Jenny Cushnie, Dorothy Veal, Tom Jacobs and Nancy Bertelsen. Absent were Ray Smith, Remo Ruccione, Ralph Daniel, Mark Carr, Sandra Petersen, Pma Trgenza, Bill Menchen. Also present were Nancy Johnson (Botanic garden), Paulina Conn and Wallace Chafe.

The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were presented and approved.

Nancy Johnson reported on the response to the Garden's mailing re: the eucalyptus tree removal project. She stated that 122 responses (from approximately 540 mailings) were made, with 101 in favor and 21 against the tree removal. As to the suggestion that some trees be removed from the windrow, Nancy advised that removing a few trees from a windrow weakens the remaining trees, and increases the risks of falling trees and branches.

Regarding the upcoming three-weekend chipping event, Jenny reported that, should the chippers' time run beyond the scheduled allotment, there is enough money within the \$3,000 budget to cover the additional expenses. Tom Jacobs suggested that it might be wise to advise brush-providers that we are trying to stay within a \$680/day cost projection.

Nancy Johnson reported on the "Toad Hall" installation by Patrick Dougherty up at the Garden. The response from the public has been excellent thus far, and thanks to conscientious planning on Nancy's part, there have been no reported logistical problems. The installation will remain on site until such time as it becomes unsightly, which may be as long as 18 to 24 months into the future.



The annual meeting is scheduled for April 12th. The evacuation drill, set for April 30th, should be a main topic. Bruce Carter may do that presentation. Tim says Charlie Johnson might be a better choice, because Bruce is busy with other matters. There should be a press release done for the evacuation. The residents affected by the evacuation drill should be told that it could be “messy”, and that if they have compelling plans for that day, they may wish to leave a bit early. Tim asked whether we should have coffee and refreshments at Earl Warren that day. Should the event be videotaped? Other suggestions for the annual meeting included: visual aids, maps, local heroes, a recap of the chipper event.

Jenny was assigned the task of creating a slate of directors for the upcoming annual meeting. New directors should be solicited via the Newsletter. Random discussion ensued about music for the annual meeting. The Porch Dogs are probably too expensive. Other suggestions included Tony Johanson, Willy Quinn, Ernie Knapp, and the Foggy Dews.

Regarding the Las Canoas proposed evacuation route, Tim advised that he and Ralph Daniel had met with Bunny Bratton (sp?), and Ms. Bratton said that they preferred to keep their property private, and not to have the signed evacuation route across their land.

Tim said he will attend the upcoming Allied neighborhood Association meeting at the Red Cross offices. On Jenny’s motion, payment of our annual dues to the Fire Safe Council and the Allied Neighborhood Association was approved.

The question of insurance was again discussed. Kathy said that the IFEA (International festival Events Association) could arrange insurance if we joined that group. The cost would be \$600 for liability, \$800 for D&O and \$100 as an administration fees. Special event insurance would be \$383.

Remo Ruccione offered a quarter page space in his newsletter, for the MCA. Randy will provide content. Tim will check with Gawznell Tree Service about placing an ad in our Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, April 5th, 2005 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary