

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 7, 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 June 7th, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ralph Daniel, Randy Reetz, Jenny Cushnie, Sandra Petersen, Remo Ruccione, Tom Jacobs, Ray Smith, Dorothy Vea and Ray Smith. Absent were Tim Steele, Nancy Bertelsen, Bill Menchen and Kathy Koury. Also present were Nancy Johnson (Botanic Garden), Rolph Brinckman, Cherilyn Milton, David Vorbeck (photo middle), Bill McCullogh (photo bottom), and James Madison (photo top).



The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were presented and approved. Requests for reimbursements were approved to Jenny Cushnie (\$52.80 for copying); Ray Smith (\$139.84 for annual meeting expenses); and Randy Reetz (\$1,096.56 for newsletter printing and postage).



Mr. Reetz reported on a successful Roadside Clearance Day, whereat more than 30 volunteers swept the Mission Canyon streets clean of litter. Special thanks to Rolph Brinckman for doing all of Cheltenham, to Ray Smith for doing all of Tunnel Road, and to Marion Freitag and Jonathan Jessup for doing all of Mission Canyon Road – well done!

Nancy Johnson reported that 19 eucalyptus trees were successfully removed from the Tunnel / Mission Canyon Road intersection. The rediscovered view of the mountains above Mission Canyon was a pleasant surprise, and suggests that perhaps, in place of more trees, that area might be maintained with low-growing landscaping to preserve the mountain views. Nancy Johnson says the garden is open to all suggestions.



Ralph Daniel presented the Board with a colorful spreadsheet showing various line item expenditures under the USFS grant of \$37,100. Some discussion ensued about possible reallocation of certain expenditures under the grant, without any resolution. Ray Smith moved, and Remo Ruccione seconded, the following motion:

That the spreadsheet be approved as a rough outline of proposed expenditures, with the final determination being made by a committee of the Board assigned to manage the grant funds, and subject to final approval of particular expenditures by the Association's Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy Johnson also generously offered the services of Duff Kennedy, the Garden's grant administrator, should professional expertise be required.

Jenny Cushnie outlined the upcoming June 25th Brush Clearance Day activities. The Board authorized Jenny to employ four laborers from Labor Ready. Dan Upton, Marborg and County Dump will all provide their invaluable services again this year.

Nancy Johnson, responding to our concerns about the Botanic Garden's brush clearance on Tunnel Road, announced that FireStorm has been employed, and indeed is presently clearing, roadside brush in that area. The Board authorized a thank-you note to the Botanic Garden (and its mysterious benefactor) for their work this year in reducing fire hazards here in the Canyon.

Ray Smith alerted our Board as to proposed by-law changes at the Allied Neighborhood Association. These changes would allow membership in the ANA by organizations not identified to particular neighborhoods – Cars Are Basic being the most noteworthy example. Our Board by consensus expressed disapproval of these changes, and dismissed Pres. Kahan's reasoning that the ANA needed "a bigger tent" to exert more influence in the community.

The various new faces in attendance were graciously welcomed by our Board. Dave Vorbeck, James Madison, Cheryl Milton, Rolph Brinckman and Bill McCullough are all supporters of our Association, and each has areas of knowledge and professional skills that would benefit our Association and the Mission Canyon community. Their contributions will be much appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday, July 12th (not the first Tuesday of July, due to the Fourth of July Holiday), 2005 at 7:30 pm.

Randy Reetz, Secretary