

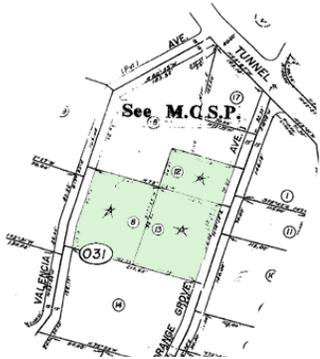
**Mission Canyon Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 6, 2005**

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 September 6th, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ralph Daniel, Remo Ruccione, James Madison, Jenny Cushnie, Ray Smith, Randy Reetz. Also attending were Nancy Johnson and Ginger Sledge. Absent were Kathy Koury, Bill McCullough, Sandra Petersen, Nancy Bertelsen, Tom Jacobs, Dave Vorbeck and Dorothy Vea.

The minutes of the preceding board meeting (August 2d, 2005) were presented. Ralph Daniel requested clarification of the Board's discussion of quorums and telephonic voting. Ray Smith said he would so clarify, so that the minutes could then be approved.

Ginger Sledge provided a recap of proceedings regarding the proposed development of the Orange Grove Lane property. She advised that the MCA ADCR had disapproved the development plans, on several grounds: too big, too dense, out of character for the neighborhood, excess reliance on "stock building plans" and failure to consider the historic aspects of the existing adobe. [The historic character of this adobe, designed by Ken Weber, is now being researched by Post & Hazeltine, architectural historians.]



One parcel or three?

The developers thereafter elected to move on to the County BAR, where a similar fate awaited them in the BAR meeting, heavily attended by neighbors of the parcel. Further, based upon issues raised by Derek Westen, local land use attorney, a serious additional question exists as to whether the parcel in question can even be divided for development. A long paper trail exists substantiating various unsuccessful efforts to split this parcel, and raising doubts as to whether any lawful subdivision of this 0.9 acre parcel has ever passed County muster.

Jenny Cushnie piped up regarding the status of the FireSafe Council grant: we are still getting the last environmental clearances from NEEPA, but we do have CEQA clearances in hand.

Tim Steele and Jenny Cushnie will receive an award for their efforts on the evacuation drill, from the Emergency Services Association.

This Board meeting occurred in the days just after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, creating a heightened awareness of the need for disaster preparedness in Mission Canyon. Residents should stock up 3 – 4 days' supply of food and water, because should an earthquake occur, Highways 101 and 154 may be closed for weeks. Canyon residents

should be aware of, and take steps to evacuate, their aged and infirm neighbors. Phone trees must be planted and nurtured. Block leaders should be designated in all residential areas.

Nancy Johnson (VP for Public Relations at the Botanic Garden) advised that the Garden was planning a fire drill on its property. The Garden has on site bullhorns and a siren – obviously valuable tools in the event of a wildfire.

To carry out this planning and establish a framework for emergency preparedness, the Board established the “Watch Command Task Force”, consisting of Remo Ruccione, Jenny Cushnie and Ralph Daniel.

Randy Reetz submitted his resignation as secretary of the Association, after five years’ of duty at that position. The secretary’s duties in regard to maintaining membership records, dues payment and membership history was assigned to Remo Ruccione. Mr. Daniel will assist Mr. Ruccione in setting up a computer database for these records. The Secretary’s recording functions were assigned to Ginger Sledge, but only on a provisional basis due to her somewhat unpredictable and demanding job requirements in the world of cinema. Ray Smith volunteered as Ginger’s backup. Mr. Reetz will, for the time being, continue as newsletter editor, treasurer and archivist.

The Board next discussed the three-page Botanic Garden Community Dialogue Meeting Report dated 6/20/2005. Nancy Johnson advised that the Garden will be launching a website and hotline, to provide public information on the Garden’s expansion plans. She further advised that the Garden had received a “notice of incompleteness” from P&D, in respect to issues involving proposed development on what appears to be grades > 30%. Mr. Daniel inquired regarding the Garden’s methodology of selecting trustees. Ms. Johnson responded, saying that the Garden has a PPS (Policies, Procedures & Standards) in place governing trustee selection and duties, as well as an application form for prospective trustees, which she will send on to Mr. Daniel.

Finally, Ms. Johnson advised that the Garden was considering a two-week “Holiday lights” event featuring Toad Hall. Ray Smith opined that nighttime events open to the paying public are unprecedented, and could introduce noise, traffic and lighting into our otherwise peaceful Canyon evenings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tuesday October 4, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Randy Reetz, Former Secretary