Minutes of Board Meeting

December 2, 2008

7:30 pm

Present: Tim Steele, Nancy Bertelsen, Bill McCullough, Ralph Daniels, Laurie Guitteau, Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Dick Axelrod, Jean Yamamura, Alastair Winn, Georganne Alex

Absent: Tom Jacobs, Jenny Cushnie, Milt Roselinsky

Guest: Nancy Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Minutes approved from November meeting.

There was general discussion regarding the Tea Fire. Georganne will call Peter Kornbluth to ask him to attend the January 2009 MCA Board meeting.

Ralph presented update on his street captain outreach. Invitations were sent to two or three people on each street. Eight streets reported no problems. Two meetings took place; one on Tunnel and one on Windsor. There were 15 streets giving no response. Montrose reported as not being interested. For Windsor, suggested no parking on one side. Two issues for Upper Tunnel and Palomino were dead ends and the worry of being trapped.

Ray moved that the MCA prepare a letter to Board of Supervisors requesting rigorous enforcement of parking and defensible space P encouraging the county to enforce the law. It was suggested that this be discussed with Salud Carbajal.

Fire Safe Council P Presently, the Office of Emergency Services, does not have money for training. Tim said there is grant money available fro training and he will check with Kathy Brooke to see if it can be used for fire training.

General ideas mentioned:

CERC as a grant money resource

Topanga Canyon has an arson watch

Siren P the argument against has been it can be indiscriminate

Sheltering in place

Nancy Johnson reported that the phone tree worked for Botanic Garden.

It was moved and seconded that the Board develop a way to create an effective phone tree.

Dick requested that the Parking Alert tickets be issued. He stated that this a a good time to pass them out to cars violating parking safety.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by secretary Georganne Alex