Comments relating to Draft Mission Canyon Community Plan

Safety

There is an urgent need for improvement of paths for pedestrians in Mission Canyon. All the good work done by MCPAC is useless if residents and visitors can not safely take a walk. We must find a way to have all right of way cleared and reserved for recreation and emergency use.

Narrow and winding Mission Canyon Rd is no place for a city bus. MTD has received many protests regarding this matter. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden can easily transport the occasional rider with a small van to and from the Mission. A bus with all the noise, pollution, wasted energy, wear and tear on our roads and major compromising of safety of pedestrians is a mistake for Mission Canyon. Also, a breakdown during an emergency could be catastrophic.

Oversize vehicles, such as tour busses, should not be allowed on Mission Canyon Rd. Once they are in the Canyon they quickly realize that they are not able to manage our roads and it is too late. They wait for passengers to be picked up with smaller vehicles or they take 15 minutes doing dangerous turnarounds.

Visitors and residents expect to enjoy the natural and peaceful atmosphere of the Canyon. We greatly appreciate all the work done by MCPAC and your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,
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Original Message -----
From: J&M Reisman <jmreisman@cox.net>
To: SupervisorCarbajal
Sent: Tue Sep 02 18:31:40 2008
Subject: Mission Canyon Plan

I would like to lend my support to adding policies regarding non-residential
uses (i.e., Botanic Garden and Natural History Museum) to the proposed Mission
Canyon Area Plan.
In addition to concerns about zoning, parking and illegal uses I think it is
important to address both residential and non-residential impacts.
Thank you,
Jane Reisman

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From: J Hancock <jchmail@verizon.net>
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Conversation: Comment on SB County LUDC RSU standards for Mission Canyon District
Subject: Comment on SB County LUDC RSU standards for Mission Canyon District

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This is a copy of a recent message I sent to Alastair Winn, one of the Directors of the MCA, in response to his enquiry about the proposed zoning / building regulation changes for the Mission Canyon District that will be discussed during the public session on July 10th.

You will note that I am concerned that this proposed set of regulations will impact my rights to legally add a "granny unit" (note: As I read the Ordinance proposal, Section D.1.a appears to call out the need for two legal parcels to add a RSU. Why?) as well as potentially causing huge challenges for many of us who would choose to rebuild should a large fire sweep through the canyon.

The benefits to our community and especially for "South of Foothill" residents of the Canyon District do not appear to be worth the future restrictions and potential costs to property owners. Nor does this change promise to address the real public safety problems that we are facing relative to traffic density – everyday or during an emergency situation.

I do not support the proposed changes. I feel that public safety issues in the upper canyon could be better served by first working on new parking regulations that would have real & timely benefits to the community. I would support regulations such as restrictions on on-street parking (such as requiring single side of street parking – alternating the allowed sides, daily) and/or more restrictions on the height / density of foliage within 10 feet of the legal street edge.

I commend the MCA, the county and the city for their concern for our future and safety. But I feel these new regulations - that were predicated on enhancing public safety - tilt more toward restricting growth than advancing creative solutions that would provide more immediate safety benefits for our beautiful canyon.

Best regards,
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