



Rancho Bernardo Community Council
MAD Committee Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance: Frank Auwarter, Robin Kaufman, Stan Robbins, Suzanne Burns, Janet Atkin, Steve Ewart, Lew Garry, David Blitzblau, Andy Field, Joe Storniolo.
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting. Approval of minutes deferred to next month.
3. Stamped concrete in Pomerado Road south medians. See attached document from staff.
4. Slurry seal in Pomerado Road north medians. See attached document from staff.
5. Westwood sound wall. See attached document from staff. Lew Garry commented that native plants require much less watering than other plants. We need to be careful of overwatering.
6. Welcome sign. The sign has been destroyed. What involvement, if any, should the MAD have in replacing it? There was an extensive discussion of the situation with respect to the Rancho Bernardo welcome sign, which was destroyed by a motorist. Mr. Field said that the estimated cost to replace the sign would be about \$56,000. The claim against the motorist's insurance is limited to the depreciated value of the sign, which the city places at \$12,000. The MAD budget contains \$10,000 for the sign project, so an additional amount of about \$32,000 will be required to fully fund the replacement of the sign. Once the project is fully funded it will be referred to the Engineering and Capital Projects Department for design and project management. Mr. Field said the department can produce drawings of proposed designs for our consideration. A representative of the department will attend one of our meetings to discuss our preference as to the appearance of the sign. It was suggested that the design of the Poway welcome was created by a high school design class and that something similar could be done - provide guidance for the city. Because community input will probably be required, it was

suggested that rather than creating a special committee for that task, as was done before, community input could more effectively be obtained by inviting representatives of any interested community group or individual to attend one or more special MAD Committee meetings. Mr. Field said that the \$32,000 required to fill the funding gap could be supplied from the MAD's budgeted reserve. Another possibility would be to try to obtain a contribution from the Town Center Property Owners' Association. No immediate action by the MAD Committee is required, and none was taken, because there will be an extended delay before the insurance proceeds are recovered and the City Council approves their transfer into the MAD account.

7. Irrigation in Rancho Bernardo Road medians. Joe Storniolo and Lew Garry discussed the condition of the olive trees in the Rancho Bernardo Road medians. The basic problem is that olive trees do not do well surrounded by turf. The grass causes the trees to suffer a condition called verticillium wilt. The only long term solution would be to replace the grass with some other ground cover. Lew commented, "anything but artificial turf." Mr. Storniolo reported that the sprinkler heads in those medians are being replaced. This should allow for deeper watering and be of some aid to the olive trees. Lew is one of the original members of the MAD Committee and is a Master Gardener.
8. "Formalizing" of the formation and operation of MAD advisory groups. Mr. Field briefly summarized the statutes that govern MAD advisory committees. This subject is more fully discussed in the attachment.
9. City consideration of allowing outsourcing of MAD capital projects.
Mr. Field briefly described the study currently being undertaken by the city concerning the possibility of allowing community non-profit corporations to manage capital projects. This topic is more fully discussed in the enclosure.
10. Other business. No other business. Meeting was adjourned 8:20 pm. Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman, items 1-5 and Frank Auwarter, items 6-10.