

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions

Meeting called to order by VP Laurie Guitteau at 7:30pm

Board Members Present: Laurie Dahl, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn,

Laurie Guitteau, Karl Hutterer, Ray Smith, Richard Solomon, Alastair Winn, Jean Yamamura and Erika Sharghi\* and Jason Saltoun-Ebin\* (\*see section 5.2 below)

Board Members Absent: Kellam de Forest, Barbara Lindemann, James Madison, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell

Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Jerome Crannell

2. Minutes of the Feb. 2, 2016 meeting – approved as written

3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Jean Yamamura

There was a brief discussion regarding renewal of the MCA weather station DNS. Since this is a recurring expense, it was agreed that no approval vote was required.

4. Old Business

4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)

Luke reported that the sound wall was complete and Richard noted that the neighbors are happy. Luke also said that the parking lot had been restriped and that the Museum had been back to HLC a few times. Based on HLC recommendations Public Works is reworking their plans for Puesta Del Sol.

Alastair moved and it was unanimously approved to confirm a \$5,000 gift to the Museum in honor of their Centennial this year.

4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)

Steve reported that on 20<sup>th</sup> of February they had their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual beer garden event that was sold out and that it was an excellent fundraiser. The new building is progressing well and they hope to move in the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May. Also, there are three new gardens within the Garden emphasizing water conservation. The meadow has been reworked and should be spectacular this spring, there is a new children's maze planted with coyote bush and a "back country" area aiming at 6 to 12 year old children.

4.3 Rocky Nook Park plans (Kellam de Forest) –

No report.

4.4 Centennial contribution to the Museum of Natural History

(see section 4.1 above)

4.5 Annual Meeting (Laurie)

A program for our Annual Meeting (scheduled for Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>) was discussed. It was suggested, given our drought conditions, that the theme of the meeting be centered on "how to be water wise".

Steve and Laurie volunteered to draft a program for this upcoming meeting. It was also suggested that we may want County Fire folk as well as City & County Water folk at this Annual Meeting.

Up for re-election at the 2016 Annual Meeting are: Kellam De Forest, Laurie Guitteau, Ray Smith, Hugh Twibell and Jean Yamamura.

It was voted unanimously to send a get well soon card to Kellam.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1 Proposed by-laws amendment

As noted in the Agenda for tonight's meeting the following proposal was suggested to amend our by-laws:

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may provide for. These officers, along with the immediate past president for the year following the term of office, are called herein the "Executive Committee."

Any two or more offices of this corporation may be held by the same person, except those of president and secretary. No officer or director of this corporation shall receive any compensation for his/ her services in such capacity.

The recommendation to add the underlined and italicized portions to the Association's by-laws noted above was discussed and passed unanimously.

### 5.2 Resignation of James Madison

Laurie announced, with regret, that James Madison has resigned from our Board because he can't come to meetings.

### 5.2 Election of new Board members

Two new Board members Jason Saltoun-Ebin and Erika Sharghi were nominated to our MCA Board of Directors. The two new members were unanimously approved and warmly welcomed to our Board.

### 5.3 Meeting with Supervisor Carbajal (Laurie for Barbara)

- a. Open fires on private property in the wildland urban interface. Jeremy is looking into this issue and will get back to us.
- b. Oliver House in Rocky Nook Park, status with respect to decision making. The BOS members are aware that negotiations are going on. We pointed out that MCA is limited in making any recommendations because we have not seen any figures relative to costs of various options.
- c. Dispute over new house on Cheltenham, on appeal to PC. Salud's office is aware of this issue.
- d. Parking enforcement on Tunnel Road, update. Salud is working on finding funding for a Resource Officer to be put in County budget. This would be for County wide funding and enforcement, not just for Mission Canyon. Salud asked that MCA write a letter to the BOS making this request, and Barbara will write such a letter.
- e. Who do we contact about and abandoned car on Foothill Rd. Answer: CHP since Foothill is a state highway.

5.4 Richard reported that the County Planning Commission had voted 3 to 2 to ban all short term rental except in agricultural zones.

Richard also made a brief announcement about Senate Bill 876 which would prohibit cities and counties from regulating overnight parking of RVs, etc. on public streets, parks,

etc. The City of Carpinteria has expressed opposition, and Richard thought that we might want to have a discussion at our next meeting as to whether we wanted to make any recommendation regarding this bill to our BOS. The bill has not passed yet and he will keep us informed as to the bill's status.

5.5 Jean reported that yearly dues not yet all in and that Jean & Laurie are working on the News Letter.

5.6 Jerome Crannell, a resident next to Rocky Nook Park, expressed concern that the County was not closing the park to autos at night. The posted hours are 8am to sunset. However, folks drive in at night and have fires in the fire pits and party late into the night. He suggested that the County put a locked chain across the driveway for the duration of closed hours. We recommended that he inform Supervisor Carbajal's office of his concerns and MCA will raise this issue during our next meeting with Salud. (Ed. Note: The web site for Rocky Nook park shows a \$90 fee for the use of "Area 1" where the fire pit is. Presumably, after hours use is avoiding this fee?)

5.7 Water Wise – Returning to the theme of our next Annual Meeting, Karl was asked about his system for saving rainwater. A quasi-technical discussion ensued and Karl agreed to provide a short article about his system for the News Letter. He also provided to your scribe a "Rainfall Collection Table" (attached as Appendix A to these minutes) to save said scribe from having to try and write up said discussion.

5.8 Alastair Winn resigned from the MCA Board. With sadness and great appreciation for all the work and sage counsel received from Alastair, the Board accepted, reluctantly, his resignation. Alastair said he will remain on the MHTA and will provide service to MCA as needed. (His resignation comments to the Board included the following. "I want to put in kudos for the MCA team. For over 50 years, we have brought together a first class group of volunteer professionals from such fields as history, education, accounting, architecture, engineering, chemistry, law, natural science botany, archeology, art and religious studies. They selflessly donate 1000's of hours of their services to preserve and protect Mission Canyon. We could not have done it without the support of the Mission Canyon residents and I hope they will continue to support the efforts and step up to serve from time to time. A community without leadership is a community destined to disharmony and anarchy.")

5.9 Richard suggested that the MCA go on record, expressed in a letter to the City and County Planning Departments that: (1) we do not take a position on MHTA proposals, or presumably the Coalition's counter proposals, until specific designs are proposed and ready for final decision; (2) we oppose any urbanization of lower Mission Canyon; and (3) we urge removal of the barbed wire and chain link fencing in front of the reservoir on East Los Olivos. He argued that it is better to weigh in sooner rather than later on these issues.

Considerable discussion ensued and it was finally agreed to table these suggestions until our next meeting.

## 6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.3 Parking & Traffic

- 6.4 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)
- 6.5 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)
- 6.6 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)
- 6.7 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Alastair Winn)
- 6.8 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next meeting: April 5, 2016 7:30 pm MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ray Smith, Secretary

**APPENDIX A**  
**rainfall collection table.xlsx**  
(see attached)