

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
August 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Treasurer Ray Smith. President Karl Hutterer and Vice President Laurie Guitteau are not in attendance, so Treasurer Ray Smith is chairing the meeting.
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Ray Smith, Sandy Robertson, Hugh Twibell, Kellam de Forest, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Erika Sharghi, Laurie Dahl
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Karl Hutterer, Barbara Lindemann, Laurie Guitteau, Jean Yamamura, Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - 1.3. Guests: Luke Swetland
2. Minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting — approved as presented.
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. No report this month.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland). The Wine Festival on June 24 was the most successful ever. Also, on July 7 the Museum’s annexation by the City was approved by a unanimous vote at LAFCO. The Museum is having the busiest summer ever (700-800 people per day), with no parking or traffic issues to date. The Museum owns the “Western Residence”, which is currently not a habitable building. One condition of the CUP was that the Museum had to deal with the un-permitted additions that had been made to the Western Residence over the years. It is too expensive and cumbersome to bring it up to code, so the Museum plans to take it down to 3 elements — the garage bay and two other separate bays that share the same roof as the garage. Eventually, the Museum may rebuild a single family residence in that space and have a Museum staffer live in it, but the Museum does not have the budget or time for such a project at this time. The Museum is prepared to go to HLC with their plan. Hugh will write a letter for the HLC, on behalf of the MCA, stating that our Architectural Review Board has reviewed the plans and we are in agreement with them. On a separate note, the Museum’s other renovations are scheduled to begin on January 7, 2017.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager). No update. Steve Windhager was absent.
 - 4.3 Mission Heritage Trail Association/Safe Passage (Erika Sharghi). A few concerns came up at the recent MHTA meeting: There is a lot of opposition to the multi-modal plan. The MHTA believes that a lot of this comes from the negative publicity that the Coalition has put out. There is a lot of controversy about the potential bridge widening as well. The MHTA is considering several options to address this controversy: They are considering buying an ad in local newspapers to put their position out there. They are also considering writing more letters to the editor of the Santa Barbara News Press, although a recent letter to the editor that

the MHTA submitted to the News Press was not printed. The City Council voted 6-1 to go forward on pursuing funding for the bridge modifications, so the MHTA will try to work closely with the decision-makers, particularly Rob Dayton (City Transportation Planner). On a separate note, an MHTA member did a walk-through of the bridge site with several Riviera homeowners on June 28. They understood the need for safety modifications, but they were concerned with the large scale of the plan and the fact that it seemed to come from one organization. The MHTA would like to change the presentation / conversation around the bridge modifications in the following ways: The MHTA wants to make the depiction of the plan smaller, so that the renderings that are presented to the public only focus on the Mission to Puesta del Sol geographic area (rather than all the way to Foothill). The project will also be pitched to the public as more of a work-in-progress / “vision”, wherein the MHTA is still soliciting public input and working collaboratively with other community organizations, with the primary goal of improving public safety.

5. New Business

5.1 Use of noisy outdoor power equipment. The City has regulations on this subject but, to our knowledge, the County doesn't. We would rather have the weeds and brush cleared in the Canyon and deal with a little bit of noise.

5.2 Short-Term Rentals. Tomorrow there is a County meeting where the draft of the new County Short-Term Rental ordinance will be presented.

5.3 Rocky Nook Park Cottage (Kellam de Forest). The John Profant Foundation For The Arts is very interested in making an arrangement with the County to use the cottage. A tree fell on the cottage last month, and the Foundation is willing to rehabilitate the cottage and pay to maintain it in exchange for permission to occupy it.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)

6.2 MCA web cam

6.3 Proposed change of use for St. Mary's Seminary (update)

6.4 Proposed new home on upper Tunnel Road (update)

6.5 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.6 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.7 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)

6.8 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.9 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

6.10 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

6.10.1 Next Year's Brush Clearance (Ray Smith). For next year's brush clearance in the Canyon, we are proposing that people take their brush directly to Marborg. Marborg will have a list of Mission Canyon residents who paid their dues, and those residents will be eligible to drop off their brush at Marborg.

6.10.2 Update from the Fire Safe Council (Ray Smith). The flame sniffer technology is being revised. The company that manufactured flamesniffer has changed its name to Attentis. They are updating the flamesniffers and solving

problems with the previous version of the technology. They also need to determine where the data is sent when the flame sniffer detects a fire. Currently it is only reported to the flame sniffer company, but Ray and others on the Fire Safe Council are pushing to have the data reported directly to the Office of Emergency Services as well as to Fire Headquarters. The other issue is that our cam recorder is out, and Ray is doing research on how to fix and/or update it.

6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: September 6, 2016 7:30 pm, McVeagh House, Natural History Museum