

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by President Karl Hutterer.
  - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Hugh Twibell, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon, Laurie Dahl, Barbara Lindemann, Karl Hutterer, Ray Smith, Erika Sharghi, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jean Yamamura
  - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Sandy Robertson
  - 1.3. Guests:
2. Minutes of the September 6 meeting - approved as presented.
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. Ray presents the MCA Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2016. It is unanimously approved.
4. Old Business
  - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland).** Luke Swetland was absent but sent an email update as follows: "(1) Despite the high heat, ArtWalk was well attended and went off without any incident. (2) We had taken the Phase I project (except Puesta del Sol) to HLC for final review a few weeks back. Commissioners asked that 3 minor details on the Butterfly Pavilion vestibules be changed and thus we are on the consent agenda for Wednesday (tomorrow) for final sign off. (3) Our proposed work on the Western Residence that I shared with the Board two months ago will also receive its first review by the Commission tomorrow. (4) We will take the Puesta del Sol pedestrian pathway to HLC for final approval in the next weeks. (5) We still anticipate beginning work on the site in February 2017 — details to follow in due course. (6) School group visits have begun again this week. (7) No other significant updates to report."
  - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager).** Steve Windhager was absent for this meeting so he sent his update via email. His email reads as follows: "Mainly I wanted to report on how the Garden has been responding to weather conditions this year. So far we have been closed on at least part of the day on 10 days this year for Red Flag conditions, and there has been another Red Flag warning called for tomorrow afternoon through Thursday morning, so that will take us to 11. We also closed voluntarily on September 27 without a red flag warning being called because weather conditions at our weather station were very close to red flag conditions. From an operational standpoint, it has been a difficult summer, but our staff have done a great job of accommodating this, informing disappointed visitors (including members) that they cannot come in. This is especially difficult to explain when the local Mission Canyon weather is far from the predicted red flag conditions. October is our big plant sale so it is a great time to

come by and think about replacing plants that have died in the drought with native plants. Theoretically we are heading into the rainy season, so it is the best time to think about planting. We also have a lot of great classes to help you get up to speed with native plants if you are not familiar including one this Saturday on planning your garden: <http://www.sbbg.org/classes-events/classes/garden-planning-experts-1> as well as others over the course of the month. So no excuses not to come by and shop! :^) Hope to see you all in the Garden soon!”

Ray raises the point that Barbara arranged a meeting for the Fire Safe Council with Dave Zaniboni and Rob Hazard to discuss the procedure for red flag warning days. Ray suggests that we invite Steve Windhager to this meeting, since the Garden has faced so many closures this year due to red flags (see below — New Business 5.1).

**4.3 Modification of Design Review Procedures (Richard & Hugh).** Richard made the changes to the Design Review Procedures that we discussed at the September MCA meeting. Richard also found out that the \$95 charge that was already in the Procedures reflects the cost if the owners would like to notify the neighbors through a private company. There is no requirement that they use the company. If they notify the neighbors themselves, there is no charge. Also at the September MCA meeting, the Board voted to drop the additional fee that we used to charge for the design review. There is some discussion of the incentives for neighbors to pursue a design review by the MCA Architectural Design Review Committee, and the non-binding nature of our review on the SBAR. The Board votes on the revised MCA Architectural Design Review Committee Guidelines and votes unanimously to approve the changes.

## 5. New Business

**5.1 Parking during red flag days.** Dave Zaniboni, a Captain and Public Information Officer with the SB County Fire Department, called Barbara to arrange a meeting with him and Rob Hazard to discuss red flag warning procedures — **Red Flag Meeting: Tuesday October 11 at 9:00am at Barbara Lindemann’s house**. The Fire Committee is welcome to attend, as well as anyone else from the MCA Board. Issues to be discussed include: who determines a red flag day, who enforces red flag days, and who is informed (i.e. how are the neighbors informed, aside from simply driving by the sign on the way into the Canyon). There are enforcement issues and jurisdictional issues to be discussed. There is a public relations issue too, in terms of how the Fire Department interacts with the community when neighbors have issues regarding red flag warnings. There is also the issue that a lot of people don’t know what red flag warnings mean, or what the restrictions entail. The Fire Department maintains that the red flag warning is really for the fire department, rather than the general public, to alert the fire department that they need to be on high alert. The Fire Department also maintains that they aren’t bothered by cars parked on the road — they are able to circumvent the cars just fine. Rather, the Fire Department is concerned about how many hikers there are

and how to remove them from the trail — which Barbara will point out directly relates to how many cars are parked on Tunnel Rd.

**5.2 Motorcycle noise at 3 am.** Karl spoke to the neighbor who complained about the motorcycle noise, and recommended that she call the police and report it.

**5.3 SB Office of Arts & Culture in Rocky Nook Cottage.** Sarah York-Rubin is the new Director of the SB Office of Arts & Culture (formerly the Arts Commission). Karl recently attended a meeting where she was in attendance, and discussed plan for the cottage with her. Ms. York-Rubin reports that the County has made a commitment to her office that they will renovate the Rocky Nook cottage and then designate it for the SB Office of Arts & Culture to use. The center of the cottage will have a small gallery and artists-in-residence area. There will also be a meeting room and a small office for the County Sheriff's Department to check in on a regular basis. There is also discussion of using a small portion of the office as a place for the public to make Rocky Nook Park reservations. Karl invited her to an MCA meeting and she hopes to attend in the future. She has also invited members of the MCA to tour the cottage, and Karl can arrange a tour if anyone so desires.

**5.4 MCA contribution to MHTA pedestrian traffic study.** This is a proposal for the MCA to make a \$1,000 contribution toward the cost of the MHTA traffic study. The study has been done under the direction of Scott Schell, who works with a local traffic consulting company. Karl and the MHTA have the results in the form of traffic diagrams, but will hopefully receive them as numerical figures soon. This report included figures on vehicular traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians — i.e. how many of each type use the bridge. Jean points out that since we haven't read the report yet, we can't decide on whether or not to make the contribution. The other two local neighborhood associations (Upper East Association and Riviera Association) have also been asked to contribute, but to our knowledge they haven't decided whether to donate yet. Erika Sharghi is our liaison to the MHTA, so she will take these questions back to the MHTA and try to get some answers for us.

There is some discussion of the MHTA Safe Passage informational brochure that Erika Sharghi circulated electronically, and passed out as a hard copy at this MCA meeting. The Upper East Association has already sent out the brochure to its residents. Roosevelt School has also said that they will distribute the brochure to school families electronically as a link. Richard states that he supports the MCA distributing this brochure electronically, particularly since we haven't sent many emails to our members recently so it wouldn't be onerous. If we distribute this brochure, however, we are throwing our support behind the bridge modification in general. The dichotomy right now seems to be between people who want to maintain the status quo and don't want any change to the bridge, and people who are concerned with the safety of the current bridge situation and want to discuss solutions. The pamphlet seems to spell out a certain solution — i.e. bridge widening and modifications to the West side of the road. Hugh points out that if we

wait for CalTrans to come in and say that the bridge is unsafe, then we lose any input over the modifications to the bridge. There is some discussion of whether the MCA wants to entangle ourselves in this issue, which we would be doing if we sent out the pamphlet electronically. Darby suggests sending out an electronic survey to the Canyon to determine how the neighborhood feels about the bridge modification issue. Richard points out that there is currently no safe ADA access on the bridge, and this would be addressed by widening the West side. Ray is most concerned that a car accident on the bridge would effectively close entry and exit from the Canyon, because the bridge is too narrow to push the car accident to the shoulder and allow for access beside it. Ray suggest that the MCA take a side on this issue — i.e. the side of safety. The MCA has been “for” the issue of safe passage since day one and the MCA are the ones who started discussion of this issue in the first place. Jean points out that the brochure which is the subject of this discussion is not strictly informational, but also asks for donations, which might be more than the MCA wants to put our name behind. Alex suggests that we hold off on sending an email, but we put a newsletter article on the results of the MHTA study (once we have numerical figures) and attach a link to the MHTA website (which includes this brochure). Jean is concerned that the MCA, as a homeowners association, shouldn’t send something out that includes a request for donations and/or membership to other organizations. With Alex’s suggestion, we wouldn’t be endorsing the MHTA or asking for money, we would simply be providing an informational link. There is some consensus that Alex’s idea is a good compromise and probably the best solution for the MCA to raise awareness on this issue.

**5.5 Meetings with Salud Carbajal and Das Williams.** At the most recent meeting with Salud, there was some discussion of whether or not the MCA should have another meeting with Salud before he leaves office. Salud indicated that he would like to have one more meeting. The MCA also wants to meet with Das Williams to familiarize him with our organization. Karl has spoken to Das Williams’ assistant and she said she will call him back. Ray was at a meeting with Das and told him that the MCA would like to meet with him. Das said that he was aware of that, and he would like to meet with us in late November. Karl will ask Lisa, Salud’s assistant, to schedule a meeting with Salud and Das at the same time. Hopefully Salud can demonstrate how the Board of Supervisors has interacted with the MCA in recent years.

## 6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Heritage Trail Association/Safe Passage (Erika Sharghi)

**6.2 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith).** The MCA received a letter dated September 9 for the SB Mountain Communities Defense Zone Project, including thinning and brush control to enhance community fire safe efforts. It will be from Painted Cave north to Gaviota. Ray advocated very strongly for this project, so it is great to see it come to fruition. Additionally, Karl

saw a news report that Los Padres National Forest has an initiative to work with homeowners to improve defensible space. Ray and Barbara will bring up this topic at their Oct 11 meeting with Dave Zaniboni and Rob Hazard.

6.3 MCA web cam

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

6.5 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.6 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.7 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)

6.9 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.10 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

6.11 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

6.12 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: November 1, 2016 7:30 pm, MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum