

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by President Karl Hutterer.
  - 1.1. Board Members Present: Karl Hutterer, Erika Sharghi, Ray Smith, Sandy Robertson, Hugh Twibell, Laurie Dahl, Kevin Snow, Kellam de Forest, Jason Saltoun-Ebin
  - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Richard Solomon, Barbara Lindemann, Laurie Guitteau, Jean Yamamura
  - 1.3. Guests: Luke Swetland
2. Minutes of the December 6 meeting — approved as presented.
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. We started with \$46,110 and ended with \$44,675. We received \$57 from mini-storage company. We spent \$1,492 total: \$645 for CPA tax prep, \$10 due to Franchise Tax Board, \$336 for email marketing annual fee to Alex Feldwinn, \$114 storage rent for two months, and \$387 for mutt mitts and dispenser box to Ray.

4. Old Business

**4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland).** The next two months will be business as usual at the Museum. The Museum had its best year yet in 2016. Luke is not aware of any complaints about traffic, parking, or noise during 2016, and is pleased that the Museum is in compliance with their new CUP (Conditional Use Permit). Luke is excited about the new MOXI Children's Museum, because there is an overlap between their science-based initiatives and the Museum's. They are planning collaborations between MOXI and the Museum in the future, particularly surrounding the upcoming solar eclipse. Kellam reports that the Coalition To Preserve Mission Canyon was upset about the new lighting for Puesta del Sol, because they feel that it is too "urban". Luke responds that the Museum made a request to Public Works in response to the Coalition's concerns about the lights. Public Works said that they can put in green metal posts to hold the lights, and the Coalition members accepted that solution.

**4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager).** Steve Windhager was not in attendance.

**4.3 Meeting with Salud Carbajal on Dec. 16.** The MCA Exec Board originally planned a meeting with Salud and Das Williams, to initiate the hand-off for the MCA to the new Supervisor. Das attended the meeting, but Salud did not because the Board of Supervisors scheduled a last minute meeting that he had to attend. The MCA had a good meeting with Das (see December 6 Minutes). The MCA Exec Board had a meeting later in December with Salud, and Ray, Karl, Barbara, Laurie G, and Erika attended the meeting. It was primarily to thank Salud for his service, but Jeremy (Salud's assistant) initiated a conversation about some unfin-

ished business that he wanted to conclude prior to departing for Washington. One of these items was posting a notice on the Tunnel Trail gate, stating that the trail is closed on red flag days. Thanks to Jeremy, the sign has been approved. We are still waiting for the sign to be posted. Jeremy also updated the MCA that the Sheriff Service Technicians, who are authorized to write parking tickets for illegal parking on Tunnel Trail, have not been hired yet. The hold-up is with the County HR department. Salud mentioned that the changes in the County pension payout means that all government agencies that take part in Cal-Pers will be hit with a huge deficiency, so SB County will have a potential \$30 million shortfall in 2017. Salud said that the MCA needs to talk to Das Williams immediately to get the Sheriff Service Technicians on the books and in the budget before the deficit takes effect. Karl is planning to call Das's assistant tomorrow to schedule a meeting to address the Sheriff Service Technicians, as well as a few other issues.

**4.4 Mutt Mitts (Ray).** We are holding off on installing the new dispenser and the mutt mitts until the County finishes the road work at the top of the Tunnel Rd.

## 5. New Business

**5.1 Dues for 2017.** We will put this discussion off till next month. Laurie Guitteau is not in attendance this month, and she was the Board member who raised this item for discussion. Also, Ray has some more information to gather from the Fire Safe Council, including the cost of buying into the fire detection sensors, and the cost of brush clearing in the Canyon (since this has been covered by Rob Hazard's grants over the past two years but it won't be covered by grants this year).

**5.2 Agenda for meeting with Das Williams.** In addition to the Sheriff Service Technicians issue (discussed above in 4.3), other issues that MCA members suggest that Karl discuss with Das include: (1) RV parking (new County ordinance), (2) Short-Term Rentals (new County ordinance forthcoming).

**5.3 Looking ahead to 2017.** Karl asks the Board if there is anything that we want to address proactively (rather than reactively) for Mission Canyon in 2017: (1) Ray points out that there is a list of action items on the Mission Canyon Community Plan that have not yet been done, but are proposed to be done. Ray suggests that we go through that document and decide if we want to tackle any of those issues. Ray, Barbara, and Kevin will sit down and go through the document and suggest issues for the Board to address. (2) Erika suggests that we consider working with the Coalition To Preserve Mission Canyon and looking for issues that we can agree or compromise on (such as the green light posts on Puesta del Sol that we were recently able to agree on and implement). Erika will go through the letters that the MCA received from the Coalition to highlight issues that we could find some commonality on. (3) Jason suggests that we address cars driving too fast and parking in Mission Canyon Heights (Cheltenham, Montrose Place, and Tunnel Rd. in particular). Jason hears a lot of concern about these issues from neighbors. Some neighbors have suggested putting in speed bumps. Ray points

out that hopefully the Sheriff Service Technicians will resolve the illegal parking issue. Furthermore, you are allowed to ticket street parking if there are stripes defining where it is acceptable to park (and the cars are not parked within the boundary defined by the stripes), but if there are no stripes then you can't ticket. Ray explains that the last time the MCA suggested putting in stripes, several neighbors strongly opposed it. As a result, the MCA decided that if there is a concern about parking on a particular street, the residents of that street should get together and determine whether or not they want stripes, and then take it to the County. Jason also points out that the parking issue is largely due to people renting out their houses — particularly on a short-term basis. Sandy suggests having 'friendly' cards that reference the MCA that we could put on the windshields of cars that are illegally parked. Karl is concerned about those cards being responsibly used. (4) The concern about motorcycle noise and speed is still brewing among neighbors in various parts of the Canyon, but no one is sure who is causing the noise. It is at 3:00am or 4:00am five days a week. (5) Kevin wants to get together with Richard Solomon to set up a meeting with the County Architectural Review Board to discuss the Mission Canyon Design Guidelines and explain why they should take them more seriously.

**5.4 “Missing” check from MCA to Mission Heritage Trail Association.** Karl reports that the check to the Mission Heritage Trail Association that was temporarily “missing” was cashed, deposited, and used by the MHTA (see December 6 Minutes). The confusion stemmed from the conversion from the Museum to the MHTA, but this issue is now resolved and the check has been accounted for.

#### 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)
- 6.3 MCA web cam
- 6.4 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)
- 6.5 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)
- 6.6 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)
- 6.7 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)
- 6.8 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)
- 6.9 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)
- 6.10 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: February 7, 2017, 7:30 pm, MacVeagh House, Natural History Museum