

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
May 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by President Karl Hutterer.
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Karl Hutterer, Erika Sharghi, Laurie Dahl, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Jean Yamamura, Hugh Twibell, Sandy Robertson, Richard Solomon, Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Ray Smith, Laurie Guitteau, Kevin Snow, Kellam de Forest
 - 1.3. Guests: Luke Swetland, Tim Owens
2. Minutes of the March 7 meeting — approved as presented.
3. Treasurer’s report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. Ray was absent but sent a report via email. Balance at the end of March 2017 was \$44,000. Income totaled \$2,300, comprised from membership dues and donations. Expenses totaled \$2,374 including storage unit, liability insurance, mutt mitts, printing and mailing dues letters, institutional membership to MHTA. The Board formally accepts the April Treasurer’s Report.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)**. The summer show opens May 27. It is “Bugs Outside The Box” and will be held in Fleischmann Auditorium. The Museum is starting work on the residence, and has notified the neighbors of said renovations. The larger renovations on the property will begin in September, once the City Building Dept approves all the plans.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)**. Steve is absent and did not send an update.
 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams on April 24, 1 pm (Karl)**. Ray, Barbara, and Karl met with Das Williams. They discussed the sheriff’s technician, and Das suggested that we work with the City and try to contract with the City to provide those parking enforcement services. They also discussed whether several neighborhood associations could get together and chip in for the cost of a sheriff’s technician. Das said that would work.
They also talked briefly about the City water rates. Das said it is illegal for a jurisdiction to have different water rates for different users. The resolution was passed to equalize the water rates, so the rates for Mission Canyon should decrease.
They also discussed the possibility of putting a port-a-potty at the Tunnel Rd. trailhead. We are no longer planning to put one there, because of concern from some residents in close proximity to that location. We are exploring other possible locations for a port-a-potty.

4.4 Update on buildable lots on East Alamar (Tim Owens). Tim came to the MCA meeting in March to report on his concerns with the properties for sale on East Alamar, totaling 46 acres. Tim distributed a map showing the 7 properties that are currently for sale. Two of the properties are owned by the US government, but the other five are not. Tim believes that these properties are being positioned for development, based on some recent easements granted between the properties and conditional certificates of compliance that the properties have received. No one has filed for building permits yet, but Tim wants to keep us informed. Tim and Kevin have been working together to gather information about these properties. Tim suggests that the MCA approach the owners of the lots to ask about their intentions for the properties. He also suggests that we talk to the Santa Barbara Land Trust about the potential of them acquiring the properties to preserve as open space. Tim is also concerned about the need to have another exit from the Canyon on Palomino Rd, which is necessary but actually leans in favor of developing the land. Jean mentions that an investigation into a nearby property a few years ago yielded discovery of a water right-of-way, which would be worth looking into. The Board is concerned about dealing with multiple land owners, and about the possibility of proactively approaching the owners when no issue currently exists. Richard suggests that we approach the Santa Barbara Land Trust, and any other similar organization who might want to obtain the development rights to these properties, and suggest that they look into the properties. The MCA's Land Use Committee will work with Tim to look into this matter further.

4.5 County Fire chipping program (Ray). The information about brush clearance and chipping will go out to Canyon residents soon. There is a chipping date in early June.

5. New Business

5.1 Election of Board officers. The Board unanimously elects the current officers for another term.

5.2 Funding a sheriff's technician. We could solicit More Mesa and Cold Spring, in addition to Mission Canyon, to contribute to the cost of a sheriff's technician. The three neighborhoods could pay the sheriff's technician salary, and then be reimbursed by the money collected from parking tickets. We are concerned about the philosophical implications of paying the government for additional enforcement for our particular neighborhood. On the other hand, the increase in illegal parking is presenting a public safety hazard on Tunnel Rd and the Mission Canyon Heights neighborhood. The Board agrees to continue looking into solutions for this program, particularly asking Das to pursue having the City patrol it.

5.3 City of SB water rates. This was discussed in "Old Business" under

5.4 Public drainage infrastructure proposal (Kevin Snow). Kevin and Jean are meeting with Public Works on May 11 to discuss this further. They will provide a more detailed update at the June meeting.

5.5 Recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Committee. Barbara had some suggestions from a resident on Spyglass Ridge. The Committee is recommending: (1) to create parking spaces that are paved over and striped; (2) to create no parking on Tunnel Rd as you go downhill on the right hand side and pave and stripe the areas on the left hand side; (3) to create a walking/biking path along the side of Tunnel Road; and (4) to have more trash cans that are fastened down and are serviced by Marborg. A neighboring resident also suggested putting the bumps on the middle of the road to delineate the center line divider, but the Committee isn't sure how they feel about this suggestion. The Committee suggests stressing the danger of a lack of fire evacuation and pedestrians getting hit as a way to pressure the County to act on these recommendations.

Karl suggests that we write up this issue and our suggestions in a lengthy memo, which we submit to Das. This memo will also request a meeting with all the relevant County agencies. Richard makes a motion that we draft the memo as as "Action Plan" which the Board will approve and sign at the next meeting.

Barbara and Hugh suggest that someone films a video of what Tunnel Rd parking looks like on a typical weekend day.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Heritage Trail Association/Safe Passage (Erika Sharghi). The City of Santa Barbara opened a request for proposals from consultants to do engineering and design work for the bridge and the new pedestrian walkway. The City received no responses, and so they selected a consulting company on their own. The contract for this company is in development, but the company's identity is currently confidential.

An MHTA member reported that the stegosaurus wall was hit by a car again in April. This collision required some repairs to the wall.

The pedestrian and bicycle survey that was conducted in 2016 is complete.

MHTA members will hold some meetings to determine the best way to present this report to the City.

There was a walkabout with the 3rd District Supervisor on April 7. The Supervisor had a positive response to the plans. The walkabout with First District Supervisor Das Williams is scheduled for May 8.

Members of the MHTA and the Coalition met with Jill Zachary, the City Park Director to discuss concerns about signage and the barbed wire. They also learned that there is a report of the City Water System that is available at the City Library.

Members of the MHTA also met with the City Water Resources Director to emphasize that Parks & Rec should be handling this issue.

There is an olive grove clean up on June 3 from 9am - 12pm.

6.2 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)

6.3 MCA web cam

6.4 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura). If anyone has ideas for the upcoming newsletter, please submit them to Jean and Laurie G.

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: June 6, 2017, MacVeagh House