

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
August 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by President Karl Hutterer.
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Karl Hutterer, Laurie Dahl, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Kellam de Forest, Richard Solomon, Sandy Robertson, Jean Yamamura, Hugh Twibell, Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Erika Sharghi, Laurie Guitteau
 - 1.3. Guests: Mary Ellen Hoffman, Ronald Nye, Alex Mahto, Amanda Frost, Mary Ferner, Fran Galt, Paulina Conn, Tom Jacobs, Sue Adams, John Kay, Lanny Ebenstein, Sheila Snow, George and Elly Bajor, Nancy Bertelsen, Tim Owens, Larry Ragan, Howard ~~Wittaysch~~ Wittausch (HLAC Chairman), Heather Copp, Dave Copp, Grace Beer Sanders, Richard Sanders, Lorna Moore, Dan McGilbray, Barbara ~~Bonadayo~~ Bonadeo

2. Minutes of the June 6 meeting - approved as presented.

3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. Ray submitted this Report to the Board by email.

4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland).** Scheduled to begin renovations on September 5. There will be a briefing meeting for neighbors on August 24, where the general contractor will be present.

 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager).** The Garden will be hosting the annual Tails & Trails event on August 12. The Garden will ensure that they don't exceed capacity. The Garden has a small construction project underway (permitted under the Pritzlaff Conservation Center permit) of a horticultural garage. Construction should be completed before the end of August. A Tunnel Rd resident emailed Steve about alleged Botanic Garden botanists removing cape ivy but accidentally removing wild cucumber. These are not actually Botanic Garden botanists. The MCA will ask Steve to write up a brief article for the newsletter about this.
The Garden did an assessment of Red Flag days (that the Garden was required to close), and an attachment of such days is attached to Steve's email.

 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams on July 24th, 1 pm.** Ray met with Das Williams. Das reported that they have permission to get a sheriff's technician to patrol parking on Tunnel Rd., so that should be instituted shortly. Das also reported that he does not have an update on the Mission Canyon Rd washout repair, but he suggested that we contact Public Works to obtain further information. Ray informed Das that the Central Coast High Performance Alert System is temporarily on hold because of all the fires. Das raised the issue of

combining the fire/emergency and sheriff dispatch systems, but he prefers to have them separate. He would like some better coordination between the two systems, and is currently researching the Ventura system to determine how to best implement it here. They did not discuss the Office of Emergency Services, but suggested that it has a different purpose and is not an appropriate center for dispatch.

4.4 Update on buildable lots on East Alamar. Tim Owens gave an update on the buildable lots. Richard, Kevin, and Tim met to discuss this issue. They deduced not to approach the property owners at this point, but they planned to approach the Santa Barbara Land Trust to gauge interest. Tim is supposed to find an imaginary real estate investor to get more information on the properties, and Tim is supposed to do more research on the properties. Ray requests that Tim check with City and County to find out about an easement to create an additional escape route from Mission Canyon — via Palomino Rd.

4.5 Accessory Dwelling Units (Barbara). Barbara met with Public Works on this topic. They said that there have been several applications for accessory dwelling units in Mission Canyon but, because the Mission Canyon Community Plan prohibits it, ~~then~~ Public Works rejected these applications. Barbara suggests drafting a follow-up letter to the County on this issue, to ensure that it is included in County policy on this topic.

4.6 Public drainage infrastructure. Jean and Ray will look into this further to determine any action items for the MCA. Their meeting with Public Works was several months ago.

5. New Business

5.1 Proposal to landmark Rocky Nook Park.

The history of the MCA's dealings with Rocky Nook Park in recent years is as follows: In November 2015, the Deputy Director of SB Parks gave us a presentation to the MCA on various options for the Rocky Nook cottage. The MCA created a committee to look into the process.

The other issue that the MCA has addressed in recent years pertaining to the Rocky Nook Park is security. The Supervisors suggested that one room in the cottage be used by the Sheriff's Dept, to help ensure that the park is secure. The current issue was brought before the MCA because Fran Galt submitted a proposal to Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) to make the Rocky Nook cottage a historical landmark. This proposal went to the County Parks Commission. There was a public debate, and the Parks Commission eventually voted not to support the landmarking application. As such, it was not put on the HLAC's agenda. The HLAC investigated the impact of the landmarking application on the safe passage project, and vice versa, and decided that these two projects should remain separate. The HLAC is waiting to see if the MCA supports the application, or if there is a change of heart from the Parks Commission, before proceeding further. According to Howard Wittayseh

Wittausch (who sits on the HLAC), the HLAC unanimously supports the landmarking of Rocky Nook Park. The Coalition then emailed the MCA to get this issue on the MCA agenda, which brings us to tonight. There have been detailed maps created by members of HLAC designating what areas would be encompassed within the landmark designation. It is important to note that the designation can only include County areas (not City areas). The HLAC wants to only designate the park itself, and no surrounding stone walls or other landscaping / architecture. The landmark designation would exclude ~~numbers~~ some parts of the park — for example, only the stone foundations, but not the house itself, would be included. Alterations, repairs, and additions / changes are not included in historic landmark designations unless all plans are reviewed and approved by the HLAC, with reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary. The committee supporting the historic landmark designation thinks that the application needs to be resubmitted to the Parks Commission because the original map that they submitted included a small portion of City land in it, which made it ripe for rejection by the Parks Commission. The MCA has only seen Fran Galt's initial application for historic landmark designation, which was far more inclusive than what the new committee is proposing. Ronald Nye said that the operative document is the Resolution No. 2017 Declaring Rocky Nook Park A Historic Landmark, which the committee wants to submit to the Supervisors.

Richard suggests that the MCA take the position that we generally support the landmarking, insofar as it is not obstructionist of the safe passage project.

Howard ~~Wittayseh~~ Wittausch (of HLAC) suggests that we can't make a decision on this issue till the safe passage project is more concretely defined. There may still be significant changes to the safe passage project, as well as an environmental review which may necessitate additional changes.

The committee suggests that the MCA's support may encourage the Parks Commission to revisit the topic.

Karl attended the hearing with the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission seemed to take offense at the landmarking application, as though the application were suggesting that the Parks Commission had not done a good job taking care of the park thus far.

Some members of the MCA are concerned that Rocky Nook Park does not rise to the level necessary for the historic landmarking designation. Ronald Nye responds that the HLAC has nine criteria, and if a property meets even one of these criterion than it is eligible for historic landmarking designation. The committee believes that Rocky Nook Park meets five of the criteria.

Barbara requests that Mission Canyon residents who are attending this meeting explain their fears about changes to Mission Canyon that might result if the historic landmark designation does not go through. Meeting attendees raise the following concerns: Without the historic landmark designation..... (1) Future iterations of the safe passage project may encompass historic elements of Rocky Nook Park (extending eastward) that current versions of the safe passage project do not include — i.e. loss of stone curbing, loss of historic trees, encroachment into Rocky Nook Park. Ronald Nye reports that the stone curbing was put in in the 1930's, also there is an original bridge from the 1880's and then widening

from the 1930's; and (2) drafting (and approval by staff) of a final safe passage plan that the Mission Canyon community does not favor.

Karl clarifies that at present there is no plan for the expansion of the road and the bridge. Once there is a concrete plan, than the HLAC and the City's historic landmark commission will review it. Howard ~~Wittayseh~~ Wittausch states that the HLAC would like to sit down with the City's historic landmark commission to discuss their position on those parts of the safe passage project that are within the City. According to Ronald Nye, within the City there are several parks that have received the historic landmark designation, but none within the County.

All the Board members and guests introduce themselves.

Karl closes the discussion by requesting more information on the historic landmarking proposal — the final document that the committee plans to submit to the Supervisors. The HLAC will get this document to the Board. After we receive and discuss the document, then we will consider voting on whether to support the proposal or not. The Board will also get the Staff Reports / Meeting Minutes from the Parks Commission and Public Works.

5.2 Central Coast High Performance Alert System (Ray). There is no update on this since the June meeting. Ray is waiting to meet with Rob Hazard before proceeding further.

5.3 Recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Committee (Barbara). The Committee is meeting with Gary Smart (Public Works Traffic Engineer) and Das Williams' staff representative Cameron to discuss this issue later in August.

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 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.4 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.5 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)

6.6 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.7 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

6.8 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

6.9 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: September 5, 2017, MacVeagh House