

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
September 5, 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, Sandy Robertson, Jean Yamamura, Hugh Twibell, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Erika Sharghi
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Richard Solomon, Laurie Guitteau
 - 1.3. Guests: Steve Windhager, Luke Swetland
2. Minutes of the August 1 meeting — will be voted on at next month's meeting.
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. No treasurer's report this month.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)**. Sept 23-24 is the Museum's annual Art Walk. The Museum expects moderate attendance, but will take precautions for traffic and parking in the event of unusually high attendance. Schipper Construction began erecting construction fencing on the Museum's campus today. Because of the residential nature of the neighborhood, construction can't start until 8:00am.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)**. No major updates. There have been a few red flag days, but not problems. They have also had a few small weddings this month, and have not received any complaints from neighbors. The Garden had their first 'Dinner In The Redwoods' fundraising event this month, which sold out.
 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams on August 28, 1 pm**. Karl, Barbara, and Ray met with Das Williams. The details of that meeting will be spelled out in the applicable sections of the Minutes below.
 - 4.4 Accessory Dwelling Units (Barbara)**. Barbara sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission, emphasizing that the Mission Canyon Community Plan does not permit accessory dwelling units, and detailing the concerns specific to our neighborhood. Das suggested that we contact the First District Representative from the County Planning Commission, which Barbara will do. As of now, the Commission is declining all applications for ADU's that they receive for homes within Mission Canyon, but we want to ensure that it continues.

4.5 Public drainage infrastructure. Jean has contacted various Mission Canyon residents, but has not received any complaints about areas that need repair. There is no deadline on submitting requests for repair, so we will keep our ears open.

4.6 Proposal to landmark Rocky Nook Park. There is no update that we know of. Karl distributed the Historic Landmark Commission's proposal to the Board, but no further action has been taken thus far. The Parks Commission declined to endorse the Historic Landmark Commission's proposal, which has stalled the proposal. It will likely not move forward to the Board of Supervisors for a vote unless and until the Parks Commission endorses it. The Board discusses whether to send a letter to the Parks Commission / Board of Supervisors espousing the position that the landmarking effort must be kept separate from the MHTA's safe passage project. Alternatively, the Board could send a letter simply requesting that we are consulted prior to any further decision-making on the topic of landmarking Rocky Nook Park. It appeared from the comments at our last meeting that many of the community members who objected to the landmarking did not understand the connection between the effort to landmark Rocky Nook Park and the objections to the Safe Passage project. The Board discusses whether Rocky Nook Park rises to the level to deserve designation as a historic landmark. The Board further discusses the need to understand the Parks Commission's specific objections to the landmarking proposal, with the understanding that our community has much more of a vested interest in the park than the Parks Commission might. Kellam moves that the MCA write a letter to the Historic Landmarks Commission stating that the MCA has examined the draft resolution to designate Rocky Nook Park as a historic landmark and supports the resolution. Several members of the Board abstain, on the grounds that we don't have sufficient information to make an informed decision. The motion fails with the following vote count: 2 ayes, 7 neighs, 4 abstentions.

4.7 Central Coast High Performance Alert System (Ray). The Board discussed this with Das Williams at the August meeting. Because of the Whittier Fire, Ray has not been able to meet with Rob Hazard. In the meantime, Ray met with Mike Dyer who pointed out that 6 of the 9 flame sniffers still work, and he is in favor of expanding the flame sniffer program throughout the County. Ray believes that it will be very costly. Ray suggests that the County Fire Safe Council should consider the CCHPAS as an alternative to the flame sniffers, and the pros and cons of both systems should be presented by knowledgeable parties and debated by the Fire Safe Council. The Board will hold off on purchasing cameras until this issue is resolved.

4.8 Recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Committee (Barbara). Cameron Shook (Das William's office) and Gary Smart (engineer from Public Works) met with the Traffic and Parking Committee and walked Tunnel Rd. Gary Smart explained why several of the Committee's ideas won't work — downfall of putting in stripes for parking is that there is a minimum size (for very large cars) and they must have handicapped spaces. Gary Smart wasn't open to

the idea of not having parking on the righthand downhill side. He also suggested that the MCA could sponsor a porte-potty for a few months to gather data on how useful and expensive it would be — i.e. cost for porte-potty but also how frequently it needs to be pumped and how much it costs to pump it. The MCA could then present those numbers to Public Works and, if we could show that there is a need for it, then the County might pay for it. Barbara will call Marborg to find out the logistics and cost of temporarily putting in a porte-potty, and we will vote on it at the next meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Alarm Code – Cost recovery for false security alarms. This issue came up at the Board’s meeting with Das Williams. Das is trying to reorganize the Sheriff’s dispatch system — medical dispatch separate from public safety dispatch. Das suggested that after a certain number of false alarms, all further false alarms incur a charge payable to the County. Das is curious whether the MCA will support this proposal. He supports a low threshold (of false alarms), which would both discourage false alarms and raise more revenue for the County. Ray makes a motion that the MCA send a letter stating our support Das in having a County alarm code for cost recovery for excessive alarms. Upon further discussion, Karl discusses that we get more specifics from Das (number of false alarms that is excessive, amount of charge for excessive alarms). The City of Santa Barbara Police Department charges residents and businesses for false alarms.

5.2 County of SB marijuana regulation. The County is working on an ordinance to regulate marijuana, but it hasn’t gone very far. Das wanted to know if the MCA had any recommendation about what such an ordinance should say. Several Board members suggest regulations on the number of plants that can be grown in a private residence at any given time.

5.3 Constant Contact. The MCA is paying \$400 per year for Constant Contact, and we send 10-12 emails per year. One option is to give up Constant Contact, and use NextDoor instead. One problem with NextDoor is that they freely use members’ addresses.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Heritage Trail Association/Safe Passage (Erika Sharghi). The following is an update from the MHTA Meeting of 08/18/2017:

City of SB Bridge Project Process

Don Olson met with Rob Dayton, Transportation and Parking Manager, City of Santa Barbara Public Works. Rob indicated the initial scope of work contract under negotiation with the (unnamed) selected firm, was not successful. Subsequently, the Wallace Group out of SLO was contacted for the project. Dacey Morgan was named Project Manager. Public Works hopes to have the contract on the agenda for City Council approval around the 2nd week in November.

[The 'scope of work' mentioned above is to do a conceptual design for the entire bridge rehabilitation project]

Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic Safety Survey

Fred Sweeney provided Rob Dayton (City of SB Public Works) and Matt Dobberteen (County of SB Public Works) details of the Survey for review and determination when/how best to present to City Council/County Supervisors. It may be added to the November agenda.

Erika will get the details of the Survey to the MCA for our review as soon as possible.

Common Ground - Mission Historic Park Project Report

On June 3, MHTA and the Coalition group joined City of Santa Barbara Parks and Rec for a Volunteer Clean Up Day of the Reservoir. Tina Foss prepared guidelines on clean up of historical structures. There was considerable removal of vines from the fence and columns surrounding the reservoir.

City Community Infrastructure Improvement: Signage

The MHTA is undertaking a new project regarding City infrastructure repair, as it pertains to signage. Shelly Bookspan (MHTA) will be the liaison at the City's community infrastructure improvement meetings. She will attend the meetings and report back anything that will impact the Mission Canyon corridor.

Chronology of Bridge Project

Erika is volunteering to make a complete chronology of the history and current status of the bridge project, that is available to the public.

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). Barbara is concerned that the MCA gave \$10,000 to a start-up (3 years ago) for using goats for brush clearance in Mission Canyon. We will find out if there is an area of the Canyon where we could use goats for brush clearance, and contact the company accordingly.

6.9 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: October 3, 2017, 7:30pm at The MacVeagh House