

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting of the
Board of Directors

Board members present: Karl Hutterer, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Hugh Twibell, Barbara Lindemann, Sandy Robertson, Kellum de Forest, Kevin Snow, Richard Solomon

Guests: Luke Swetland, MNH

1. Karl called the meeting to order; all's well.
2. Minutes of the August 1 and Sept. 5 meetings were approved unanimously as modified ("Ferner" to "Furner" and Ms. Shunk is a District Representative)
3. The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote. We have a cash balance of \$52,434 on hand (a suggestion that the Board schedule a retreat at some exotic location was ruled out of order).
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History: Luke reported that construction has begun and no problems have been reported.
 - 4.2 Botanic Gardens: Steve was not present so no report. The issue of a new cell phone tower was raised. A motion passed unanimously to send a letter to the Garden urging it to allow a new tower/antenna to be erected on its property in a suitable location.
 - 4.3 Meeting with Supervisor Williams: MCA reps discussed (a) an incident of marijuana growing in the Canyon which may have contributed to a fire; the County, however, has little discretion here other than normal policing, although proposed County regulations will track State law in terms of outdoor growing and maximum number of plants (6). (b) false alarm codes: these come primarily from private home alarm systems and are a burden on the emergency system; the County is developing an ordinance to allow a minimum number of false alarms and then charging for false alarms over that number. (c) County emergency dispatch system: the possibility of consolidating some dispatch services (between Sheriff and Fire Departments) is being discussed.
 - 4.4 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Barbara reported that the County adopted an ordinance, consistent with State law, that the Mission Canyon Community Plan's prohibition of ADUs is recognized.

4.5 Proposed Landmarking of Rocky Nook Park: County Departments (Parks and HLC) have put this on hold for now until a formal design involving changes to historical landmarks is proposed.

4.6 Central Coast High Performance Alert System: Ray reported that this project is in progress. The MCA had voted to buy two cameras to be integrated into the new dispatch system which would provide significantly better “visuals” of a fire in progress. Work on this has been delayed because of the recent fires.

4.7 Traffic and Parking Committee recommendations: Barbara reported on the perennial Tunnel Road trailhead problems. Marborg will charge \$98/month for a portable toilet near the trailhead, plus a \$27 delivery and pickup fee, and a \$700 replacement fee if the toilet is vandalized, destroyed, etc. The fee includes a weekly cleaning. The Committee recommends that MCA pay for a 3-month trial; passed unanimously.

4.8 Alarm Codes: this item was discussed under 4.3, above.

There was no new business and no additional committee reports. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Solomon
Acting Secretary