

Mission Canyon Association
AGENDA
November 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by President Karl Hutterer.
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Karl Hutterer, Alex Feldwinn, Ray Smith, Hugh Twibell, Barbara Lindemann, Laurie Dahl, Kevin Snow, Kellam de Forest, Laurie Guitteau, Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Darby Feldwinn, Richard Solomon, Sandy Robertson, Jean Yamamura, Erika Sharghi
 - 1.3. Guests: Steve Windhager, Tim Owens
2. Minutes of the October 3 meeting - approved with the following modification: We need to correct the proper name of Das William's district representative Cameron Schunk (male).
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith. No report this month.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland).** Luke sent an email update. The Museum is inviting everyone to Supak'a: Sharing Chumash Culture, Sat Nov 11, 10:00am - 4:00pm.
The annual Tribal Arts Sale is cancelled this year, but several premier vendors have items for sale at the Museum's store.
This is the third month of renovations. No neighborhood issues have been raised to date, and the majority of the heavy earthwork is now finished. The Museum remains open and active during the entire renovation.
A new exhibit of Audubon's Mammals of North America just opened in the Museum's Maximus Art Gallery.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager).** Last weekend was the first Fall Family Day at the Garden. Over 225 kids attended, and it was a successful day. The Garden staff didn't notice any illegal parking on Mission Canyon Road. The Garden put in its application again for revisions to its CUP, including an allocation for more large-attendance events per year during March or April (the most fire safe months of the year).
 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams on October 23.** Ray, Barbara, Karl, and Laurie G met with Das. All of the items that they discussed will be included in the following agenda items.
 - 4.4 Proposal to landmark Rocky Nook Park.** There is a committee of the HLAC that has not had any further meetings. Karl needs to contact the HLAC to get on the list, so that if there is a meeting he will be alerted.

4.5 Central Coast High Performance Alert System (Ray). Jamie (UCSB) lost his PG&E grant after the Santa Rosa fires. We still need to find the money to make the Central Coast High Performance Alert System happen. PG&E and San Diego Gas & Electric are pushing a State Senate bill to allow them to pass the cost of recovering from wildfires, that may have been caused by those companies, onto their users. Additionally, Ray presented to the City Council stating that the MCA was in support of the fire chiefs' proposal to change the dispatch system — to make police dispatch separate from emergency and fire dispatch. The Fire Safe Council also voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

4.6 Recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Committee (Barbara). Marborg has put in a port-a-potty, thanks to Barbara and Ray. If we get beyond the three month period and confirm that it is working, then we have some community volunteers who are willing to build a wooden frame around it to camouflage it.

On red flag days, Laurie G counted 39 cars parked, facing uphill below the red flag sign. This issue will be in the upcoming MCA newsletter. MCA recommended to Das Williams that there is no parking on all of Tunnel Rd on red flag days. Das was worried that this would pose a problem for residents who needed to use some of the street parking, and that this would cause hikers to park in the Mission Canyon Heights neighborhood. The Forest Service is not allowed to close the trails, even for red flag days. Ray will bring this up at the Fire Safe Council's January meeting.

Also, there has been an increasing problem with cars coming down Tunnel Rd. not stopping at the three-way intersection with Mission Canyon Road. We will suggest that they have a policeman giving tickets.

4.7 Alarm Code – Cost recovery for false security alarms. There is no update.

4.8 County of SB marijuana regulation. There is no update.

4.9 Orange Grove drain connection. This seems to be finished, pending a few issues between neighbors.

4.10 Mission Canyon Road repair. The road repair bid is tentatively granted to the lowest contractor bid — Shaw Contracting in Carpinteria. This is contingent on the Board of Supervisors' approval of the bid, which is on their agenda for the November 14 meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Annual meeting 2018: date (April 10) and program. The MCA wants to invite several fire experts from a group at _____ School, including Max Morts, Sarah Anderson, and Andrew Plantegan. Ray attended their presentation about fires and human behavior. We will also invite Eric Peterson to the Annual Meeting. The focus of the Annual Meeting will be fire prevention and safety.

5.2 After the Santa Rosa Fires. The MCA Newsletter that is coming out next week will be largely centered on fire prevention and safety.

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). There is an ongoing issue on Ben Lomond Drive. A homeowner is trying to turn a 1,900 sq. ft house into a 3,600 sq. ft house, mostly on the second floor. The BAR seems to be ignoring the Mission Canyon Community Plan guidelines. The BAR has not approved the project yet, but it keeps telling the homeowner to make minor size reductions to the project and come back with new architectural plans. This has been going on for 2 years, with 7-8 review meetings. There are 8 neighbors who have been present at every meeting on record in opposition to the project. Kevin and Tim want the MCA's authority to recommend to the BAR (on behalf of the MCA) that the BAR mandate that the homeowner either downsizes the project to a reasonable size, or the BAR will deny it. The BAR has not yet referenced the Mission Canyon Community Plan guidelines at all, or suggested that the homeowner should comply with them. The Board votes and unanimously passes a motion that the MCA write a letter to the BAR explaining the history and importance of the Mission Canyon Community Plan guidelines, and the failures of the current project in this regard. The next BAR meeting pertaining to this project is on November 17. Kevin will draft a letter in this regard and then seek input and approval from the remaining MCA board members, and this letter will be submitted to the BAR by noon on November 16. The letter will also attach a copy of the MCCP design guidelines.

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: December 5, 2017, MacVeagh House