

Mission Canyon Association
Minutes
Oct. 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order & introductions
 - 1.1 Board Members Present: Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Ray Smith, Karl Hutterer, Barbara Lindemann, Jean Yamamura, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Erika Sharghi, Sandy Robertson
 - 1.2 Board Members Absent: Laurie Guitteau, Kellam de Forest, Richard Solomon
 - 1.3 Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager
2. Minutes of the September meeting: Approved Unanimously
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith
 - 3.1 We started with approximately \$60,000 in reserve. The larger expenses were ~\$6000 for a webcam, ~\$2000 for brush clearing, ~ \$1000 Officers and Director Liability insurance. Ending with approximately \$48,000 in reserve. It was proposed that we invest a portion of the money to collect interest while it was not being used, but not such that it was inaccessible.
M, Barbara, 2nd Jean, passed unanimously: We invest \$30,000 in CDs that are staggered. Ray can decide how. Jason wanted to know if there was ever a time that we needed more than \$20,000, no one could remember. In a CD, if there is an emergency we can pull it out and we would just lose interest.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke)
 - 4.1.1 Butterflies were well received. Tribal market place will be the first week in December. Backyard and clubhouse now open. Hugh asked Luke to trim the hedge on corner of Puesta Del Sol and Mission Canyon. Luke will look at it with the gardener.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve)
 - 4.2.1 The Garden got the conditional use permit submitted to the county but the staff wanted some clarifications. They think they will be completed this time and be able to move to next step. They are figuring out if the updated CUP will be an amendment or revision, because one goes to just staff and other goes to planning commission. Steve met with neighbors about concerns regarding the plan for construction. Neighbors brought up issues with blocking the uphill side of the road. Steve said he would look into the possibility of a turn lane into the parking lot.
 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams (Jason, Ray, Laurie)
 - 4.3.1 Ray, Barbara, and Jason met with Das Williams. Additional Dwelling Units and Short Term Rentals were discussed, along with a fire report. Jason will seek clarification of the county's policies.

4.4 Efforts to add Verizon service to the Canyon (Sandra)

4.4.1 Sandy spoke with Robert Lewin, County Office of Emergency Services, who said that basically the Garden said “No” to the suggestion that a cell tower be placed in the high part of the Pritzlaff Conservation Center, so the plan was dropped. Steve said 1/3 of botanical garden’s staff was worried about it and we would need to do education to get it up to 70% if we were going to do it. The fire department would support it and suggested that we ask the botanical gardens to reevaluate. Sandy will look into why the option of placing small transmitters on telephone and power poles is not cost effective.

4.5 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika)

4.5.1 They are finalizing contract with The Wallace Group. They have hired a community relations liaison/spokesperson/outreach etc.: Kirsten Ayers. Construction may begin as early as 2021. Mayor is for the project. Erika brought up that the City of Santa Barbara has adopted “Vision Zero Plan 2030” in an effort to eliminate all traffic fatalities, etc. A map with where fatalities have happened will be updated quarterly. Mission Rd. is number five on their list of priorities out of 23.

4.6 Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon – N/A

4.7 Increase in City of SB water and sewage rates – N/A

4.8 Short-term rentals (Jason/Kevin)

4.8.1 The ordinance has already passed. Will require yearly permit. Owner occupied only. Anti-nuisance ordinance will be the primary way to enforce this and will be up to the community to police.

5. New Business

5.1 Order of note-takers for the next 12 months

5.1.1 Darby will be on for November

5.2 Discussion of new Board member

5.2.1 Barbara nominates Nancy Weiss; she has lived on upper Mission Canyon for 20 years. **Barbara moved to offer Nancy Weiss a board seat. Ray seconded. Welcomed unanimously.**

5.3 SCE upgrades and moving power lines underground

5.3.1 New power poles are going in and some neighbors (on Ben Lomond) are concerned that their views are being blocked. Das suggests getting a group of people together to find out how much it cost to go underground and then share the cost of putting wires underground in their own limited section. Board members noted that Edison might have a fund for undergrounding and neighborhoods can queue up to get in line for that. Barbara will follow up with the Supervisor’s office. Karl too.

5.4 Barbara brought up the idea of creating a car decal for Mission Canyon residents like one used 15-20 years ago. Perhaps a fun perk of paying your

dues? Jean will ask our graphic artist to help with this, look into pricing, and report back.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith) – N/A

6.2 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura) – N/A

6.3 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell) – N/A

6.4 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann) – N/A

6.5 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow) – N/A

6.6 Membership (Laurie Guitteau) – N/A

6.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

6.7.1 Rob Hazzard presented a plan and the Board of Supervisors wanted it to be more specific. Ray sent out the presentation to all board members. The plan not a specific proposal so CEQA does not apply. Eastern Goleta Valley Wildfire protection plan – same, make it specific. Everyone voted for it and asked them to keep going. Final CWPP expected in a month or two. Urban Creeks people walked out of the process. They felt that the CWPP did not talk enough about hardening buildings.

6.8 Web site (Alex Feldwinn) – N/A

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Lindemann, Secretary, with thanks to Alex Feldwinn

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on November 6, 2018, MacVeagh House