

Mission Canyon Association Minutes
December 4, 2018

1. Call to order and introductions. Jason welcomed Nancy to the board.
 - 1.1 Board Members Present: Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Ray Smith, Karl Hutterer, Barbara Lindemann, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Sandy Robertson, Laurie Guitteau, Nancy Weiss, Kellam DeForest
 - 1.2 Board Members Absent: Jean Yamamura, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Richard Solomon, Erika Sharghi,
 - 1.3 Guests: Steve Windhager, Malcolm Hamilton and Dana Hoffenberg, Water Resource Specialists from Santa Barbara Public Works

2. Minutes approved - Nancy abstained

5. New Business
 - 5.1 Malcolm Hamilton gave a presentation of the City of Santa Barbara's Water and Wastewater Rate Development. A copy of his presentation will be sent to all board members.

The Water System includes Cachuma, Gibraltar, 13 reservoirs, 12 pump stations, 9 groundwater wells as well as the DeSal Plant. Cater and Ostero Treatment Plant capture all of the water and purify it.

Rate Development depends on the revenue requirement and includes:
Cost of service
Rate design
Fixed Charges (based on meter size) vs Variable Charges (based on usage)
The City is required to provide Mission Canyon water based on a 1912 agreement. Mission Canyon no longer pays more than city residents.

Wastewater
Prior to 1982, Mission Canyon wastewater was all private septic tanks. The County built the sewers in the lower part of Mission Canyon and in 2015 asked the City to combine billing for the sewer with the water bills.

Community Engagement
There will be a policy discussion with City's Water Commission on Dec. 20 at 9:00 am in David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.
Water Rate study to begin in July 2019 and the City is inviting the community to participate. All community members are encouraged to reach out to staff with billing and policy questions.

 - 5.2 Laurie Guitteau reported that she will contact Rockwood about holding our annual meeting there because Fleischmann Auditorium is undergoing a major renovation. Various topics were discussed, and Ray Smith is working on getting a speaker.

 - 5.3 Barbara and Hugh discussed the ADU issues on Arriba Way. Both are advising the concerned property owners.

4. Old Business

4.2 Steve invited board members to attend the meeting sponsored by Friends of Mission Canyon this Sunday, December 9. A discussion followed of the actual changes being requested.

4.3 Luke reported by email to President Saltoun-Ebin:

We just completed our Tribal Arts Sale this weekend and I was on site nearly the entire time and was not aware of any issues impacting the neighbors.

I do know that on Saturday, the artists that rent the Kay property around the corner from the Museum on Mission Canyon Road did their third annual art sale event, Poetics of the Handmade. This event held during the day resulted in many cars parking along Mission Canyon Road, pedestrians crossing the road outside of crosswalks, some noise, etc... I have reached out to John Kay to let him know what I witnessed and to express our concerns about the way in which this event was handled and scheduled.

I alerted John that the Museum coordinates with the Garden and Rockwood and we avoid doing large attendance events on the same day to minimize traffic and parking pressure in the Canyon and thus, this pseudo private event scheduled over the Museum's event raises possible issues should an evacuation have been needed. I let John know I would be happy to chat further.

I hope everyone visits the Museum's Butterfly Pavilion over the holidays. The live butterflies are gone, but the Pavilion has been dressed in Holiday attire and is a beautiful space for taking family photos. And Santa visits the Pavilion on Saturday the 15th.

We expect to be busy over the holidays when school is out and tourism boosts up for Santa Barbara – but do not anticipate any issues.

4.4 Sandy reported that she had spoken with a Verizon representative about the possibility of putting cell towers on existing utility poles. The Verizon representative would like to come to a meeting to explain the options. Sandy and Jason will work to find an appropriate date.

4.6 Barbara reported that she had gathered some information from Supervisor Williams assistant on efforts to bury power lines, but it was discouraging. Landowners vote to create an assessment district to fund undergrounding. They are then responsible for the costs of a CEQU analysis and the cost of hiring applicable engineers for the project. Another source of funding is provided by the CA Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20. Rule 20A allocates funds to counties and cities to underground overhead electric and telecommunication infrastructure. The program began in 1967. The county has exercised its option to accumulate monies provided by Rule 20. Those funds are committed for the next 10 years. In any event, Rule 20A traditionally applies to non-residential arteries that are used for commercial traffic too, so Mission Canyon would not qualify.

4.7 Ray reported that MCA had bought a 1 year CD of \$10,000 at .15%.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Guitteau

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lindemann, Secretary