



Mission Canyon Association - MINUTES - 11/12/24, 7:30 p.m.
by Alex Feldwinn

1. Call to order & introductions (Nancy Weiss)
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Hugh Twibell, Hutch Axilrod, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jason Jewel, Nancy Weiss, and Selden Edner
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Kevin Snow
 - 1.3. Guests: Steve Windhager, Druyan Byrne, Amy Carpenter, Maya Upton, Daniel Sweeney

2. **Motion:** Accept October Minutes
 - 1st: Hutch Axilrod
 - 2nd: Selden EdnerAll approved

3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Geneva Lovett
N/A

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Amy Carpenter (COO)
 - For the first time since March of 2020 they are now open 7 days per week 10-5 pm.
 - Planetarium shows mon-thurs evening.
 - Construction is almost complete, they just need a double-door to be installed. First time since 2015 with no construction.
 - They have hired an outside security firm (Premier Security) to do security for them they will reevaluate at the end of the year. Security is there from 5 pm until 10 pm.

5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager
 - Last weekend was the kick off to the planting season. You can come by to pick up your native plants.
 - There will be a ribbon cutting for the Tripton Trail on Friday 11/15 at 3 pm then they will do a walk to the top of the trail. This is the first trail they have added since 2000.
 - They are getting ready for Christmas time. It is usually pretty slow except between Christmas and New Year.
 - They are finishing up the Fehr and Peers traffic study. But it seems to be very similar to the 2006 study. They will give out the full report when it becomes available.

6. Treasurer's report: Selden Edner
Motion: Accept Treasurer's report
1st: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

2nd: Hugh Twibell
All approved

We still have 2 CDs. These mature in 2 to 3 months and the next one 2 to 3 months afterwards. Selden will look into interest rates to see if we want to stay with Montecito Bank and Trust

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Statement of Financial Position

As of October 31, 2024

		TOTAL
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Checking (MB&T) # 2703		4,649.94
MB&T CD # 4060		30,851.86
MB&T CD #5804		20,640.60
PayPal Bank		0.00
Total Bank Accounts		\$56,142.40
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds		0.00
Total Other Current Assets		\$0.00
Total Current Assets		\$56,142.40
TOTAL ASSETS		
\$56,142.40		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Equity		61,894.68
Retained Earnings		-3,486.44
Net Revenue		-2,265.84
Total Equity		\$56,142.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
\$56,142.40		

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Statement of Activity by Month

April - October, 2024

	APR 2024	MAY 2024	JUN 2024	JUL 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2024	OCT 2024	TOTAL
Revenue								
Membership Dues	3,208.50	905.00	710.00	280.00	80.00			\$5,183.50
Total Revenue	\$3,208.50	\$905.00	\$710.00	\$280.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,183.50
GROSS PROFIT								
	\$3,208.50	\$905.00	\$710.00	\$280.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,183.50
Expenditures								
Bookkeeping	85.00		63.75					\$148.75
Charitable Contributions			1,000.00				2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Directors and officer's liability					1,284.00			\$1,284.00
Mutt Mitts	434.88							\$434.88
Office Expense			350.00					\$350.00
PayPal Fees	9.57	1.89						\$11.46
PO Box Fees			200.00					\$200.00
Portable Toilet	212.95	212.95	212.95	212.95	425.90	21.55		\$1,299.25
Software	55.00	55.00		110.00	130.00	130.00	65.00	\$545.00
Supplies & Materials	58.11	295.21	313.03					\$666.35
Trash and Recycling				90.44		21.55	21.55	\$133.54
Waste Disposal	216.14	85.46						\$301.60
Website Hosting						328.81		\$328.81
Total Expenditures	\$1,071.65	\$650.51	\$2,139.73	\$413.39	\$1,839.90	\$501.91	\$2,086.55	\$8,703.84
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$2,136.85	\$254.49	\$-1,429.73	\$-133.39	\$-1,759.90	\$-501.91	\$-2,086.55	\$-3,520.14
Other Revenue								
Donations Received				244.00				\$244.00
Interest Earned	146.31	142.24	147.25	142.68	175.77	184.33	71.72	\$1,010.30
Total Other Revenue	\$146.31	\$142.24	\$147.25	\$386.68	\$175.77	\$184.33	\$71.72	\$1,254.30
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$146.31	\$142.24	\$147.25	\$386.68	\$175.77	\$184.33	\$71.72	\$1,254.30
NET REVENUE	\$2,283.16	\$396.73	\$-1,282.48	\$253.29	\$-1,584.13	\$-317.58	\$-2,014.83	\$-2,265.84

7. New Business

- 7.1 Guest: Maya Upton: Lives on Las Canoas road abutting the botanical gardens; has been in the Canyon for many years. Mainly concerned about fires. Is interested in helping Jason Jewell with his work on building community in lower mission canyon.

Daniel Sweeney lives on Cheltenham Road. Has been there since 2014. Is interested in beautification issues such as utility undergrounding.

Druyen Byrne lived in Mission Canyon most of his life. Is interested in what is happening in Mission Canyon and is interested in keeping it with its historic vibe. He is also interested in revisiting the community plan to make sure that the County is enforcing the recommendations.

Amy lives on Puesta Del Sol and Mission Canyon. Works at the museum and is passionate about the safety in Mission Canyon.

Board nominations

Druyan and Amy are interested in joining the board.

Bio from Druyan

I spent my childhood climbing the tall cedars that once lived near my home on Tornoe Road, hopping from tree-to-tree, trying to travel as far as I could without touching the ground. My love of nature was instilled by growing up in the middle of it, with Rattlesnake Canyon as my gateway into the wilderness, to which I travelled as often as I could—a habit that continues to this day.

After graduating from SBHS, I majored in acting and dance at UCSB, and from there moved to LA, then to London pursuing my acting, directing, filmmaking, and photography careers. After living in Europe, I moved back to Santa Barbara when my grandparents reached an age when they needed care. They left me their wonderful little stone house, and my son is happy to be the 5th generation to live in it.

Communities such as ours, on the borderlands of the wilderness... a buffer-zone between the city and the forest, are very special and wonderful, but also very fragile. As a desirable place to live, development is inevitable, and it is important

to make sure that we accept change with care and consideration for the environment and the spirit of the existing community.

My interest in joining the MCA board is to do whatever possible to help protect what we treasure: Access to nature, wildlife, peacefulness, the 'dark sky', the safety of the families that live here, and preserving the character of Mission Canyon.

Bio from Amy

Amy Carpenter started her career in retail and made her mark as the technical clothing buyer and manager of a local apparel and boating supply store. After working for several chain stores she found her home at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and is currently the Chief Operating Officer. She worked her way up, starting at the Museum 2001 as the Museum Store Manager/Buyer. Shortly after was promoted to Manager of Visitor Services. Her success story includes creating temporary exhibit stores, high standards of customer service and unforgettable events. After volunteering on several nonprofit committees as an event planner, in 2007 Amy and a museum friend started an event design business. After five fun and profitable years of events, it was time to focus on museum work. In 2013 she was promoted to Director of Visitor Services. She was managing the Museum admissions office, store and buyer for the Sea Center and Museum stores. Amy has earned her merit badge in many museum divisions from designing exhibits to fundraising galas and events. In January of 2020 she was promoted to Director of Operations and in March of 2020 found that pivoting was her strength and assisted in navigating the Museum through the pandemic and in 2021 became the COO. Amy values include integrity and making each day better than the last. Her love for natural history began in childhood, hiking and biking the local hills of Santa Barbara. She lives on the Museum property in a 130 year old house (2539 Puesta del Sol) with her husband and Boston Terrier Pip.

Living on the corner of Mission Canyon and Puesta del Sol for the last 23 years, Amy can offer firsthand experience and observations on the accidents and near misses in the bottle neck of the canyon. With daily dog walks, she is very interested in making the neighborhood safer for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Motion: Elect Druyan Byrne and Amy Carpenter to be MCA board members

1st: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

2nd: Jason Jewell

All approved

- 7.2 Nancy reached out to Senator Monique Limon (or someone from her office) to see if they could make a presentation about insurance. This is preliminarily scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 3 at 7:30 with Rob Obedoza (outreach analyst for CA Dept of Insurance).

Alex will send out an email blast to invite anyone that is interested in the Canyon to attend. If we have a few business items we can start up to 30 minutes early. There are a lot of people with questions about the Fair Plan.

- 7.3 Request from Claudia Schou to join Committee re: utility poles/wires undergrounding

Claudia wants to see if a board member will go to a meeting with incoming Supervisor Roy Lee with her. She wants to explore how to reduce the utility lines and see how hard it is to underground utilities. This project is in the preliminary stages and not developed yet. Things that need to be thought about: the cost, who is going to pay for it, what are the options. Claudia is looking for people who are interested in joining her for this project. Daniel Sweeney and Druyan Byrne are interested in connecting with Claudia.

- 7.4 We might want to start talking about cell service in the Canyon again. Might add this to the agenda in February or March.

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. Newsletter: Jason Saltoun-Ebin (Chair), Hutch Axilrod, Druyan Byren

- A newsletter came out last week.
- If people have ideas for a newsletter in the spring send them to Jason S.

- 8.2. Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell

- N/A

- 8.3. Parking & Traffic: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

- N/A

- 8.4. Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow (Chair), Hugh Twibell and Druyan Byrne

- The 505 Los Olivos property has until November 20th to make their application complete. Currently it is not complete.
- Several organizations (MHTA, Upper East Side, Riviera) are sending a letter to oppose it.

- 8.5. Membership: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

- N/A

- 8.6. Fire Committee: Selden Edner(Chari) and Ray Smith

- Prop 4 (which passed in the last election) with long term funding for water quality and fire resilience. This will continue the ability of grant funding

that the Fire Safe Council has been successful at getting for chipping, and clearing.

- 8.7. Website: Alex Feldwinn
 - N/A
- 8.8. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss (Chair), Selden Edner, Barbara Lindemann, Marc Chytilo, Steve Windhager, and Dillon Oselger
 - The county started working on paving some of the areas that hikers park in along Tunnel Road with a portion of the SCE compensation money.
 - More work will be done in the spring to make a walking path.
 - The Tunnel trail reopened on Nov 9th.
 - SCE will come back next July to do more creek restoration.
 - They will start planting and seeding as part of their restoration work next week but the trail will not be closed.
 - The compensation funding for creating a larger turn around at the trailhead in front of the water tower (overseen by the city) will occur, but not until SCE is completely done so they do not destroy the paving with heavy equipment.
 - There will be a site tour of the trail led by SCE on Monday the November 25th from 10 am -1 pm, all are invited to come.
- 8.9. MHTA/Historic Bridge Liaison: Jason Jewel and Amy Carpenter
 - MHTA is focused on adding a separate pedestrian bridge (on the west side of the historic bridge). This will cost 3 or 4 million dollars. They are trying to get money for this.

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on December 3, 2024, via Zoom