

**Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
May 1, 2018, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order & introductions
Members present: Richard Solomon, Hugh Twibell, Kevin Snow, Sandy Robertson, Ray Smith, Kellam De Forest, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Karl Hutterer, Barbara Lindemann
Members absent: Laurie Dahl, Laurie Guitteau, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Erika Sharghi, Jean Yamamura
Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Steve Timbrook, Jan Timbrook, Lanny Ebenstein, Jules Zimmer, Carolyn Cogan, Nancy Hutterer, Vasanti Fithian, Cyndi Burns, Paulina Conn, John Greynald, Holly Clement, Lorna Moore, Fran Galt, Rosanne Crawford
2. The minutes of the March 6 meeting were unanimously approved as amended: change the spelling of the (Deputy Director of Transportation) Chris Snead to Sneddon.
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)
The construction is expected to be completed in three months. The Annual Gala will be held in Fleischmann Auditorium on May 5. The summer show of National Geographic photos opens on May 26. Renovated galleries will open on June 1.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)
The SBBG brought before the Board the CUP requests that MCA approved in the past. ((See attached.)
 - 4.3 Meeting with Das Williams
Karl Hutterer and Barbara Lindemann met with Supervisor Williams April 23rd. Das reported that the Board approved 12 Sheriff's technician positions for the next fiscal year. One has already been hired and is active in Isla Vista. A second hire is expected soon. It is doubtful that the remaining 10 will be hired.
In reference to clearing of brush on private property, Das said that the city fire department can enforce the regulations effectively because the city has a special district fee added onto the property tax. The fire department can clear brush to meet the clearance requirements and bill the homeowner. Das will talk with Brigade Chief Rob Hazard to see what more can be done in Mission Canyon to ensure that homeowners make the required brush clearance.
 - 4.4 Letter to Botanic Garden re cell tower
Now that Ray Smith has returned from vacation, he and Karl Hutterer will write to the Botanic Garden in support of a cell tower on their property.
 - 4.5 Large vehicle traffic on Tunnel and Mission Canyon Roads
Gary Smart, County Traffic Engineer, has been in contact with MCA about better signs warning that there is no turn-around for large trucks. Likely the

sign at Las Canoas warning against taking large trucks on the road will be moved south to the intersection with Tunnel Rd.

4.6 Brush Cleanup MOU with Fire Department

Ray Smith reported that the MOU has not yet been signed; the agreement is that the County Fire Department will do chipping every year and share the cost with MCA. This year the chipping is scheduled to start on May 29 and last 2-3 days. Homeowners will be told via MCAs email how to put out brush for the fire department to chip. Annual cost to MCA is between \$2,000-5,000 /year. Our MCA dues pay for this service.

5. New Business

5.1 Election of Officers

Jason Saltoun-Ebin President:
Vice-President: Laurie Guitteau
Secretary: Laurie Dahl
Treasurer: Ray Smith
A Past President: Barbara Lindemann

M to approve: Richard Solomon **S** Ray Smith **Carried** Unanimously

5.2 Committee Assignments

See committee list below.

After discussion, the Board voted for the following two changes:

- (1) Remove Victor Schumacher (diseased) from the Architecture Design Review Committee and (2) Eliminate the Mission Heritage Trail Committee

M Richard Solomon **S** Sandy Robertson, **Unanimous**

In discussion the Board members agreed that a representative from the Mission Heritage Trail Association and one from the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon would be welcome at each meeting to report on the deliberations of their organizations. This would be a regular agenda item.

5.3 Accessory Dwelling Units in Mission Canyon?

Supervisor Williams asked the Board's opinion about allowing ADUs in the part of Mission Canyon below Route 192. The Board of Supervisors will be taking up this issue soon and Das is expecting much debate. The Mission Canyon Community Plan does not allow new secondary dwelling units because of the danger to inhabitants in fire evacuation situations, given narrow winding roads and few evacuation routes. State regulations are quite permissive to encourage more housing stock, but exemptions already granted, as in the MCCP can be allowed.

After vigorous discussion of the pros and cons, the following motion was adopted.

In response to Supervisor Williams request that we consider permitting Secondary Dwelling Units as an exception to the Mission Canyon

Community Plan for the area below Route 192, we oppose permitting ADUs in the County area of Mission Canyon below Route 192.

M Kevin Snow S Sandy Robertson

Yays 6 Nays 4

Motion carried

5.4 Concerns about Mission Canyon/Tunnel Rd. intersection

There are frequent near collisions at this intersections as those driving south on Mission Canyon Road do not stop for, or do not see, vehicles approaching from the south. Suggestions included speed bumps, better enforcement of the stop sign, both at Tunnel Rd and at Mission Canyon, and a sign warning southbound vehicles on Mission Canyon Rd. that “approaching traffic does not stop.”

Barbara Lindemann will talk with Gary Smart about possible solutions.

5.5 Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon

Lanny Ebenstein presented the recommendations of the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon and distributed printed copies to members of the Board. He asked that MCA take a position against widening of the Historic Bridge at the entrance to Mission Canyon.

Since Dr. Ebenstein requested to make a presentation to the Board for information purposes, general comments from the public were not accepted. Board members pointed out that MCA has not taken a stand for or against widening of the bridge, and will do so when there are specific proposals available. Then it will seek information from advocates for and against widening, if widening should be recommended.

The chair invited the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon to give a regular report at our meetings.

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)

Kevin Snow reported that the County Board of Architectural Review rejected an application for a remodel on Ben Lomond because, among other considerations, it did not adhere to key elements of the Mission Canyon 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)

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Lindemann, Acting Secretary