

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**Feb. 5, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**

**Board members present:** Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Ray Smith, Dary Feldwin, Alex Feldwin, Kevin Snow, Kellam de Forest, Hugh Twibell, Erika Sharghi, Sandra Robertson, Nancy Weiss, Jean Yamamura

**Guest:** Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Lanny Ebenstein,

**1. Call to order & introductions**

Jason Saltoun-Ebin brought the meeting to order. Guest speakers from Arriba Way and the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon. Arriba Way guest speaker unable to attend but sent in comments via email.

**2. Minutes of the January meeting**

2.1 Hugh motioned, Ray seconded Passed unanimously

**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)*

Repair work on auditorium begins next week. Neighbors within 300 feet notified with letter. Mostly work will be on the interior but at some point roof will be replaced and the exterior will be repainted. The inside of the auditorium will be redone: refinish the floors; paint; h-vac system; lighting; acoustics. It will basically look the same but upgraded.

*4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve)*

Steve is asking the MCA for an updated letter of support for the proposed changes to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Proposed CUP Operational Plan revisions. Changes have actually already been supported by the MCA as all the BG is doing now is removing some of the requested items that the MCA already approved. Thus, the request is really a request to renew the MCA's support. Steve reviewed the items to be removed. Motion made to provide the BG with an updated letter consistent with the proposed changes. Passed unanimously. (Jason Saltoun-Ebin provided the BG a new letter of support dated 2/13/19 – see attached.)

*4.3 Meeting with Das Williams*

Ray and Barbara and Jason met with Das Williams and his staff to clarify the rules regarding Accessory Dwelling Units in Mission Canyon. It was clarified that Supervisor Williams and his staff agree that for an ADU permit to be approved the property in question must have two contiguous APNs and the intent to merge those APNs into one lot. Efforts to improve Verizon cell service in Mission Canyon was also discussed. Supervisor Williams noted that as useful as better cell service would be in times of emergencies the best thing he thinks a resident

can do is have a hardwired landline as that is really the best way the Office of Emergency Services can alert to potential threats/evacuations.

The issue of parking enforcement was also discussed. Supervisor Williams noted that funding for a parking technician had been allocated and said he will check in with Sheriff about their schedule and how it would be used.

Last, Supervisor Williams was invited to the annual MCA meeting scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at Rockwood Women's Club.

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

No update

#### *4.5 Car decals for MCA members (Jean)*

No update. Jean is still looking into this.

#### *4.6 2019 Annual meeting update*

The 2019 MCA annual meeting will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Rockwood Women's Club. Laura Capps and Rob Hazard have agreed to present at the meeting.

#### *4.7 Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon*

Lanny Ebenstein from the Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon updated on the proposed changes to the historic bridge between the Mission and Natural History Museum. Mr. Ebenstein noted that the proposed changes would only be a net gain of 2 feet on either side and argued that for such a small change it is not worth it to modify the bridge at all. Question about the accuracy of that statement – is that really correct that the proposed plan would only be a 2 ft net increase – and disagreement about the accuracy of that statement. The issue of widening the bridge to accommodate potential debris flows was also discussed with a contentious debate about the usefulness of a wider bridge in the event of a debris flow. Mr. Ebenstein also noted that there are efforts to designate Rockynook Park as an historic landmark followed by questions about the timelines of such efforts.

#### *4.8 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika)*

MHTA is advocating for patience, specifically waiting to see the results of any study done by engineers on the bridge before taking a position. MHTA thinks waiting for the report is the best way to make an informed decision. Once the report is released bringing the community together for informed discussions will be useful.

## **5. New Business**

### *5.1 Update on Arriba Way contested ADUs (Alan Gallegos)*

Mr. Gallegos could not make the meeting but emailed in his comments.

Current status on Arriba way ADU's

- Existing Stop work orders still in place for both ADU Permits.

- City has acknowledged that Owner of 2919 and 2924 has not implemented enough erosion control for these storms.
- City attorney filed criminal complaint against owner of 2919 and 2924 for continuing to work after stop work orders.
- I hired a land use planner and met with George Buell ,Andrew Stuffer and Renee at building department to discuss our issues and request revocation per UBC laws.
- followed up with letter to building department.
- Last weeks Council meeting a concerned Neighbor spoke on the safety issues and concerns during public comment.
- This week three of us spoke at council meeting which instigated questioning between council and city attorney on how the revocation process can proceed.
- I have emailed remaining council members who have not seen the Arriba way video created so that they can become engaged.
- I have emailed Council member Sneddon asking her to apply necessary pressure on City attorney and George Buell as the both seem to point to the other as the next step in this process.
- Neighbors have submitted videos to the city building office showing mud flows and flooding and water bubbling due to erosion mismanagement.

## **6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)**

### *6.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)*

Ray is in touch with the Fire Department and the County regarding chipping this year. He noted that the Fire Department wants the main roads cleared because it is to their and our benefit to get it cleaned up. The goal is to do 1/3 of Mission Canyon every year and this year we will not be having a drop off location as it was abused last year and we were stuck with the bill. Residents this year will have to put their brush at their curb.

### *6.2 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)*

There will be a newsletter coming out soon. Please email Jean or Laurie with suggestions.

### *6.3 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)*

Hugh noted that there are two projects he is following.

### *6.4 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)*

No update

### *6.5 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)*

No update.

### *6.6 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)*

No update.

*6.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)*

No update.

*6.8 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)*

Alex will put the annual meeting date on the website.

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on March 5, 2019, MacVeagh House