

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

Board members present: Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Laurie Guitteau, Darby Feldwin, Alex Feldwin, Kellam de Forest, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Nancy Weiss, Barbara Lindemann, Erika Sharghi

Absent: Karl Hutterer, Sandy Robertson, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura

Guest: Steve Windhager

1. Call to order & introductions
Jason Saltoun-Ebin called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.
2. Minutes of the February meeting
Hugh Twibell motioned, Kellam de Forest second. Motion passed unanimously without modification.
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)
Luke Swetland sent an email update. The auditorium is being fumigated this week. Interior renovation will begin next week. There are no special activities taking place at the Museum.
 - 4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve)
The Botanic Garden is slated on the County of Santa Barbara Planning Commission Agenda of March 6, 2019 for revisions to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Development Plan (DVP) to permit changes to the Garden's operations regarding special events, classes and fire protection procedures, and to accept the Addendum to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Steve thanked the Board for the letter of support and encouraged members to attend the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Some opposition has been mounted by neighbors/Canyon residents over noise, lighting beyond 9p.m. and Garden events that can potentially impact fire evacuation efforts. Friends of Mission Canyon is advocating a new EIR.

The annual Santa Barbara Beer Garden event will be held on March 23, 2019 and is sold out. Year to year, the event has been generating more sponsorship and enthusiasm.

The Garden will host its Spring Native Plant sale in April. Though winter rains have provided good soil moisture for early planting, 6-7 trees (1 Island Oak, others Coast Live Oaks) were lost due to high wind events, instability from root retraction, and residual effect of the 2009 Jesusita

fire. Where possible, some trees will be repurposed; one will be converted to a natural balance beam for children to walk across.

4.3 Meeting with Das Williams

The meeting was held on Feb. 25. Attending for MCA were Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Barbara Lindemann and Ray Smith.

Supervisor Williams introduced Lisa Valencia Sherratt as the new interface for MCA.

The issue of limiting parking on the down side of Tunnel Rd was discussed as a way to increase pedestrian and vehicular safety and Supervisor Williams suggested contacting residents on Montrose Place and other areas of Mission Canyon Heights to see how they would feel about increased parking on those streets by hikers.

The issue of theft from mailboxes was also discussed as the issue as been discussed on Nextdoor. Supervisor Williams is concerned it may be an identity theft issue and asked to be alerted should the issue continue.

The topic of the historic bridge was discussed next. Supervisor Williams is reserving his position on the Mission Bridge Project until such time the City of Santa Barbara receives and evaluates the report from the engineering firm (The Wallace Group) and makes a determination on whether to proceed with the project.

Board discussion ensued, noting the social media Nextdoor is being well utilized for postings comments and initiating petitions to oppose the Mission Bridge Project and in support of historic designation for Rocky Nook Park. Kellam de Forest stated although the Historic Landmark Advisory Commission is in favor of historic designation for Rocky Nook Park, Santa Barbara County Parks & Recreation Dept. is opposed to it.

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

No update

4.5 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika)

MHTA annual meeting is scheduled 3/15 at 4:00 MacVeagh House.

Notification was sent to the president of each respective member institution.

4.6 Car Decal Stickers

Laurie Guitteau commented that the decals may not be worth the time, effort or money to produce. Also of concern is the method of distribution to members. Hugh Twibell stated an on-line service seemed to offer printing options, appeared easy to order, and cheaper. It was suggested he forward the information to Jean Yamamura. Barbara Lindemann commented the

decals can be a point of pride for MCA members and can serve as a Mission Canyon resident identifier during evacuations. Given lukewarm response from the Board, she was doubtful it was worth pursuing.

5. New Business

5.1 Committee Assignments/recruitment of new board members

Jason Saltoun-Ebin announced Barbara Lindemann will be stepping down from the Board and Ray Smith is resigning from the Treasurer post. Ray wants to be involved with the Fire Committee. Jason will reconfirm Ray's plan to remain on the Board. Many kudos to Barbara for her years of service and support and acknowledgement that she will be sorely missed.

Jason asked if anyone had suggestions for potential new Board members. A few names were discussed and those individuals will be contacted to see if they are interested in joining the MCA Board.

Barbara Lindemann stated the Secretary position and Chair for the Parking & Traffic Committee will need to be fulfilled.

Committee assignments will be reviewed after the induction of the new Board in May.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)

No update

6.2 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

No update.

6.3 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

Meeting requests have been running approximately one per month. Most recent was Michael DeRose request to transition a Spanish contemporary design to Andalusian style. The home is situated a few valleys removed on the other side of the Botanic Garden. MCA had no concerns. Hugh is also monitoring plans for renovation of a home on Puesta Del Sol.

6.4 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)

No update beyond that described in the conversation with Supervisor Williams.

6.5 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

Kevin will prepare a summary of rules for Additional Dwelling Units and Short Term Rentals that are applicable to the Mission Canyon area.

6.6 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

No update

6.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)
No update

6.8 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)
No update

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Minutes prepared by Erika Sharghi

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lindemann,
Secretary

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on April 2, 2019, MacVeagh House