

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
April 2, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Notes by DARBY FELDWINN

1. Call to order & introductions:

Present: Erika Sharghi, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Ray Smith, Sandy Robertson, Jean Yamamura, Karl Hutterer, & Visitor Lorna Moore (Coalition member), Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager

2. Minutes of the February meeting:

1st: Ray/2nd: Jason

Passed with the following abstentions due to prior absence: Karl Hutterer, Jean Yamamura

3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October), Ray Smith

\$50 was spent for the replacement of the blown over port-a-potty.

A motion was brought up to approve \$600 to rent the women's club for the annual meeting.

1st: Ray/2nd Karl

It was approved unanimously.

4. Old Business

4.1 Museum of Natural History update (Luke)

Work will begin on the auditorium roof next week. Many school groups will be coming now through May. Butterflies Alive, and Prehistoric Forest will be opening in May. For I Modonari they will close the parking lot until the museum opens to preserve as much parking for museum visitors as possible. The collision into the rock wall at the corner of Puesta Del Sola and Mission Canyon Rd. was the result of a truck that was pulling a trailer and was perhaps a bit over loaded and the streets were slick from a light rain. The Museum will rebuild the wall and will deal with the insurance company of the driver.

4.2 Botanic Garden update (Steve)

The Garden's new CUP was not apposed and approved unanimously by the Planning Commission. They will work with the MCA and the Friends of Mission Canyon on the Horticultural Building and parking lot redesign for Phase 2 which will happen over the next 5 to 6 years. They plan to get the permits and then do a fund raising campaign. They do no plan to significantly modify their operating permit any time in the near future. They do plan to modify the plans for the structures slightly. The plant sale is currently going on. The county is going to put up signs to remind people to park outside of the fog lines on Mission Canyon near the Gardens.

4.3 Meeting with Das Williams

Attended by Jason, Ray & Laurie. Das will call the Botanic Gardens to speak to the Steve about potential cell phone tower location. They also spoke about speeding in Mission Canyon Heights. They will not be able to do speed bumps because of fire related issues. Discussed parking enforcement near trailhead and Das was going to talk to the Sherriff's department, letting them know it was their jurisdiction. They were up ticketing last week. They plan to train a "Service Technician" (colloquially: Meter Maid) in April.

A tree fell across Tunnel Rd. Station 15 came up and cut it out off the road. The portion on private property is still there. The Garden took care of the part that fell on their property.

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

There was no Verizon update. Wendy from Salud's office might be able to help in working with Verizon.

4.5 Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika)

Elections for board officers took place. Fred Sweeney new Chair. Other officers also swapped out. The Garden Club restoration project is working on the corner of APS and Los Olivos. They are looking for funding to restore olive trees and move a plaque. Mission Creek Bridge was submitted to the Registrar of Historic Places by the Coalition. It will be reviewed in Palm Springs on May 8th. MHTA will submit a letter in opposition. The City of Santa Barbara will hold an informational only (no debate) meeting about the bridge project, but the date has not been set. The MHTA has been responding to OpEds and letters that are appearing in local papers.

5. New Business

5.1 Election of new officers

The Past President Position was transferred to Karl, due to Barbara's retirement from the board. Karl brought up that this position was created to maintain an institutional knowledge for the board, and said it is possible that the position may not be needed in the future. The new Secretary is Darby Feldwinn (was Barbara Lindemann). The new Treasurer is Erika Sharghi (was Ray Smith). The bank will need the meeting minutes stating the change in officers on MCA letterhead, with authorized signatures from the President and Secretary. Jason will take over as the chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee in Barbara's stead. All new officers were approved in a motion by Ray, which was seconded by Karl and unanimously approved.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)

The County got money from CalFire for Mission Canyon, Painted Cave and other locations. Ray predicts we may get complaints about brush clearing that is designed to protect us at the urban interface. The fire department will bring in hand crews to do the clearing. The chipping will be similar to last year in that they will drive a chipper along the road and chip the tree trimmings left in people's driveways. This may only be for the evacuation roots. Ray will look into this. The HPWREN system is in place and the camera is working. Now available to the public on the MCA website. They are looking into putting infrared sensors on the camera. Eucalyptus Hill Council may help with the maintenance cost of the camera. The Goat people still owe us some goat clearing time, but the company was sold, so it may be tough to track them down, and there was a question as to where the goats would be used if we could track them down.

6.2 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

The newsletter will cover chipping and the HPWREN system. There was question as to whether that was enough for the newsletter.

6.3 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.4 Parking & Traffic (Barbara Lindemann)

6.5 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.6 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

New membership documents went to Laurie, who then gave them to Alex, who added them to our mailing list.

6.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

6.8 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

The HPWREN system was added to the website.

Next Board Meeting: May 7th. It was agreed that since the annual meeting is on May 30th there will be no June meeting since it is so close to the annual meeting.