

Minutes
7/1/2014

Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura, Kellam de Forest, Kevin Snow, and Laurie Guitteau, (NOTE: A QUORUM WAS NOT REACHED)

Board Members Absent: Alastair Winn, Barbara Lindemann, Dick Axilrod, James Madison, Pablo Buckelew, Ray Smith, Richard Solomon, and Susan Davidson

Guest: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager

1. Call to order & introductions
2. Minutes of the June 3, 2104 meeting (to be approved in August)
3. Treasurer's report (Read on January, April, July, October)
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Botanic Garden update (Steve Windhager)
 - *The last meeting with committee was held at the beginning of June. Steve has been out of town for three weeks, therefore, the committee has not met. The committee has come to some agreement and now Steve is drawing up the final draft of the agreements so that the committee can look it over and approve it.
 - *Steve does not know if the committee will reach an agreement about counting cars instead of people but this will be discussed next committee meeting. Steve is interested in pushing counting cars because he thinks that when the garden opens up more entrances (example: opening the historic steps and taking down the fences) counting people will become harder.
 - 4.2 Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)
 - *Museum went to the planning commission about annexing the county portion of the museum into the city.
 - *The summer programs at the mission are now running including summer camps
 - *Wine festive went well
 - *There was a power outage last week that closed the museum for a day
 - * The museum is getting information together for the museum committee. They will try to meet next week.
 - 4.3 Request for annexation to city of woodland area, Museum of Natural History (Kevin and Kellam)
 - * The commissioners did not think that an easement was appropriate for the woodland area. Instead the commissioners thought the annexation was more appropriate. Even if the woodland area is annexed the museum's CUP will keep the area as is (native habitat restoration). In order for the museum to change the use of the woodland area they would

need to go through public hearing. The commissioners thought that the museum has shown “good effort” to keep the area natural because without the museum they believe the area would not be in the condition that it is in.

*There are only two zoning designations that the woodland area can be under residential or commercial therefore, the planning committee thinks that the zoning should remain as residential (the same designation that it has now).

*Mr. John Kay (house owner that is adjacent to the mission) is thinking about being annexed into the city at the same time the museum is annexed. The commissioners did not have a problem with this because this will keep the city borders smoother.

*Part of mission canyon road also might be annexed by the city (to help keep smoother borders). This will hopefully be beneficial in the fact that mission canyon road might get a little more care.

4.4 Proposed CUP revisions, Botanic Gardens (Darby)

Will report next time

4.5 Annual Brush day (Laurie Guitteau)

*MarBorg was very happy with brush day because it was much easier and cheaper for them.

*9.45 tons of brush remove (2012 18 tons and 2013 17 tons), therefore, less brush was collected this year. This might be due to the drought or because we changed the program.

*This year we only had 1 truck. That was not enough next year we should get at least one more truck.

* Only 32 people in the canyon brought brush for brush day.

*11 people asked the association to come and pick up brush

*Majority of the brush dropped off occurred on Saturday

* There were some problems with the data base (which tells who has paid their dues)

*Laurie suggested that we should not advertise that we can pick up brush. Instead she suggest that we put on the flier “if you have a problem call us.”

*It was also suggested that we put up signs next year reminding residence about brush day because we did not put up signs this year.

4.6 Meeting with county Public Works and Planning Departments (Jean Yamamura)

*The fire committee is worried about the heights area because of overgrown plants.

*They county is worried about striping the road in the heights because the neighbors will complain about loss of parking.

*The county wants to hold a meeting to easy neighbor concern. The county suggested that they will only strip the roads if 75% of the people want them to be striped (this is a technique they use with other traffic calming device).

*The traffic committee does not think that this is reasonable because they believe that striping is a safety issue and not a traffic calming issue

4.7 Indigogo support (Goats) (Jean)

*Indigogo would like to raise \$50,000 to use goats to clean 16.50 acres of area between us and Montecito. They asked us for a contribution but have not gotten a contribution from Montecito.

* The request for money has gone to the Montecito community foundation but the board has not meet. Therefore, Indigogo has added another couple week to the time to raise the money.

*We have pledged \$10,000 and Indigogo said if they do not raise the full \$50,000 they will have the goat clear just an area in Mission Canyon.

*Indigogo would like the Mission Canyon Association to be a team member which would let them use our logo at their site. We will need to vote on this at a future meeting.

4.8 Fire Safe Council meeting report (Jean)

*National weather service gave a presentation. They are hoping for an El Nino but the service thinks if we get one it will be mild.

* The fuels at San Marcos Pass are almost at the critical level

* They are predicting a hotter July and August than usual

* The National Weather Service got a new vegetation management person

*The garden also monitors vegetation dryness that can be accessed on their homepage

*The fire department is talking about stationing a helicopter in the front company.

*See Jeans notes for more details.

4.9 Cape Ivy removal project and need for volunteers (Susan Davidson and Hugh Twibell)

* They have been working on it for 4 Sundays (8-12 and 1-5)

*About 5 volunteers have helped

* Have about 90% of the big patch removed. But they have found other patches up the canyon.

*Need to get more volunteers

5. New Business

5.1 Criteria for sending eBlasts

*We will discuss this next meeting. We need to come up with a criteria for sending out an e-blast.

*It was suggested that for our next eblast we set-up a survey on survey monkey asking for residents input

5.2 Officers as Executive Committee: are Board members getting the right amount of information between meetings? too much? too little?

* Barbara is e-mailing the executive board (Jean, Ray, and Lauri) for input on items that come up between meetings.

*All present thought that this was fine.

6. Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

6.1 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

6.2 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)

6.3 Parking & Traffic (Dick Axilrod)

6.4 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

6.5 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

6.6 Fire Committee (Jean)

- 6.7 Botanic Garden Advisory Committee (Darby Feldwinn)
- 6.8 Garden Whys Committee (Susan Davidson)
- 6.9 Natural History Museum Committee (Kevin)
- 6.10 Safe Passage (Alastair Winn)
- 6.11 Web site (Alex Feldwinn)

Next regular meeting, August 5, 2014