

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**

**Notes by Erika Sharghi**

1. Meeting called to order by Jason Saltoun-Ebin at 7:33pm.
  - 1.1. Board Members Present: Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Erika Sharghi, Darby Feldwinn, Karl Hutterer, Ray Smith, Alex Feldwinn, Hugh Twibell, Sandy Robertson, Nancy Weiss
  - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Laurie Guitteau, Jean Yamamura, Kellam de Forest, Kevin Snow
  - 1.3. Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Abe Powell and Keith Hann from SB Bucket Brigade, Ronald Nye, Supervisor Das Williams and Kadie McShirley, SB County 1st District
  
2. Minutes of August meeting approval
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Karl Hutterer
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray Smith
  - Abstained: None
  - Approved unanimously
  
3. Treasurer's report (read on January, April, July, October) by Erika Sharghi  
The Treasurer's report will be read in October.
  
4. Old Business
  - 4.1. Museum of Natural History update (Luke) - Summer events and activities have been very successful with attendance peaking between 50-60K without casualties or complaints attributed to traffic or noise. Renovation of the auditorium is wrapping up. School tours will begin in October.
  
  - 4.2. Botanic Garden update (Steve) - The Garden Casitas outdoor exhibition is open. The playhouses were constructed of plant-based materials where children play in nature and are mindful of the importance of plants in everyday life. Fall native plant sale will open to the public from September 28 - November 4, 2019.
  
  - 4.3. Meeting with Supervisor Williams - Dialogue continues on temporary or a more permanent solution to prevent future collisions with utility pole(s) at Mission Canyon Bridge. Supervisor Williams is actively promulgating use of Mission Canyon Residential Design Guidelines with Board of Architectural Review and residents. He will continue to sponsor the portable restroom located near the Tunnel Trailhead. The amount of support, in full or by 1/2 will be contingent upon finalization of his budget.
  
  - 4.4. Efforts to add Verizon service to the Canyon (Sandy) - Calls to Verizon contacts have been unresponsive or unavailable. Supervisor Williams offered to call the Verizon lobbyist for name of a reliable resource. Discussion followed on whether a different provider should be considered, the benefit of 5G technology to the community and upgrade of antennas. Alex commented that although 5G is more reliable and faster, obstacles such as trees will reduce the speed to 4G/3G. Landlines are still the best source to call for help and pinpoint location of an

emergency. Steve reiterated that the Botanic Gardens Board will not lobby for installation of communication equipment on the Gardens' grounds, however could garner support provided there was a collective consensus initiated by the Mission Canyon residents.

4.5. Historic Bridge/Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika)

- Members of MHTA took SB City Council Member Megan Harmon on a walkabout. Ms Harmon felt the time spent and discussion gave her a better understanding of the corridor's historical changes and concerns voiced by multiple groups. Future walkabout invitees include Womans Club and Newcomers Club members.
- MHTA will begin looking into street standards for the corridor and collect suggestions for surfaces and other specific recommendations that will meet Mission Canyon and community expectations.
- Mt Calvary Monastery will be closing; property will be sold.
- The MHTA Vision Master Plan was submitted for consideration of an American Institute of Architects/SB Design Award. Awards for various categories will be announced in December 2019.
- MHTA has been delivering an updated status presentation at various local organizations. An invitation to attend an MCA Board meeting will be extended to MHTA. Erika will coordinate.

4.6. Insurance update (Nancy/Ray) - Attended meeting with California Insurance Commissioner on host of issues confronting homeowners who have incurred divesting losses, expenses and hardships in the wake of recent environmental disasters. There are multiple bills in front of the State Assembly to mitigate the situation. Discussion followed whereby insurance companies are cancelling coverage outright or backing out of areas where risks are too high - Mission Canyon included - leaving homeowners with little recourse to find alternative coverage. Ray commented insurance companies must take into consideration neighborhoods that have a fire prevention protocol and where homeowners take measures in hardening homes to make it more fire resistant. Salient information will be shared with the community in the Fall Newsletter and/or eblast.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Presentation by Abe Powell & Supervisor Williams on community building & hardening your property - The Santa Barbara Bucket Brigade believes community resilience in a changing environment directly correlates to building a strong foundation for neighborhood resilience through a continuous cycle of Prevention - Preparedness - Response - Recovery. Their approach to resilience is cooperation and collaboration. They have joined forces with many local partners to form a community partnership approach to relief, recovery and rebuilding from a disaster. People and resources are mobilized within a community to respond directly to a crisis instead of waiting for outside agencies to supply assistance. By working as a team, it empowers the community to take responsibility for its own recovery. The aim is to build a network of neighborhoods ready to assist each other in a time of need. Organized deployment identifies and expedites the assistance needed from state, county, local, and insurance resources. The Bucket Brigade offers neighborhood preparedness education and training, insurance preparedness for homeowners and renters, recovery goals, planning, and community participation. Having a strong local network is the single-most important determining factor in

disaster response, relief and recovery outcomes. Coordinated community response to natural disasters and community crises promotes community building and community healing. MCA was encouraged and will consider becoming a part of the greater community network.

6. Additional Committee Reports - There were no additional reports.
  - 6.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)
  - 6.2. Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)
  - 6.3. Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)
  - 6.4. Parking & Traffic (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
  - 6.5. Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)
  - 6.6. Membership (Laurie Guitteau)
  - 6.7. Fire Committee (Ray Smith)
  - 6.8. Website (Alex Feldwinn)

Next Board Meeting: 7:30pm on October 1, 2019, McVeigh House