

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
March 10, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Hugh Twibell

1. Meeting called to order by Jason Saltoun-Ebin:
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Laurie Guitteau, Erika Sharghi, Ray Smith, Kevin Snow, Hugh Twibell, Nancy Weiss
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Darby Feldwinn, Karl Hutterer, Jean Yamamura, Kellum de Forest, Sandy Robertson
 - 1.3. Guests: Seldon Edner (neighbor), Rondi Guthrie (SCE), Adam Hendel (City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department), Kadie McShirley (Supervisor Das Williams representative)
2. Minutes of February meeting approved.
 - 1st: Laurie Guitteau
 - 2nd: Ray Smith
3. No Treasurer's report was made.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1. Natural History Museum (Update via email from Luke Swetland)

We are still tracking to begin the Collections and Research Center re-roofing project in mid-April. Anticipate 5 months of work. We are sending the official notice letter to the closest neighbors this week. See attached.
 - 4.2. The Botanic Garden — (update via email from Steve Windhager)

My apologies that I will not be in attendance tonight – I have a previously scheduled meeting at the same time that I am obligated to attend (I am speaking). Here are a few items that I can provide a written update on.

Beer Garden: The Garden's main update is that our biggest fundraiser of the year, Beer Garden, will take place on March 21. We will have 4 buses shuttling the bulk of the attendees from offsite parking at Santa Barbara and Los Olivos, or the former Sears parking lot. As this is our first year which will have 400 people onsite for the event, we are taking extra precautions to make sure all goes as planned.

Verizon Cell Tower: I met with an agent from Verizon about a cell tower at the Garden. From first glance, it looks like the location (adjacent to our staff and volunteer parking area) would meet their needs. I anticipate more information from Verizon later this month. In order to have my board consider this favorably, I encourage MCA to formally request the Garden's board do so as a service to our neighbors. They had previously already determined that there is not adequate benefit to the Garden to consider a tower, but if doing so would be a benefit to our community, I believe that they may reconsider the decision.

COVID19: The Garden is of course also watching developments associated with COVID19. We currently anticipate that the Garden will remain open during this health crisis, but we will be following the recommendations from the County Department of Health in making this determination as we move forward.

Please let me know if anyone has any questions.

Thanks,

4.3. There was no meeting with Das Williams in February

4.4. Ray Smith suggested that either Darby, Alex or Sandy write a letter to request the Botanic Garden pursue a cell tower location in the area of the parking lot above the Pritzloff Center.

1st Ray Smith

2nd Laurie Guitteau

Motion passed with Nancy Weiss abstaining

[After the meeting the MCA reached out to potentially impacted neighbors — those within eye sight of the proposed sight. After consulting with those neighbors the MCA decided to withdraw their letter of request to pursue a cell tower in the area of the parking lot.]

4.5. There was nothing new to report regarding the Historic Bridge/ Mission Heritage Trail Association.

4.6. Erica Shargi gave a report on liability insurance which is \$806.00 /year with no change in coverage. Water damage coverage is no longer available but doesn't apply to us anyway.

1st Erica Shargi

2nd Laurie Guitteau

Motion passed

5. New Business

5.1 The presentation by Susan Davidson "Keeping Mission Canyon Safe and Natural" was cancelled as Ms. Davidson was absent.

5.2 Update from SCE regarding remediation on Tunnel Road Trail

A Power Point presentation was made by Rondi Guthrie.

(A copy of the presentation is available from Nancy Weiss)

SCE stated "the work was done by their crews, not sub-contractors".

Mr. Hendel stated the City of Santa Barbara owns the land where the grading work was done.

Seldon Edner asked if the trail would be open during the work. SCE said the work hours would be from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday but the trail would be open before and after those hours.

Nancy Weiss asked if material would be removed. SCE said some would be re-purposed into the road and some taken out of the area.

Impacts to neighbors (parking, fire, traffic) were discussed.

It was asked if SCE would preform follow-up work to monitor the plantings and storm runoff.

Seldon Edner is concerned about additional storm water runoff occurring on his property due to the grading.

5.3 Annual Meeting Update

Laurie Guitteau discussed the possibility of cancelling the annual meeting or setting a new date due to Corona virus.

Speakers would be Brett Olsen of Allen Associates talking about ‘Hardening your home against fire’ and a presentation by Monterey Bay Community Power. [In the days after the meeting the decision was made to formally cancel the 2020 MCA annual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual meeting is being explored.]

6. Additional Committee Reports

6.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

It was suggested to have a brush clean up day in late May or early June.