

**Mission Canyon Association
(Annual Meeting) MINUTES
April 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Minutes by Alex Feldwinn

1. Meeting Called to Order (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Erika Sharghi, Hugh Twibell, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Kevin Snow, Laurie Guitteau, Nancy Weiss, Ray Smith, and Seldon Edner
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Sandy Robertson Jean Yamamura
 - 1.3. Guests: Luke Swetland, Steve Windhager, Bill Prothero Nancy Winn, Dwight Gregory, Lauren Carey, George S, Biker tom, Alison Beyer, Karen Kahn, Kadie McShirley, Devon Azzam, Dana Cucci, Erica Reyes, Fran Antenore (2), Lauren, Karl Hutter, Alan Staehle Barbara Lindeman , Dana Cucci, Dwight Gregory, Carla, Das Williams (33 participants)
 - 1.4. Board introductions

2. Voting on renewing members terms

3. Election of Board of Directors

Motion: I move that Selden Edner, Darby Feldwinn, Alex Feldwinn, and Kevin Snow be elected for the next two years (April 2021-March 2023)

1st: Ray
2nd: Laurie
Yes: 26, No: 0, Abstain: 1

Motion: I move that Sandra Roberts, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Erika Sharghi, and Nancy Weiss be elected for the next three years (April 2021-March 2024)

1st: Ray
2nd: Kevin
Yes: 26, No: 0, Abstain: 1

4. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams
 - 138,000 people have had 1 vaccine shot 35% of adult population
17% have had 2
 - Transmission rates are up but they are still low
 - They are trying to get as many people as possible to get vaccinated
 - There is most likely going to be another surge in SB county again but we hope that it will be less severe
 - So keep taking precautions
 - Starting to make a change in electricity
 - SCE transmission lines are still Edison's
 - [3CE](#) is a Community Choice Aggregation program that we will be get power from

- High rated bond utility in the state
- You can opt out if you would like
- But exciting thing is higher amount of renewable energy and a generous rebate for rooftop solar
- Money is available if you are willing to have your power shut off at high use times
- There are also support/rebates for adding battery power to your house.
- The utilities and state are rescuing their actual rebates so 3CE is maintaining the tariff (rebater) for installing solar
- 3CE is not purchasing carbon free attributes, it instead is putting all of its money into buying renewables, so this makes their numbers appear to not be as good, on paper.
- MCA has helped a lot to make sure that SCE is held accountable for the damage that they did on the trail and getting money form mitigation
- For the first time there will be a RFT and competitive ambulance service.
- They have been working on the Tunnel Rd. parking problems for years. We have gotten a meter maid to provide tickets. It is now the 2nd most ticketed site in the county. Fernald Point Ln. is the place that is ticketed more. As the fire danger gets worse (further into fire season) they will push the sheriff to ticket more.
- SCE will still have the ability to shut down the lines if the fire danger is high. They are looking into the state taking over the lines but if this happens it will be a long time in the future and is going to take a lot of money. They are also liable if a fire starts with their equipment.

5. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland

- Museum and Sea Center are open both indoors and out Wed - Sun 10-4
They want people to make a reservation online first and everyone must wear a mask
- 25% capacity
- Prehistoric forest is now open. These are animatronic dinosaurs that are located outside on the south side of the creak. These are back for good.
- Not open: gem and minerals, curiosity lab, space lab, and planetarium
- Museum store is open. It is mainly outside and they have ramped up online orders
- In the butterfly pavilion there is "Dinoramama." Miniature dinosaurs (~500) that you can learn about and learn what happened to them. This will

close on April 25, after which, the pavilion will change to butterflies alive, opening memorial day.

- Sea Center is open Friday - Sunday 10-4. Will open more days soon They have a new exhibit on giant pacific seahorses, which are 6 inches tall.
- Do not need reservations, first come first serve.
- Infrastructure repairs, Towbes Family Bridge is being repaired. This is the pedestrian bridge that goes to the south side of the creak. It has dry rot.
 - Reroofing project in the collection and car center. This is where collections are stored and research is done.
 - They will also add solar.
 - Trying to work with neighbors on this so that they limit their impact.
- Most of their programs will be virtual, including summer camps. Their website shows all of their programming and some of their events are free to the public.
- They are planning on having some small in-person events in the fall but these are designed to be switched to online if needed.
- No Wine & Cheese Festival, but they hope to have the Tribal Arts Marketplace in December.
- Become a member today for \$99
- Their [Website](#) has the most up-to-date information.

6. Botanic Gardens Update: Steve Windhanger

- They were made an essential business and have been open since May
- They are limited to 75% of what their CPU allows
- Meadow going crazy with poppies
- Members get in from 9-10 without the general public, so there are less people and is a good time to go.
- Waterwise Home Gardens and redwoods are doing great
- The Island View Garden is coming into its own after 5 years.
- They hope to open the building in the coming months.
- The Garden is a great place for family fun, kids can build forts or make casitas and play in them.
- The Garden is doing conservation and restoration behind the scenes
- They have received over 750,000 dollars to do grants all over the local counties, to preserve plants and habitats
- Working on community science and monitored the Thomas Fire burn scar and how things are coming back
- Doing restoration in burnt mesa to remove invasive grass plants and protect the Vandenberg monkeyflower.

- Grown staff from 5 to 16 in conservation staff.
- Banked over 1.2 million seeds in seed bank, 617% increase
- Added herbarium specimens, 42% increase
- They are also working with SCE and they got money for the Mission Canyon biodiversity project to eliminate invasive species in the creek headwaters and plant new native plants. They will be working from Camino Cielo down. They are looking for volunteers to use the “iNaturalist” app to walk the trail and identify invasive species and rare plants. They want to work their way all the way down to the Mission.
- There is a training on April 21 on iNaturalist. You can email Steve (swindhager@sbbg.org) if you want more information
- Other things that you can do is help collect seeds, clean seeds, and sort seeds.
- They are going to produce a line of Mission Canyon local plants that people can plant in their yards. These will be discounted for members that live in the canyon.

7. Treasurer’s Annual Report Approved (Erika Sharghi)
 Ended fiscal year (April 1 - March 31)

Mission Canyon Association		
Treasurer’s Report Summary		
For Fiscal Year 4/1/2020 - 3/31/2021		
UNION BANK		
CUSTOM TIME DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$10,018.67	
Interest Income	\$11.41	
Cash Balance		\$10,030.08
Account Closed 12/4/20		-\$10,030.08
Ending Cash Balance		\$0.00
FIRST REPUBLIC BANK		
CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		
Opening Cash Balance 2/9/21	\$10,000.00	
Interest Income	\$0.00	
Ending Cash Balance		\$10,000.00

UNION BANK		
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT —6037		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$47,127.52	
Receipts	\$19,881.48	
Expenditures	-\$25,820.09	
Ending Cash Balance		\$41,188.91
TOTAL CASH BALANCE		\$51,188.91
Receipts Summary		Amount
Membership		\$7,665.00
Donations		\$800.00
Other - Contribution Das Williams		\$1,243.00
Miscellaneous		\$173.48
TOTAL		\$9,881.48
Expenditures Amount		
Vegetation Chipping		-\$5,920.00
Print/Copy/Distribution		-\$3,595.13
Utilities - Marborg		-\$3,040.91
Insurance - General Liability / D&O		-\$1,609.00
Internet		-\$797.40
Supplies		-\$616.46
Miscellaneous		-\$241.19
TOTAL		-\$15,820.09

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Erika Sharghi)

- Will be in early June, we are waiting for County Fire to tell us when
- They will have areas to bring brush while they are chipping, but brush will not be able to be left while no one is there.
- Fire safe council is working to see if they can find a way, in areas where fire mitigation is happening, that their insurance can be lowered because of the work

8.2. Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

- N/A
- 8.3. Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)
- Some small projects have come through
 - ADU are now being allowed by the state. Everytime the County tries to stop this, the state changes their laws to allow them.
 - So there may be a tidal wave of ADUs in the canyon.
- 8.4. Parking & Traffic (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
- N/A
- 8.5. Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)
- N/A
- 8.6. Membership (Laurie Guitteau)
- N/A
- 8.7. Fire Committee (Ray Smith)
- N/A
- 8.8. Website (Alex Feldwinn)
- N/A
- 8.9. Tunnel Trail (Nancy Weiss)
- SCE problems started in December of 2019
 - Two clean up sections.
 - Emergency stabilization works
 - Trail was closed for 3 months to do original clean up and installation of a rock drapery
 - Next steps, clean up and restoration of the creek
 - Asking SCE to finish restoration in all areas including next to the road all the way up.
 - While we are upset by their initial action, they are taking responsibilities and and working to clean it up and restore areas in the canyon and have given money to multiple restoration and monitoring projects. So it hopefully will really benefit Mission Creek and the community in the long run.
 - We have another year of work and then they will monitor the plants for 5 years.
 - There will be a chance for public comment of the creek clean-up coming up soon
 - We do have good communications with SCE and are making an impact and will continue to do so.
 - They also gave money for a traffic study to help with evacuation. Most of the money will go to look at Tunnel Rd. which is the most impacted area.
 - Want to preserve safe ingress and egress into the canyon.
 - Parking issues will be one of the major concerns.
 - Concerned about pedestrian safety and talking to Public Works and Santa Barbara city to get a turn around at the water tower. Especially for fire trucks and emergency vehicles.
- 8.10. Expanded Cell Service (Sandra Robertson)
- N/A

Next Board Meeting: 5/4/21