

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
6/1/21, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Darby Feldwinn

1. Meeting Called to Order (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Erika Sharghi, Hugh Twibel, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jean Yamamura, Ray Smith, and Seldon Edner
 - Board Members Absent: Kevin Snow, Laurie Guitteau, Nancy Weiss
 - Guests: Steve Windhager, Carlyle Johnston (public works Analyst), Kadie McShirley, Tim Owens

2. Minutes of May Meeting Approved
 - 1st: Hugh Twibel
 - 2nd: Ray Smith
 - All approved

Fred Sweeney and Alastair Winn

Minutes of April (Annual Meeting) Meeting Approved

1st: Hugh Twibel

2nd: Ray Smith

All approved

3. County Update (Kadie McShirley)
 - A third notice of violation and fines (~\$3000) were given to the property at 1100 Tunnel Rd.
 - They are looking into doing some clearing on the hill behind Arriba Way but no date on when this will happen

4. Museum of Natural History Update (Like Swetland)
N/A

5. Botanical Garden Update (Steve Windhager)
N/A

6. Treasurer's Report Approved (Erika Sharghi)
N/A

7. Presentation by Carlyle Johnston, Project leader from Public Works in the Santa Barbara County Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division on the proposed sewer and water rate increases
 - He worked for the county for 20 years, born and raised in Santa Barbara.
 - This division is paid for through trash bills
 - His goal is to manage contracts and mitigate our trash on the environment as cheaply as possible.

- Trash bill and the new resource center why we are paying more
- The fees went up 14% two years ago to pay for the resource center that will address a lot of new state laws to reduce the impact of our waste. This year our bills will go up ~2% in the Mission Canyon area
- Resource center is done in collaboration with all cities that take trash to Tajiguas Landfill where the new facility is built
- All trash goes to the MRF (materials recovery facility) and broken into organic waste (30%), recycling (30%), or landfill (40%)
- The new facility's anaerobic digestion facility should be finished soon
- They also have a composting area for the materials left over from the anaerobic digestion process
- They are processing material currently at the MRF
- Starting next month all trash will sorted there
- Most places rely on people for sorting but our facility is manly going to use machines
- We are doing this because we need to get away from putting things in the landfill
- This also allows us to have local control because there is no composting facility in Santa Barbara or Ventura. To compost organics we had been shipping them to Kern county
- All compost will be used locally. It will be used in orchards, golf courses, and parks, etc.
- We will also have greater flexibility. The county owns the facility but has given Marborga the contract to process the waste.
- This will let us meet and exceed new state standards
- The green energy that is generated will be used locally
- This will help with air impacts, green energy, etc. Increases diversion to 85% and will be modeling the way. This helps reduce greenhouse gases. Currently they can only capture about 75% of the methane that is being reduced. This will increase that to ~90%
- www.LessIsMore.org for more information and to get involved there will also be tours this summer.
- We still will only be able to recycle the materials that are currently allowed. This depends on being able to sell it. They will bundle like items together so that if it can be recycled somewhere, it could be sent at a later date.
- The state is looking at a lot of bills having to do with plastic and we will see what happens in the future
- The rate increase will happen on June 15. All rate increases are going to pay for this facility.
- Marborg does not deal with recycling. Marborg picked it up and took it to the county and the county sent it to Ventura and then it was sent somewhere else to actually do the recycling.
- Trash bill is ~50% disposal and 50% for coming to your house and picking up the trash
- Still keeping three (trash, greenwaste, and recycling) cans because the dirty recyclables are not worth as much and it is easier to deal with green

waste. Also this way the green waste can be turned to mulch and is about 1/3 of the cost.

- It is against the law for trash to sit more than a week because it causes disease and rats.
- Plastics 1 and 2 are recyclable, have marks and are easy to recycle especially beverage containers.
- The county sells compost bins at wholesale prices at the transfer station on County Rd.
- You are not required to have trash services if you are in the county.
- Landfills generate methane. The new facility will put the organics in an airtight container and catch 99% of the methane at an accelerated pace. This is then burned to make electricity and reduce GHG because CO2 is less potent than methane.

8. Committee Reports

- Mission Canyon Brush Clean-up and Chipping (Ray Smith)
 - Chipping is taking place and will last over the next couple days
 - There is a 6.5 million grant for three years and has a community piece. They will try to use it to lower insurance rates
- Newsletter (Jean)
 - Might put something in about the stuff the Carlyle talked about
- Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)
 - On Tunnel Rd., one residence put in "carriage lights" and these are causing problems for the neighbors.
 - Lighting is becoming a bigger issue
 - There is a dumpster at 1100 Tunnel that has been there about 6 month and we should try to get it removed.
- Parking and Traffic (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - N/A
- Land use Committee (Ray Smith and Selden Edner)
 - N/A
- Website (Alex Feldwinn)
 - N/A
- Tunnel Trail Working Group (Nancy Weiss and Selden Edner)
 - We heard back from Adam Hendle (Santa Barbara City Public Works engineering) and he is going to work with Santa Barbara County Public Works to determine how to do a turn around at the water tower.
- Expanded Cell Service
 - N/A

Additional Topic(s) Discussed

Mission Heritage Trail Association (Erika Sharghi)

- The city of Santa Barbara and the Wallace Group will be meeting with the Historic Landmarks Commission next week to talk about the conceptual options that were developed. The meeting on June 9th is open to the public. There will not be any hearing, it is just an informational meeting.

Next Board Meeting: 7/6/21