

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
July 6, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Laurie Guitteau

1. Meeting Called to Order (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
Board Members Present: Hugh Twibell, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Kevin Snow, Laurie Guitteau, Nancy Weiss, and Selden Edner, Jason Saltoun-Ebner, Ray Smith, Jean Yamamura
Board Members Absent: Jean Yamamura, Darby Feldwin, Alex Feldwin, Erika Sharghi
Guests: Steve Windhager, Kadie McShirley, Tim Owens, Druyan Byrne

2. Adoption of June Meeting Minutes
Minutes of June, 2021 Meeting Approved

3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams / Kadie McShirley
Site person at Tunnel Rd. with SCE regarding the damage.
Meeting scheduled with SCE re: trucking issues
Road Walk with Chris Sneddon of Public Works re: parking improvements

Arriba Way Brush Clearance - Wildland specialist at City is looking into the issue.
Kevin raised issues about sewer expansion expenses.
Issues of lighting and requirements of the Mission Canyon Plan discussed.

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland
Good attendance with no parking issues.
Two repair projects are proceeding on schedule and will wrap up in early fall.
No outside events this year.

5. Botanic Garden update: Steve Windhager
Record attendance without problems. May meet their annual cap. Monitoring that.
Parking lot redesign being studied.
Watching weather closely with expectation of more Red Flag days.

6. Treasurer's Report: Erika Sharghi
Approval of SBCF to approve chipping costs.
1st:Ray Smith
2nd:Nancy Weiss

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7. Additional Committee Reports (No reports)

Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping: Ray Smith.
All went well. No dumping this year.

MHTA Report: Erika Sharghi

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On June 9th, members of SB City Public Works Department presented the three bridge options as well as three roadway alignment options to the Historic Landmarks Commission. These options were developed as part of the initial Mission Canyon Bridge Studies effort to address deficiencies in the bridge and surrounding roadway.

The purpose of the meeting was to get preliminary review comments from HLC before proceeding to the formal project scoping phase.

There were more than 50 public comments, many who supported the Coalition and reiterated, if it ain't broke, then don't fix it, don't demolish it, don't touch it. Public Comment #46 (attached) from Lorna Moore was particularly critical of those behind the scheme for "safe passage". Her claims were refuted by Luke Swetland in a follow-on public comment letter to the HLC (attached).

Even though there was no action to be taken at this meeting, throughout the discussion, the Commissioners pretty much dismissed much of the research, analysis, and expertise from the consultants and were more keen on pursuing a "no option" to the bridge, effectively kicking the can down the road. However, there was some general agreement in providing better and safer pedestrian access on either side of the bridge.

Newsletter: Jean Yamamura.

Newsworthy items should be sent to Jean ASAP. Lighting, SCE update, Chipping Program. Decided that the next newsletter should educate people about the Mission Canyon Plan and emphasize the issue of lighting in this issue. Have this being an ongoing education for Mission Canyon residents, featuring a provision of the plan in each newsletter.

Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell

Parking & Traffic: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow

Membership: Laurie Guitteau

Fire Committee: Ray Smith and Seldon Edner

Website: Alex Feldwinn

Tunnel Trail: Nancy Weiss and Seldon Edner

SCE originally neglected to obtain the needed permits to widen and improve the City's access road to their towers. This work caused illegal dumping and environmental damage. In 2020, Tunnel Road Areas 1-4 received some clean up.

SCE is now applying for two permits:

Permit #1 - Tunnel Road Access Improvements on the road area past the bridge. SCE originally requested to use all of the material on the catway vs. hauling it out. This project is tied to the Creek Restoration Project (see below) due to excess material, drainage and habitat. MCA has serious concerns about the impact of trucking and the large amount of material among other concerns.

Permit # 2 - Mission Creek Stream Restoration: Cleanup of the creek and Upslope side. There will be a site visit with SCE on July 15. This permit is still a long way off. Work probably could not be done before the rainy season. CDFW is leading a CEQA review process where there will be a public comment period once the draft environmental document is complete.

MCA wants to ensure that all damage is attended to through restoration and/or mitigation at the end of these permits.

Upper Tunnel Road Evacuation & Circulation Improvements with SCE Balancing Funds:

Selden thanked Supervisor Williams for his willingness to seek additional funding to help. Another site visit with County staff is planned to establish priorities and refine the cost estimates. Selden invited board members to do a site walk with him before he meets again with Deputy Director of Public Works Chris Sneddon. Walk will take place at 10am on Saturday, July 10, starting right above the hair pin curve. Goal is to not reduce the number of parking places, but to make the parking and emergency egress for both pedestrians and cars safer.

Next Board Meeting: September 7, 2021, unless urgent business arises before then.