

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
August 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Erika Sharghi

1. Meeting Called to Order (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Erika Sharghi, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Kevin Snow, Nancy Weiss, Ray Smith, and Seldon Edner

Board Members Absent: Laurie Guitteau, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura

Guests: Kadie McShirley
2. Minutes of July 6 Meeting - Approval was deferred to the September meeting.
3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley
 - Focus has been on rise in Covid cases. There will be a press conference on Thursday, August 5 to address the issues.
 - Property owner on Tunnel Road was fined \$12K for violations. There has been no contact with the owner.
 - The City is hiring a new group to clear brush near Laurel Reservoir.
 - Kadie will follow up on the lack of presence of a parking enforcement officer near the trailhead.
4. Museum of Natural History update (Luke Swetland)
 - Attendance remains steady and robust at the Museum.
 - Butterflies Alive will run through Labor Day weekend and then close to the public.
 - Repairs on the pedestrian bridge should be completed by the first week in September.
 - The roof work on the Collections and Research Center is progressing.
 - This month the majority of the HVAC units will be installed (this will involve a crane again for a couple of days parked down the Collections driveway).
 - In September solar panels are put in place.
 - The last two HVAC units are delayed but should be here to install in October.
 - The entire project should wrap up in early November.
 - To date, there have been no complaints or concerns from neighbors about attendance, traffic, parking or about the repair work.
 - The Museum is hoping to see the return of some onsite school group visits this fall.

5. Botanic Garden update (Steve Weindhager)
 - On August 6 and 7 the Botanic Garden is hosting the Channels Islands Chamber Orchestra. A String quartet and a Jazz quintet will perform both evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the patio of the Pritzlaff Conservation Center. The event is sold out with 75 guests attending each night. Guests arrive at the Conservation Center. The staff and volunteer lot on the east side of Mission Canyon Road have been reserved for valet parking. Sound monitoring equipment will be used both nights to ensure audibility does not exceed 65 dBA at property lines. Based on the way that sound travels in the canyon, it is likely that Garden neighbors will be able to hear the music during the performance. This is a test case and anyone finding it offensive (or delightful) should contact the Garden with feedback via email at swindhager@sbbg.org.
 - The Garden is also hosting the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara Annual Meeting on August 12. This event will be from 6:30 to 8pm and will take place in the courtyard. Noise level should be minimal and it is anticipated that this event will not be disruptive to Garden neighbors. Let Steve know if you hear of any problems.
 - Girls Inc is using the Garden for a summer camp program this week.
 - Continued robust visitation is anticipated through the remainder of the year.
6. Treasurer's Report (Erika Sharghi)
 - The next quarterly report will be presented at the October Board meeting.
 - The Executive Committee approved renewal of the D&O policy for \$1,284.00 due August 10, 2021.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping (Ray Smith)
 - Brush cleanup went well.
 - 7.2 Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)
 - Jason will work with Laurie and Jean on a fall newsletter.
 - 7.3 Architectural Design Review (Hugh Twibell)
 - Jason reported that Hugh met with a homeowner on Puesta del Sol. Specifics were not available for Board discussion.

7.4 Parking & Traffic (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)

- No update

7.5 Land Use Committee (Kevin Snow)

- Progress is being made on the lighting issue on Tornoe Road. Kevin will work on an article for the newsletter.

7.6 Membership (Laurie Guitteau)

- No update

7.7 Fire Committee (Ray Smith)

- The Fire Safe Council meets later this month.

7.8 Website (Alex Feldwinn)

- Some road closures were not posted to the website due to vacation schedules.

7.9 Tunnel Trial (Nancy Weiss)

- There are two SCE permits outstanding:
 - 1) finish the clean up of December 2019, and
 - 2) Mission Creek habitat restoration (may be delayed until next year).
- Agencies need to agree on the scope of work and CEQA will need to identify potential environmental impacts.
- First priority is to clear the access road from the trailhead to the towers. The County wants to close the trail for 10 weeks from 8am-5pm. Target completion is November.
- The list of projects for upper Tunnel Road will absorb \$100K of \$110K in grant money. Allocation of remaining funds may go towards other improvements at trailhead, cleanup, pedestrian walkway, planting, ADA access, traffic/evacuation flow improvements.
- Conceptual ideas will be presented next week to Chris Schmuckal.
- The Board was in favor of having water access and a more permanent bathroom installed at the trailhead. A composting toilet and septic tank were possible solutions. It was suggested to locate other trails with bathrooms at trailhead as an example. Nancy will pursue the water station idea.
- Once improvement projects are identified and agreed to, it will be formally presented to Public Works to define funding requirements. Both Nancy and Kadie McShirley expressed optimism on getting more funds from SCE and County.

7.10 MHTA/Historic Bridge Update (Erika Sharghi)

- The MCA Board is invited to a walkabout with MHTA. Jason asked the Board to check availability to participate on Wednesday, September 1 at 6p.m. or Friday, September 3 at 5:30p.m. Those in attendance opted for a September 8 date. Erika will consult with MHTA on new dates and advise MCA Board. Seldon also has neighbors who may be interested in participating in the walkabout.
- Santa Barbara City Public Works staff is on the August 10 City Council agenda. The purpose of the meeting is for the City Council to provide direction on the options that have been developed as part of the initial Mission Canyon Bridge Studies and whether to continue with the Highway Bridge Program grant. The agenda and staff report will be posted on August 5. The Coalition and MHTA will be represented at the meeting. The Board is encouraged to attend via Zoom, provide public comment as a resident of the Mission Canyon, or view the recorded video of the meeting. Erika will send links and summary information to the Board.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Jason closed the Board meeting at 8:30p.m.

Next Board Meeting: 7:30p.m. on September 7, 2021 via Zoom