

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
6/14/22, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Alex Feldwinn

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Erika Sharghi, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jean Yamamura, and Kevin Snow
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Seldon Edner, Hugh Twibell, and Nancy Weiss
 - 1.3. Guests: Steve Windhager, Kadie McShirley, Ray Smith, and Hutch Axilrod, Gustave Agredano

2. Minutes of April & May Meeting Approved
 - 1st: Kevin
 - 2nd: Erika
 - Abstention: Jean

3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley
 - 1100 Tunnel Rd. - Meetings have been confidential, so no news right now.
 - Meeting with SCE next week.
 - Was asked about ambulances and AMR vs the fire department and who would get the contract. Kadie will look into this.
 - Cable pole work (people said they worked for Spectrum cable)- Coming to add fiber? Sloppy work. Kady will reach out.

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland

Email: The Museum is in full swing for the Summer. Butterflies Alive in the Pavilion and our Summer exhibition in the Auditorium called Rare Earth is now open. Repairs on roofs and HVAC will continue all Summer.

5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager
 - The last month was busy
 - Hosted annual meeting and MCA got a preview of the backcountry exhibit
 - Officially opens on the 6th of June
 - Launched new website last week with new branding
 - There were workers working after hours and Steve will make sure that this does not happen again.
 - Working on finding a card-reader to let people in the lower Tunnel Road entrance access the Garden. Until they can get the card-reader, the gate will stay closed.

6. Treasurer's report (if needed): Erika Sharghi
Post office box renewal will be paid this next month

7. New Business
 - 7.1. Gustavo (gagredano@sbfiresafecouncil.org) from FireSafe Council:
 - He lives in Mission Canyon

- Will help us make the community a Firewise Community
- If he does not have the answer he will find it for us.
- We are going to create pods in Mission Canyon
- Anne-Marie provided word document of flier to Jim Antenore
- Jim will deliver flyers to neighbors
- He can provide a copy of the flier
- He and Anne-Marie will be willing to attend pod meetings
- All homes that are in the Firewise Community that are going to participate need to have a home evaluation
- We might be able to train local people to do these evaluations
- The things that come out of the evaluations are only suggestions
- Even after the community has been formed, more houses can join
- Hopefully this will help bring some insurance carriers back to Mission Canyon.

Possible Pods and leaders

- Montrose has its own mailing list; Jason is working on this
- Ray Smith is trying on upper Tunnel Rd.
- Hutch Axlerod might be willing to do it near Ariba way
- Nancy Weiss will do it on upper mission canyon
- Jim and Fran Antenore on Cheltenham
- Erika Sharghi and Carl Hutterer on lower Mission Canyon (609-790 ~20 households)
- Lanny Ebenstein on Glendessary (have reached out to him but have not heard back)
- Kevin Snow on Tornoe Rd.
- We most likely need someone on Las Canoas - Maybe Peter Cornbluth?
- We most likely need someone on Palomeno - Maybe Michael Bailey?

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping: Ray Smith

- Last we heard, hopefully sometime in July.
- Fire Dept. spread thin because fires all over the place.

8.2. Newsletter (Jean Yamamura)

- Would like to get a newsletter out soon.
- Maybe something on the Firewise Community
- Maybe something from Rob Hazard that highlights what he said in the annual meeting
- Community plan regulations that do not get followed as well as they could

8.3. Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell

- N/A

8.4. Parking & Traffic: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

- N/A

8.5. Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow

- N/A

- 8.6. Membership: Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - We are doing very well this year. Comparable to last year.
- 8.7. Fire Committee: Ray Smith and Selden Edner
 - Upper-to-Mid Mission Canyon Road folks are somewhat already organized for Firewise. Also, I know that Jim and Fran Antenore are talking to neighbors in their own 'hood in lower Mission Heights currently and working with Gustavo. They have joined the MCA Firewise Committee with Ray and Selden and have jumped right in.
 - Ray would like Selden to replace him on the FireSafe Council.
- 8.8. Website: Alex Feldwinn
 - N/A
- 8.9. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss/Selden Edner
 - “Nothing to report on SCE. SCE is still silent on the Funding Agreement, the Creek Habitat Restoration Plan and have ignored our overtures to discuss our appeal of Road Areas 10 - 16 and work something out. I believe that Supervisor Williams and Kadie are meeting with SCE next week and she will share what they learn. County P&D Planner Chris Schmuckal wrote to me a couple of weeks ago that he thinks the appeal will be scheduled with the Planning Commission in July or so. He is currently on vacation. I'll keep the Board updated.”
- 8.10. MHTA/Historic Bridge Update
 - The city formed an ad hoc committee to look at a bike trail design on Mission Canyon; it is on hold until August because of staffing issues.
 - There is another bridge (De La Vina) that they need to look at replacing/repairing; this would also include pedestrian and bicycle improvements. It will be interesting to follow because it is similar to the Mission Canyon bridge.

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on August 2, 2022, via Zoom