

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
1/10/23, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Kevin Snow

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: , Erika Sharghi, Gustave Agredano, Hugh Twibell, Hutch Axilrod, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Kevin Snow, Nancy Weiss, and Seldon Edner Board Members Absent: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Jean Yamamura
 - 1.2. Guests: Steve Windhager, Kadie McShirley
2. Minutes of December Meeting Approved
 - 1st: Jason Saltoun-Ebin
 - 2nd: Nancy WeissAll approved
3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley
Recent major rainfall resulted in evacuation orders, though now canceled except for Jameson Lane; debris basins are mostly full; Lake Cachuma expected to be full by end of the week; a FEMA emergency proclamation issued for North County.
4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland
The Fire Department has requested that the driveway at the northwest corner of the Museum property be repaved and the demolished; house be replaced. The museum has applied for a "club" liquor license to facilitate serving alcohol at member events only.
5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager
Storm damage has occurred but is being addressed. A Conservation Symposium will be upcoming.
6. Treasurer's report: Erika Sharghi
We started with \$56,346.51 and ended with \$57,105.76. We received \$1592.00 from bank interest, member contributions, Das Williams' office. We spent \$840.35 on fees, supplies, trash services.
 - 1st: E. Sharghi
 - 2nd: J. Saltoun-EbinAll approved
7. New Business
 - 7.1. Hugh Twibell provided a summary of the Architectural Committee's critique of the Tatman proposal for 2 new residences on Edgemound Drive: narrow lots; no parking; 4000 square foot houses on small lots; steep driveways descending to the houses; excessive similarity in appearance and proximity suggesting one large structure; no Fire Department turnaround. Early BAR review asked for some modifications but the building's size and materials remain essentially as proposed. For some unknown reason the Special Problems committee at the County did

not flag ingress and egress issues, steep slope, geologic concerns, fire safety or drainage problems.

Hugh emphasized that BAR is concerned only with aesthetics of the project, not structural or engineering problems. A number of neighbors attended and provided comments on their fear and history of landslides in the area, of fire dangers and lack of turnaround space, lack of consistency with the Mission Canyon Design Guidelines, and of the proposed buildings' bulk and scale being inconsistent with other houses in the vicinity. The neighbors were particularly concerned with drainage, mud flows, issues of ingress and egress, and fire safety. They expect to appeal the project at the Planning Commission and to question why obvious geologic, public safety, fire and drainage issues were not adequately addressed. The neighbors thanked MCA for attending site visits and taking an interest in neighbor concerns.

- 7.2. Marc Chytilo, representing Friends of Mission Canyon, explained and provided context for the detailed letter received from Thomas Leroy of Pacific Watershed Associates (PWA) critiquing SCE's upgrade plan for the Goleta-Santa Barbara access road at the end of Tunnel Road. The letter is on file and was sent to board members. The hope is that SCE, the County, and PWA, will reach consensus on an approach to upgrade actions on the road and their impact on the environment and Mission Creek before the scheduled appeal hearing on February 1, 2023.

Motion to approve \$2600 support for Mr. Leroy to attend scheduled engineering conference by the parties on January 26, 2023.

1st: J. Saltoun-Ebin

2nd: K. Snow

All approved

8. Committee Reports

9. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping:

- n/a

9.1. Newsletter: Jean Yamamura

- n/a

9.2. Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell

- See 7 above

9.3. Parking & Traffic: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

- n/a

9.4. Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow

- Draft letter seeking MCA board support for County landmarking Rocky Nook Park was circulated for discussion. As the meeting was long and running late, a separate Land Use Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for January 17 at 7:30 for discussion. Board will have an opportunity to

vote via email prior to the Board of Supervisor taking up the matter on January 26.

- 9.5. Membership:
 - n/a
- 9.6. Fire Committee: Ray Smith and Selden Edner
 - n/a
- 9.7. Website: Alex Feldwinn
 - n/a
- 9.8. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss and Selden Edner
 - See 7.2 above
- 9.9. MHTA/Historic Bridge Update: Erika Sharghi
 - n/a

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on February 7, 2023 via Zoom