

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
2/7/23, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Darby Feldwinn

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

2. Minutes of January Meeting Approved
 - 1st: Nancy Weiss
 - 2nd: Kevin SnowAll approved

3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley
Helping people with the loan process (FEMA and SBA (low interest loan)) for flood issues
Installation ceremony today
Areas on tunnel road are overgrown into the road. How do we get the county to deal with this? (Seldon will follow up with Kadie on this) This is sometimes tricky because private property goes up to the road in a lot of places. Kate F. also said to send her the picture because they might have money in the grant if the trees are in the way of emergency vehicles.
Hutch asked Kadie about the repaving of Arriba Way that has not been done in 40 years and there are tons of potholes and he has been trying to get people to fix it. But it is complicated because it is in the city.
There are three spots of undercutting of Mission Cyn.Rd. above the Botanic Garden and the County has been very helpful and is trying to deal with it. The County did a good job during the storm of getting things reopened and we appreciate it.

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland
Hello Jason and MCA Board
Nothing new or noteworthy to report. School group visits most mornings at the Museum and regular visitation in the afternoons and on weekends. We continue to do a lot of tree trimming for fuel load modification both in the woodland and around the buildings. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you for your support.
Sincerely, Luke

5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager
The Garden is doing well and weathered the storm pretty well. The dam had some damage and the handrails are being repaired.

The lower gate will be open soon and will have a card reader that will scan membership cards or an app on your phone to keep track of who comes in and goes (*within the next month*).

Before the next board meeting the Botanic Garden wants the board to meet the board of the Botanical Garden and Friends of Mission Canyon.

6. Treasurer’s report: Erika Sharghi

Our CD is up for renewal. Our options are below.

**Mission Canyon Association
Certificate of Deposit Activity
As of February 3, 2023**

| | | Term | APY | Interest Rate | Issue Date | Duration | Maturity Date | Grace Period |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1st REPUBLIC BANK | | | | | Issued 2/9/21 | 2/9/21-2/9/22 | 2/9/22 | 2/9/22-2/18/23 |
| | | 12-month | 0.3% | | Renewed 2/9/22 | 2/9/22-2/9/23 | 2/9/23 | 2/9/23-2/18/23 |
| | February 2023 CD Rates | 10-Month Special | 4.50% | 4.40% | | | | |
| | | 12-Month | 2.90% | 2.86% | | | | |
| | | 18-Month | 2.95% | 2.91% | | | | |
| UNION BANK | February 2023 CD Rates | 12-17 Months | 0.15% | 0.15% | | | | |
| NOTES | 1. Nonprofits are considered business accounts for banking purposes | | | | | | | |
| | 2. 1st Republic Bank rates are offered to both personal and business accounts | | | | | | | |
| | 3. Union Bank CD rate applies to business accounts | | | | | | | |
| | 4. Union Bank is now part of US Bank. Account transition information will arrive in the mail throughout January - April 2023. Account number may change. All Union Bank accounts will move to US Bank between May - July 2023. Need to monitor transition timetable and activity. | | | | | | | |

Union bank has merged with US bank and they are starting the process of shifting over which might change things like our account number. This will happen sometime between May and July of this year.

Should we change our bank because of this?

1st Republic Bank has been a good bank. They are readily available and they have been very responsive. The only concern is that they may charge for checking so Erika wants to get information about fees before we switch.

Several people suggested Montecito Bank & Trust

We have, on average, \$40,000 in the account per year. Erika recommends that we put \$20,000 into a CD and the other \$20,000 would be enough to cover our expenses

Motion: Open a \$20,000 CD with a 10-month special at 1st Republic Bank

1st: Erika

2nd: Jason

All approved

We will discuss whether to change banks more at the next board meeting.

Motion: Renew State Farm general liability coverage.

1st: Erica

2nd: Kevin

All approved

7. New Business

7.1. Update on the Santa Barbara Chipping program: Kate Furlong

Gave presentation about defensible space and how to keep your house safe from fire

The FireSafe Council is taking over for the County chipping program.

They will be sending out postcards to people in the project area and you will get the date 2 weeks before. They will try to do Mission Canyon in May so that it will match up with our normal chipping time. They will try to get a dumpster for non-chippable yard waste but if trash gets put in there they will have to discontinue this.



Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council brings you the NEIGHBORHOOD CHIPPING PROJECT

In preparation for wildfire, the SBCFSC is working to assist residents to reduce their fire risk.
You do the cutting and our contractor will take care of the rest!

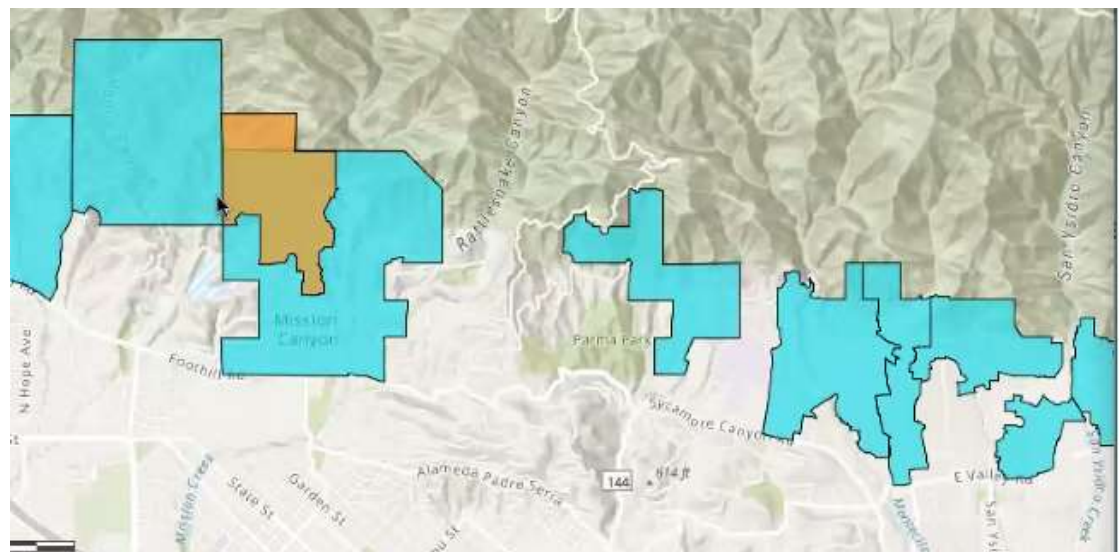
How to Participate :

- **START CUTTING YOUR VEGETATION** before your scheduled neighborhood event. Focus your efforts within 100 feet of structures in the area known as your "Defensible Space Zone." Visit www.sbfiresafecouncil.org to learn more.
- **CHIPPING SERVICES** Vegetation must be longer than 3 feet, less than 16 inches in diameter, and stacked at the curb of your roadway with cut ends pointing toward the road to be chipped. Leaves, succulents, pine needles, palm fronds, stumps, branches with thorns, vines, bamboo, root balls, grasses, and other small trimmings **CANNOT** be chipped. Please properly dispose of these items in the provided green waste roll-off containers.
- **ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS** will be strategically placed in certain neighborhoods. The containers will arrive the Wednesday prior to your scheduled chipping start date and will remain in place for 7 days. The containers are for the vegetation that cannot be chipped **ONLY**. Email kfurlong@sbfiresafecouncil.org or call (805) 407-5292 for locations.
- **TREE TRIMMING** SBCFSC will be Trimming Roadside tree branches to provide roadside clearance for emergency vehicles and safe evacuation routes for residents. These branches will be removed by a professional tree service during the scheduled neighborhood project.
- **CHIPPING SCHEDULE** All material needs to be in place by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. If the vegetation is not easily seen from the street, please call the SBCFSC at (805) 407-5292 so we can ensure it is marked for removal. The identified schedule must be followed so all participants can be included in the program.

Please follow the above instructions to ensure the success of the Neighborhood Chipping Project.
To schedule a complimentary property survey, register at <https://sbfiresafecouncil.org/evaluation/>

Country will cover the fuel reduction near the start of the trail. (This is not part of the program)

The earliest date to start the program is at least 1 month out. This is a three year program with the ability to renew.



The yellow is where the FireWise Communities are and the blue areas are areas that are part of the chipping program.

There are no grant funds to cut down dead trees so they will not be able to do this.

Kate has asked the MCA to send her some suggestions for placements of dumpsters.

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping:

- See above

8.2. Newsletter: Jean Yamamura

- We need a newsletter and Jason will talk with Jean

8.3. Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell

- There was supposed to be a BAR meeting about the project on Edgemont this week but it was postponed a month.

8.4. Parking & Traffic: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

- N/A

8.5. Land Use Committee: Kevin Snow

- The Rocky Nook Park was given Landmark status (with some exceptions)

8.6. Membership:

- We will be sending out dues letters in the next couple days.
- Motion to raise the dues from \$35 a year to \$40 a year.
 - 1st: Nancy
 - 2nd: Kevin
 - All approved.
- Might look into offering FireSafe Pods the ability to apply for mini-grants to deal with problem areas in the pod area

8.7. Fire Committee: Ray Smith and Selden Edner

- Gustavo is going to go door-to-door on lower Mission Canyon to try to get them to form a Firewise Community pod.

8.8. Website: Alex Feldwinn

- N/A

8.9. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss and Selden Edner

- The planning commission hearing was postponed. SCE will need to look into changing their plans on how to deal with the drainage. SCE, City, and County are working together to figure out how to deal with the storm damage on the trail.

8.10. MHTA/Historic Bridge Update: Erika Sharghi

- N/A

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