

Mission Canyon Association
MINUTES
6/6/23, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Alex Feldwinn

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Hutch Axilrod, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jason Jewell, Kevin Snow, and Nancy Weiss
Board Members Absent: Seldon Edner, Gustave Agredano, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura
Guests: Laurel Perez (SEPPS), Haxem Gabr, Keith Nevison (botanical Gardens)
Jim Burton, Larry Chung, Jenny Lee McGee, Ben Gallagher, Shannon Oldenburg, Natalie Yanez (SCE), Kadie McShirley
2. Minutes of April and May Meeting Approved
1st: Nancy Weiss
2nd: Kevin Snow
All approved
3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley
They are looking into the illegal grading that is occurring on Orange Grove
4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland (via email)
*"Butterflies Alive and our Charley Harper art show are both open.
School group visits wrapping up next week and then we immediately pivot to summer camps.
So lots of activity at the Museum and the Sea Center for the run of Summer.
The noisy, demolition part of our repair work on the Library roof is over so that should not cause any issues."*
5. Botanic Garden Update: Keith Nevison
Backcountry 1-year anniversary, June 10th from 5-7 PM Sold Out, 120 people are registered to attend. Lower cost event designed to engage families.
Internet connection is live in the backcountry.
The fencing company needs to fix the gate then there will be a card reader that will let neighbors access the Garden via membership card.
Invasive periwinkle pullout event. Saturday 9-to-noon. Led by the conservation department's Ecology and Restoration team. This project is part of the biodiversity project funded by SCE.
Summer camps will start next week, Monday June 12th. There will be 10 weeks of them, ~300 students are registered. These students count as part of the attendance caps, therefore other reservations are limited. Also have a counselor-in-training program for the camps.
New signs in English/Spanish have been installed across the Garden. These include: "EXIT Only" at the bottom of the parking lot, "Have your Reservations" ready at the entrance of the parking lot, and "No Parking" on both sides of Mission Canyon. Hopefully the new signs will help relieve congestion. They have also hired new parking lot attendants. Will have 3 total during their busy time.

Coordinating all groups that visit the gardens now through the Registrar. Try to make sure that these visits are not happening during busy times or they are carpooling.

The Garden is up to 6000+ members for the first time ever. Last month they gained over 500 new members, a record.

6. Treasurer's Report (N/A)

7. New Business

7.1. Vote to elect Selden Edner as the MCA Treasurer

Motion: Make Selden Edner the MCA treasurer

1st Nancy Weise

2nd Hutch Axelrod

All approved

Selden and Jason are working to move accounts to Santa Barbara Bank and Trust.

7.2. Presentation by SCE 1) Stream Restoration Project

People in attendance

Larry Chung, Vice President Local Public Affairs

Hazem Gabr, Environmental Sr. Manager and Mission Canyon Project Manager

Shannon Oldenburg, Senior Attorney

Ben Gallagher, Corporate Communications Advisor

Natalie Yanez, Government Relations Manager

Jenny McGee, Restoration Ecologist

Laurel Fisher Perez, Principal Planner with SEPPS in Santa Barbara (SCE Partner)

Jim Burton, PE. Water Resource Engineer, and president of EcoKai Consulting (SCE Partner)

They have been walking the trails with several people and is trying to listen to the community and the MCA

Stream project; There was illegal grading in 2019 and are working on returning the canyon to pre grading conditions.

Slides the the presentation can be found here:

<https://www.missioncanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/06-06-2023-MCA- SCE- Stream-presentationFINAL.pdf>

The SCE full remediation report (broken into 2 parts due to size constraints) can be found here:

https://www.missioncanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/MissionCreek_HRMP_2023_pg1-117.pdf

https://www.missioncanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/MissionCreek_HRMP_2023_pg118-176.pdf

8. Committee Reports (power outage resulted in no committee reports)

8.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping:

N/A

8.2. Newsletter: Jean Yamamura

- N/A
- 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:
N/A
- 8.7. Fire Committee: Ray Smith and Selden Edner
N/A
- 8.8. Website: Alex Feldwinn
N/A
- 8.9. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss and Selden Edner
N/A
- 8.10. MHTA/Historic Bridge Update: Erika Sharghi
N/A

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on July 11, 2023, via Zoom