



**Mission Canyon Association - MINUTES - 10/2/23, 7:30 p.m.  
by Selden Edner**

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
  - 1.1. Board Members Present: Gustave Agredano, Hugh Twibell, Hutch Axilrod, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Kevin Snow, Jason Jewell, Jean Yamamura and Selden Edner
  - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Nancy Weiss
  - 1.3. Guests: Steve Windhager, Spencer Brandt (representing Supervisor Williams)
2. September minutes not voted on due to not having a quorum.
3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley  
Spencer Brandt represented Supervisor Williams. He was asked to look into getting full notifications out to the community about the sewer work about to begin on Tunnel Road.
4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland  
Museum update for the month of October:

*School group visits have returned most mornings, five days a week.*

*The roof repair work on the Library is largely complete, the project continues into the Fall working on HVAC replacement.*

*Work continues to replace the lights in the parking lot with down lights that conform to dark sky guidelines*

*The Collections and Research building will be tented for termite fumigation this weekend.*

*Our plein air art show and sale at the Museum - organized by Diane Waterhouse of the Waterhouse Gallery - will be on display in our Courtyard Gallery during regular Museum hours through October 15. Half the proceeds of any sale go to benefit the Museum's educational programs.*

*Our next fun event is on September 28 – Creep the Halls: Into the Abyss – a 21+ progressive natural history themed Halloween party through the Museum ending with dancing in the Auditorium and a costume contest of course. Tickets are still available!*

5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager/Keith Nevison  
Steve W. explained that the Garden will be studying the parking lot and traffic management changes to alleviate congestion on Mission Canyon Rd. Perhaps turn the lot around. Add pedestrian enhancements. Perhaps similar to the gravel path near the corner of Mission Canyon road and Tunnel. It was noted

that the changes will maintain the rural character of The Canyon.

6. Treasurer's report (if needed): Selden Edner  
We started with \$59,734.94 and ended with \$58,764.71 . We received \$1.67 interest from Bank of Montecito and approximately \$75.00 from First Republic (CD).  
1<sup>st</sup>: N/A (wait until November 2 meeting)  
2<sup>nd</sup>:  
All approved
7. New Business:
  - 7.1. Question and Answer with Kelly Weiser, Managing Partner of the Weiser Agency, on the current state of home insurance in areas like Mission Canyon. More info about the Weiser Agency can be found online at <https://www.theweiseragency.com/>
8. Committee Reports
  - 8.1. Mission Canyon Brush Cleanup and Chipping:
    - Gustavo Agredano with the SB Firesafe Council reported the south coast chipping program was very successful this year. 177,240 Lbs of vegetation was removed from multiple communities starting at Hollister Ranch all the way through Santa Barbara.
    - There are two approved Firewise communities in Mission Canyon: Tunnel Road and Upper Mission Canyon Road. There are a number of firewise communities in mid-formation process in the lower parts of The Canyon
  - 8.2. Newsletter: Jean Yamamura
    - N/A
  - 8.3. Architectural Design Review: Hugh Twibell
    - No new news
  - 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
    - Ray Smith advocated that we need to continue to press on with the effort to get a mobile phone antenna placed in the canyon. There was general agreement and it was tabled for later discussion. Should this go on the November agenda?
  - 8.8. Website: Alex Feldwinn
    - N/A
  - 8.9. Tunnel Trail Working Group: Nancy Weiss (from email sent to board)
    - We are still waiting for the Mission Creek Habitat Restoration Plan/CEQA documents to be released. I check every 2 weeks with the County and

SCE to see if these final documents are yet available. The Working Group didn't meet last month because we are in a holding pattern until we see SCE's plans.

- Pacific Watershed Associates will be in town in mid October to inspect the existing drainage conditions on Tunnel Trail and help identify what SCE should do to prepare for the winter and to analyze the HRP. You'll recall they couldn't come down last January to meet with SCE (due to the storms) to present their proposal to have successful drainage off of the road in the upper Road Areas 10-16 sections. They will refresh their prior recommendations and analyze the lower section from the gate to Road Area 10. We still have some funding available previously allocated from both MCA and FOMC which should cover it.

8.10. MHTA/Historic Bridge Update:

- N/A

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