



**Mission Canyon Association - MEETING MINUTES - 11/07/2023, 7:30 p.m.  
by Alex Feldwinn**

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
  - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Seldon Edner, Jason Jewel, Nancy Weiss, Kevin Snow, Hutch Axilrod
  - 1.2. Board Members Absent: Gustavo Agredano, Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura
  - 1.3. Guests: Keith Nevison (SBBG), Amy Carpenter (SBMNH), Kathy Koury, Ray Smith, Marc Chytilo, Brian Trautwein (Environmental Defense Center), Steve Milovich

2. Minutes of September Meeting Approved
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Kevin Snow
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Seldon EdnerAll approved

Minutes of October Meeting Approved

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3. County Update: Kadie McShirley (on behalf of Supervisor Das Williams) via email  
*“SCE upgraded some poles on Exeter Place and Cheltenham I believe. I heard from four different Mission Canyon folks about this. Reached out to SCE and received the following message:*

*This work is related to the Modoc Substation elimination project. When speaking with the project general supervisor last week, he shared that due to the fact this is a high fire area and our wildfire mitigation efforts, a covered conductor was installed, also known as coated wire, and additional protective covers, thus it may be more noticeable to customers than the previous wire/equipment. The pole heights on some of the replacements also needed to be increased to gain appropriate clearances between conductors. Unfortunately, those pole heights cannot be reduced.*

*Although it doesn't sound promising, I am doing a site visit tomorrow at Mr. Weed's property and hopefully getting someone from SCE there.*

*Luke's email on the collision incidents at the turn near Museum of Natural History – I've shared it with Public Works to see what ideas they might have.*

*In terms of the parking on Tunnel Rd, let me know how the discussion goes and I*

*can check in with Public Works. They can even likely attend the December MCA meeting to discuss this topic?"*

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Amy Carpenter
  - They are up to 5 days per week with school kids.
  - Roof repair on the library is almost complete
  - New poles have been installed in the parking lot, waiting for the light fixtures. These are compliant with dark night skies.
  - No Tribal Arts Show this year.
  - There will be smaller “trunk sales” in the Museum shop this year.
  
5. Botanic Garden Update: Keith Nevison
  - Just had Fall Plant Sale kick-off to members on Friday
  - There is time ticketing so the parking does not start to overflow
  - The sale has been great.
  - They did roadside trimming on Tunnel and Mission Canyon Rd.
  - Some of the neighbors wanted them to do some screening so they are going to install some native chaparral shrubs (ex. At 1140 Tunnel road - house burned in the fire) this way you will not see the mulch pile.
  - They finished installing the gate card-reader for the back gate. They are testing it now. They need to find a way to update the roster in a timely fashion so that the membership will be current and let the correct people in. Hope to work this out by the end of November.
  - On Tipton Trail (new 1 mile trail that starts at the Conservation Center and goes down and crosses an unnamed tributary creek to rattlesnake) getting a grading permit. CDFW has already granted the permit for the bridge over the seasonal creek.
  - They are working with Fehr & Peers to decide how they would like to update the parking lot. To do this they will need an updated traffic study.
  - They are also working on finding a way to extend the Garden out into the community. Ex: doing this with Alice Keck-Park Park

6. Treasurer’s report: Seldon Edner

**MCA Financial Condition as of 10-31-2023**

<b>Montecito Bank and Trust checking</b> 9/30/23	\$38,097.50	
Deposits: one Paypal membership + interest	<u>39.97</u>	
	\$38,137.47	
Less expenses	(287.95)	
Less \$20,000.00 to new CD at MB&T	<u>(\$20,000.00)</u>	
Bal 10-31-2023 MB&T checking	\$17,929.53	\$17,929.52
 <b>MB&amp;T new CD 10/5/23</b>		
7-month Flex CD matures 5-5-24 4.29% APR	\$20,000.00	
accrued interest	<u>71.47</u>	
10-31-23 balance	\$20,071.47	\$20,071.47

**First Republic Bank** (Now Chase Bank)

4.5% APR Matures 12-9-23 accrued interest (estimated)	\$20,065.21 <u>675.00</u> \$20,740.21	<u>\$20,740.21</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$58,741.20</b>
<b>Balance from 09-30-2023</b>		<b>\$58,764.71</b>
<b>Net change 09-30-2023 to 10-31-2023</b>		<b>(\$23.51)</b>

1<sup>st</sup>: Nancy Weiss  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Snow  
All approved

7. New Business
  - 7.1. Presentation by Brian Trautwein - Environmental Defense Center (EDC)  
Non profit public interest law firm
    - They provide support for other nonprofits that are doing environment work
8. 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
    - Hairpin turn on Tunnel Rd. is a concern.
    - Request to remove 4 to 6 spaces for hiker safety and visibility
  - 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:
    - N/A

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on December 5, 2023, via Zoom