



**Mission Canyon Association - MINUTES - 12/5/23, 7:30 p.m.
by Darby Feldwinn**

1. Call to order & introductions (Jason Saltoun-Ebin)
 - 1.1. Board Members Present: Alex Feldwinn, Darby Feldwinn, Gustavo Agredano, Hutch Axilrod, Jason Saltoun-Ebin, Jason Jewel, Nancy Weiss, and Selden Edner
Board Members Absent: Hugh Twibell, Jean Yamamura, Kevin Snow,
 - 1.2. Guests: Steve Windhager and Kadie McShirley
2. Minutes of November Meeting Approved
 - 1st: Nancy Weiss
 - 2nd: Selden EdnerAll approved
3. County Update: Supervisor Das Williams/Kadie McShirley

The County Board of Supervisors will vote on Tuesday the 12th on approving the SCE volunteering funding agreement. If approved SCE will pay out \$300,000, \$85,000 will go to the City and the rest will go to the County. This will just cover compensation to the community from past aggressions from the clean up of the initial gradings.

4. Museum of Natural History Update: Luke Swetland

Business as usual at the Museum for the month of December – we still have school groups most mornings! We have our second weekend pop up trunk show in the Courtyard and Courtyard Gallery

DECEMBER 8 - 10, 2023 / 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Find unique, high-quality, handcrafted gifts while supporting the Museum during two weekend pop-up shops in December. Browse fabulous vendors and discover luxurious alpaca wool clothing and accessories, upcycled telephone wire baskets, exquisite glass bead creations, beautiful home décor, and much more. Be generous to your loved ones while supporting the local community and international artisans: 30% of sales support the Museum. Free entry for shopping.

*Vendors:
Peruvian Imports
Katalina Textiles
2KG African Imports*

We are still waiting on delivery of two pieces of HVAC equipment to complete the Library repair project.

The parking lot light fixtures are delayed and the install will likely occur after the holidays. The poles & fixtures are similar to those on Puesta del Sol and offer down lighting consistent with dark sky guidelines.

We will be closed on Christmas, closing at 3 pm on Christmas Eve, and closed on New Year's Day

5. Botanic Garden Update: Steve Windhager

With settlement funding from the 2020 SCE damage affecting Tunnel Road Trail and Mission Creek, we launched [the Mission Creek Biodiversity Project](#). In addition to completing a survey of the entire upper watershed looking for invasive plants, we have also begun to work with private landowners in the area about removing problematic species in their own landscapes, and adding native species in their place. Why is this important? Attached is an article from this month's Ironwood that goes into more detail.

We have also begun work on a study funded by the Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program to study the idea of [Live Oak Fuel breaks](#) between developed and wildland habitat. We are looking at both establishment methodologies as well as the actual impact on fire behavior.

I hope many of you have also noticed the work that we have been doing on our property at [the "triangle" between Mission Canyon and Tunnel Roads](#). We are working to make this not only a beautiful display to be appreciated as everyone drives by, but also to get walkers safely off the road.

We are also in the final stages of getting our grading permit for a new trail on the east side of the Garden that will take hikers up to the highest elevation point on our property. This will open up this area for restoration in the future years. I don't have anything written up on this yet, but this should open in early 2024 and will send more information as this becomes available.

We are also beginning a study in 2024 with Fehr and Peers (<https://www.fehrandpeers.com/>), traffic engineers that will help us understand traffic problems in and around the Garden and hopefully recommend some potential changes that can improve the situation. We will be doing a walking tour of the roadways in January with the consultants, so let me know if you would like to help us conduct this tour and make sure the consultants understand where the key problems are. Again, more information to follow.

6. Treasurer's report: Selden Edner

MCA Financial Condition as of 11-30-2023

Montecito Bank and Trust checking 10/31/23		\$17,929.53
Deposits:	Interest	<u>1.44</u>
		\$17,930.97

Less expenses		(801.10)
Bal 11-30-2023 MB&T checking	\$17,129.87	\$17,129.87

MB&T new CD 10/5/23

7-month Flex CD matures 5-5-24 4.29% APR		\$20,000.00
accrued interest (estimated)		140.00
10-31-23 balance	\$20,140.00	\$20,140.00

First Republic Bank (Now Chase Bank)		
4.5% APR Matures 12-09-23		\$20,065.21
accrued interest (estimated)		750.00
	\$20,815.21	<u>\$20,815.21</u>
Total Funds 11-30-23		\$58,085.08
Balance from 10-31-23		\$58,741.20
Less balance on 11-30-23		\$58,085.08
Net change 10-31-23 to 11-30-23		<u>(\$656.12)</u>

1st: Jason Saltoun-Ebin

2nd: Nancy Weiss

All approved

Motion: Move \$20,000 CD and interest from First Republic to Montecito Bank & Trust into either our current CD or a (6-to-12 month) CD that has a higher interest rate. *Note: First Republic has moved out of Santa Barbara.*

1st: Nancy Weiss

2nd: Darby Feldwinn

All approved

7. New Business

7.1. MCA Priorities: Review of 2023 and looking ahead to 2024

- Jason wants to step down as president
- Try to tackle a beautification project at trailhead. Maybe try to get donations from the community.
- Das will continue to support the port-a-potty in 2024
- We should continue to push making FireWise Communities Currently we only have 2 pods (2 others are close, Ariba Way and Palomino Road) out of the 17 we would like.
 - They will be hosting workshops on evacuation in 2024 and having evacuation drills. They would like to have Mission Canyon residents to participate in this.
 - They also want to develop evacuation plans for Mission Canyon and other communities.

Motion: Give donations of \$1,500 to Environmental Defense Center (EDC), Botanical Gardens, and Museum of Natural History for their work in the Mission Canyon.

1st: JasonSaltoun-Ebin

2nd:Hutch Axilrod

All approved

Motion: Reimburse Marc Chytilo (Law Office of Marc Chytilo) up to \$1,500 for expenses incurred for his time on SCE legal issues.

1st: JasonSaltoun-Ebin

2nd: Hutch Axilrod

Abstained: Nancy Weiss

Everyone else approved

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
 - 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:
 - N/A

Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm on January 2, 2023, via Zoom