

Mid-Coast Recreational Needs Meeting

January 11, 2007

Focus on Moss Beach's Needs

In Attendance:

Dave Holland, San Mateo County Parks
Sam Herzberg, San Mateo County Parks
Sarah Allen – Peninsula Open Space Trust
Gail Erickson – Mid-Coast Community Council
Bill Sorfleet, Pat Tierney, Debby McKimmie - Residents

The following comments were received:

- Moss Beach Park is located on private lands, which can be used as a park in perpetuity as long as in public use.
 - Great location for a park.
 - Is focused on recreational needs for those 7 and under.
 - Playground sponsor always envisioned that the County would take over eventually and maintain.
 - Phase II could include following improvements: restroom (i.e. vault), water foundation, safer parking (including ADA), sidewalks amphitheatre on east side with a stage and/or basketball court.
 - Tim Pond has more details.
 - Adjacent western land would good acquisition.
- Do not want Montara Sanitary District to be involved in providing recreational opportunities given past track record that utility has denied restroom hookup to Moss Beach Park.
- School District lands are used for soccer, but are poorly maintained by School District due to lack of funding and are reliant on volunteer efforts.
- Soccer and ball fields used in HMB are well maintained through youth organizations, but there are not enough fields.
 - Need more access to courts and ball fields.
 - Need a field that can be lit at night.
 - Need to partner with youth organizations for maintenance.
- All park and recreational facilities need restrooms and water fountains, and picnic tables (i.e. for parents, birthday parties, etc.). There is a lack of these amenities in the Mid-Coast.

- Need for a gymnasium/community center that is centrally located in Mid-Coast (i.e. El Granada or HMB Airport). Kids need a place to gather. Kids have a hard time finding indoor gyms and outdoor courts for practice. Too much demand and not enough facilities.
 - Teens and tweens need social and physical activities from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Construction of a Boys and Girls Club has not occurred, but is needed. Need to figure out why that has not happened?
- All recreational opportunities currently involve driving to Pacifica or HMB facilities, which causes more traffic.
- Money spent by visitor serving opportunities does not translate into more recreational funding for Mid-Coast.
- Bridge gaps in the Coastal Trail to provide alternative access (safety issue for recreational users, kids to school and commuters who currently use Highway 1).
 - There is a need to designate Highway 1 as a Scenic Highway to make available recreational trail funds.
 - Are there Coastal Trail opportunities located north of Juliana and Wienke at the Vallemar Bluffs?
 - Need better access to beach.
- There is interest in a skate park.
- There are potential recreational opportunities associated with the CalTrans Bypass when CalTrans makes it available to State Parks.
- Bill Sorfleet and Debby McKimmie agree to be Moss Beach representatives.