

Mid-Coast Recreational Needs Meeting

January 29, 2007

Focus on Miramar/Princeton's Needs

In Attendance:

Dave Holland, Sam Herzberg – San Mateo County Parks Department
Residents – Ric Lohman, Barbara Lohman, Leni Shultz, Mike Mitchell, Lee Engdahl, Susan Pike, Kelly Pike, Pat Tierney, Carole Delmar, Carla Brooke, John Hernandez, Joom and Brou Mullins, Ray Fisher

The following comments were received:

- Need to complete Mirada Surf Coastal Trail, as well as unimproved section north of Coronado within CalTrans right of way.
- County should request a Federal designation of Highway 1 as a Scenic Highway to make itself more eligible for trail funding.
- Trail network needs to connect Mid-Coast community.
- Providing facilities for kids should be a high priority due to the lack of facilities currently available particularly for Middle and High School aged kids.
 - Develop facilities to be multi-purpose for kids and adults.
 - Need to be located away from neighborhoods.
- Need to evaluate the recreational possibilities at Half Moon Bay Airport.
 - Roller hockey and skate Park at the Half Moon Bay Airport are moving to the Half Moon Bay High School.
 - Could a Community Center and playing fields be built there?
- Half Moon Bay is about to have a crisis with it's available playing fields and gym as a result of the next two years of reconstruction of Cunha Middle School.
- Fear of communication being cut off from City of Half Moon Bay who plan to eliminate current Unincorporated County participation on City's Park Commission.
- City of Half Moon Bay refuses to discuss to Granada Sanitary District about possibility of the Sanitary District providing recreation in the Mid-Coast.
- Question does the County give the City of Half Moon Bay any money currently?
Rumor needs to be resolved for the community.

- 14 acre Burnham strip is up for sale by Harbor District and needs acquisition for storm water protection and to provide a park as originally anticipated in El Granada Plan.
 - Northern section of Burnham strip is private land. If fill was deposited from Devils Slide Tunnel it could provide a view.
 - A loop/exercise trail could be designed like Crissy Field in San Francisco.
 - 6.1 acre inland land adjacent to Burnham Strip is also up for sale.
 - Groups interested in acquisition should be collaborating for mutual benefit and cost share.

- Need more restrooms in the Mid-Coast.

- The Harbor District's lease of the RV Park in Princeton stipulated that a public restroom was required, but that has not been enforced by the Harbor District.

- Harbor District has been a key player in providing recreation in the Princeton area.
 - Taking a lot of burden.

- County needs to improve Princeton Ave for merchants and to improve Coastal Trail for recreation.
 - Something that needs to happen that could easily be done.

- Doing something immediately means doing something on lands that are already publicly owned.

- Need to prioritize what is achievable soonest.

- Moss Beach Park needs maintenance.

- There is a need for an MOU with a variety of potential recreational providers.

- Lots of facilities serve regional visitors as well as needs of locals.
 - Currently there is competition for limited resources.

- Surplus Cabrillo School District property in El Granada would make sense as a community park.
 - Approximately 20 acres
 - 30% wetlands.
 - Small soccer fields are possible.
 - Traffic through neighborhood would be a concern.

- There are questions about how TOT taxes raised from new hotels in Mid-Coast are being spent on the community.

- There are a number of volunteers groups in the community that maintain Moss Beach Park, and take care of playfields used by youth leagues. If a multi-use facility was developed volunteers could help with maintenance.
- There is great diversity in the Mid-Coast. This Recreation Plan should try and tie the community together.
- Mid-Coast needs a Community Center.
 - San Mateo Central Park is a good model for a diversity of recreational uses in a relatively small area.
 - A Community Center tucked into a neighborhood would generate traffic concerns. Consider the possibility of two Community Centers to the north and south in the Mid-Coast to disperse the use and traveling necessary.
 - Mount Madonna Yoga Center could be an example of a Community Center.
 - Community Center should be set up to generate revenue.
 - Pocket parks make sense to have managed by community, but not a Community Center.
- Community gardens should be considered.
- Older seniors are underserved and this age group will increase in the next few years.
 - Half Moon Bay is currently at capacity to serve seniors needs.
- Patrick Tierney and Barbara Lohman will be the representatives from Miramar/Princeton.