

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on July 25, 2012

Call to Order. 7:30

Present: all councilmembers

Supervisor Horsley, Nicholas Calderón, Richard Napier, Jim Wadleigh

4 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors Report – Supervisor Horsley

Rural Community Investment Area (RCIA) boundaries for Midcoast approved by ABAG.

Funding opportunities for RCIA's are currently under consideration. Projects supported by any future funding should improve the pedestrian environment, enhance access for bicyclists and transit riders, and provide innovative ways to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled. The scale and costs of these projects would be consistent with the existing character and planned densities of the Midcoast.

Ballot measures for November: County Controller change to appointed position, Board of Supervisors district elections, half-cent county sales tax

Demolition Derby – is OK with it. At first was concerned with environmental damage, danger for spectators, but concerns were answered, supports the fund-raising cause. Event traffic was spread over 2 days, not as intense on each day. FAA does not oppose.

Parks Workshop 7/31, Pine & Horsley ad hoc committee, 9am, at Board Chambers.

Brainstorm solutions for resource-starved Parks Dept.

LCP Update at Coastal Commission 8/8 – looks good for approval.

2. Public Comment

Lisa:

Big Wave Project CCC appeal is Wed. 8/8 in Santa Cruz. Staff report will be available online 7/27. MCC website has Issues Page on Big Wave Project with more info & links.

Rancho Corral de Tierra neighbors meeting this Sat. 7/28, 11-1 hosted by NPS & Parks Conservancy. Moss Beach Ranch off Etheldore.

Protecting Coastal Watersheds Workshop Sat. 8/25, 10-1, at Cypress Meadows in Moss Beach. Public outreach for Fitzgerald ASBS (Area of Special Biological Significance) Pollution Reduction Program. See MCC website Issues Page on Watershed.

Laura: **Traffic signal timing program** - could Midcoast be included? Nicholas: waiting to hear from DPW.

Laslo Vespremi: suggest MCC send letter to PMAC re PMAC's letter to County in support of demolition derby - propose they take derby to Pescadero.

David Vespremi: re **Demolition Derby**: Need permit process in place for events like these – forum for community discussion. Try new elements such as demolition derby in Pescadero which supports it. Would like item on MCC agenda.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes for July 11 and July 18, 2012 - approved 6-0

4. Regular Agenda

a. (8:00) Airport Plan Overview – Overview and discussion of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) update for HMB Airport by Richard Napier, Executive Director, C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC). Jim Wadleigh, Interim Airports Manager, will discuss Airport Layout Plan update.

Jim Wadleigh presentation on **Airport Layout Plan (ALP)** (posted on MCC website).

Q&A: County owns airport with deed restrictions. Air traffic patterns will remain the same – already thoroughly studied and approved. Displaced threshold – removing them gives false impression that you're expanding runway, but actually puts touch & go higher over houses.

No planned change in weight/size limit of aircraft. Uses of airport such as Dream Machines are policies, not part of Master Plan. Cell tower rental space agreements are handled by County Real Property Division. Aircraft complaints - call 650-573-3701– give time of problem. Letter is sent to pilot and pilots' association (peer pressure) but Noise Abatement Procedures are voluntary. Airport has no jurisdiction over aircraft in the air (stunt, formation flying, noise abatement procedures) – that is FAA jurisdiction. Noise abatement signs at end of runway, were faded, recently replaced. Re stunt pilots over protected marine reserve – Seabird Protection Network meets with pilots. FAA stays stunts are legal. NOAA could step in. FAA wouldn't be opposed to mixed use trail along airport frontage road. Any future development would have to be in ALP. (Don: enterprise zone, bike rentals, visitor serving, not office space).

Jim will lead tours of airport. Contact Lisa to sign up.

David Vespremi requests opportunity for public to attend stakeholder meetings on ALP update.

Laslo Vespremi: As landlord County has the right to impose restrictions on formation flying.

Jim: can report to FAA if we see it, but cannot enforce. Could set up meeting with FAA person to help explain this.

Richard Napier on ALUCP (Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan: C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments) is Joint Powers Authority stand-alone organization with numerous functions, one being the County's Airport Land Use Commission. Many changes in FAA regulations require update in ALUCP. Current plan over 15 years old. ALP (Airport Layout Plan), just discussed, is **operations** of airport. From that are determined compatible land uses around the airport, or the ALUCP. Planning process requires public meetings. PAC (Project Advisory Committee) has MCC member. Will have public meetings, several on Coastside (not in first 6 months, but once we have something to show). Tentative plan ready in about 18 months but more time needed for vetting/approval, then environmental review. Updated plan only applies to new land uses. Existing uses could continue as non-conforming. Housing restrictions are relative to noise contour. Look at data (flight tracks/height), establish Safety Zones according to standards in FAA handbook. Airport Influence Area (AIA) boundary affects local government land use plans and zoning. Balance needs of airport and community. Currently finalizing scope of work, will sign agreement with consultant shortly. PAC will review. ALUCP dovetailed with ALP because airport data needed, but some things can go in parallel. Usually takes 6 months to a year to review/sell plan. Planning is guided by FAA handbook combined with local data. Staff report is based on data - not political. C/CAG's 21 elected officials do final approval which sets AIA boundaries. County then needs to adjust zoning ordinances if needed for compliance (Airport Overlay zone and other adjacent zoning districts).

b. (9:20) County Use of Plastic Sandbags – (Ketcham) Plastic sandbags left in place long term by County Dept of Public Works degrade into pieces that blow or wash into creeks and ocean. Desired Outcome: Council vote to request that County investigate alternative more environmentally friendly products to replace plastic sandbags.

Lisa made short presentation.

Council approved 6-0 to forward presentation to Supervisor Horsley asking for his help with this issue.

c. (9:25) Highway 1 draft Action Plan. Finalize comments on the draft Action Plan.

Len: presented MCC comment overview & next steps (supporting doc posted)

Bill: concerned about Parallel Trail segment on west side at airport – wants to avoid crossing highway. Feels agriculture operations shouldn't extend into right of way.

Don: Trails close to agriculture are problem due to use of pesticides.

Len: Entire Parallel Trail needs further study/planning.

Nicholas: First segment is Carlos St. due to funding opportunities. There are funding advantages when connecting existing segments. More detail planning is discussed at next step. Drawings/ideas are there now. Produced Midcoast RCIA (Rural Community Investment Area) maps.

Don: Re lighthouse left-turn project, will request Caltrans coordinate their activities with County.

Laura: Wants accident data with geographic specifics from Caltrans. Could Don help?

Leonard Woren: Roundabouts haven't been vetted - 6 comments against - don't summarily toss. Anything better than signal.
Don: Hear desire for trails connecting up/down coast & also safe crossings. Pushing hard to get grants. Recognize need for public input.
Laura: made motion that MCC approve letter and comments on H1 Mobility Study draft Action Plan – approved 6-0.

6. Council Activity

7/19/12 *Regional Sediment (Sand) Management Plan (RSMP)* meeting in Pacifica

Lisa read the following report:

Meeting was about the San Francisco RSMP (south to Pt San Pedro) 2011-spr 2013. The coastline is divided into littoral cells which are considered to be separate from each other as far as exchange of sediment goes, by rocky points or underwater canyons. RSMPs do not involve new research on local shoreline sediment movement. They simply document past and present shoreline conditions, forecast conditions 50 years out including sea level rise, and describe a variety of possible steps that local governments can take if they choose. No specific projects are proposed in the RSMPs.

A future RSMP is proposed for Santa Cruz, and Supervisor Horsley has written the Army Corps in support of expanding the scope of that study north to Pillar Point, which is actually the northern boundary of the Santa Cruz littoral cell.

These RSMPs are DIFFERENT from the ongoing Surfers Beach/Pillar Point Harbor erosion study (begun 2009), which is a standard US Army Corps project related to mitigation of damages caused by federal navigation projects, in this case the harbor breakwater. If the harbor study's feasibility phase shows a positive benefit-to-cost ratio, a specific project alternative will be developed in detail. I think we can expect a public workshop with updates on this study this fall.

The Harbor District asked for and is the local sponsor of this study, however they did not ask for the Princeton shoreline to be included. I discussed this with John Dingler of the Army Corps at the Pacifica meeting and he said he was glad I brought it up and he would look into it.

MCC website has an Issues Page: Harbor/shoreline

7. Committee Reports

Len: next Coastal Trail Committee meeting 8/28

Lisa: Would like Treasurer Report for last fiscal year – could Nicholas provide?

Nicholas: Will do. Also, new procedure going forward, County will give MCC yearly funds, instead of via reimbursement for purchases.

8. Future Agendas

8/8: cancelled

8/22: Princeton Scope/Work letter to BoS; GGNRA on soil mitigation at Moss Beach ranch

9/12: Fire District; 7pm meeting time

9. Adjournment (10:12)