

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Approved Minutes: Meeting on March 14, 2012

Call to Order. 7:39

Present: all councilmembers except Bob; 10 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors Report - Nicholas Calderon (7:40)

Planning/Building proposed 5% fee increase: BoS formed subcommittee Horsley/Tissier to work with P&B to look at less severe rates.

PDA: ABAG postponed hearing rural Priority Development Area applications till June meeting. Supervisor Horsley & Steve M. will discuss with MCC on 3/28. **Mike Ferreira** attended ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) meeting where recommendation was made to postpone -- said members were highly skeptical about the use of PDAs in rural areas. Several committee members said that if ABAG wants to do something good in these rural areas it need not be done in PDA context.

Coastside Design Review Committee has 3 applicants; Horsley & one other Supervisor will set up meeting time. Who on MCC will work with Supes? Can discuss at later date.

County Controller vacancy: Assistant Controller Bob Adler appointed by BoS

County roads vegetation management: BoS stopped roadside broadcast herbicides except for invasive weeds.

State Responsibility Area (SRA) fee for property owners with no fire district (\$150) - BoS supports bill to repeal fee.

Business cards - \$25 for 500 cards, personalized, or MCC generic card (write in name/email).

Transportation shuttle grant – Need a project to apply for grant. Proposal needs to come from Planning. Apr 19 deadline, not much time to pull something together.

MCC vacancy – BoS will open application process shortly; will be link on website to apply.

2. Public Comment

Leonard Woren: Planning Dept fees are punitive already (\$1,000 to appeal), stifles public process, MMC should agendize and ask BoS to reduce appeal fee to less than \$100.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: agree with Leonard on appeal fees; builders also don't have a lot of money to defend appeals either. Permit fees based on % of estimated cost of work, even if homeowner doing labor themselves. County policies result in decrease in quality and increase in cost. If it costs too much people don't get permits, county gets no fees, inspections are not done.

3. Approval of Agenda- include Devil's Slide Task Force meeting report in Item 5b

4. Consent Agenda -- all approved

- a. Minutes - February 22, 2012
- b. Minutes – February 29, 2012

5. Regular Agenda (8:10)

a. Presentation of First Flush 2011 data results on local storm water runoff pollutants by Karissa Anderson, Conservation Associate at San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD).
Covers watersheds of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Partners: National Marine Sanctuaries, Surfrider, SAM, GSD. Midcoast sample sites in Montara (1), Moss Beach (3), Princeton (3), El Granada (2). Testing for bacteria, nutrients (fertilizer), metals (zinc, lead, copper), total suspended solids (turbidity). Results show Midcoast runoff has low test levels except consistently high coliform bacteria at every site. RCD looking to expand program – more test sites, expand volunteer recruitment (for collecting samples), more funding partners. Will provide job description for MCC website. Contact Karissa@sanmateorcd.org or Shannon@sanmateorcd.org

b. Hwy 1 Safety & Mobility Study (Erickson, 8:30) Follow up to the 2/29 community presentation and comments. Review public comment and consider a letter for adoption at 3/28 MCC meeting.

Dan: View Hwy 1 meeting on MCC website, submit public comment by email to Steve Monowitz.
Connie?: Hwy 1 improvements will invite more people here – not a good thing.
Mike Ferreira: Need to use public streets to get thru Montara, but not a good idea to use Clipper Ridge street for parallel trail since it is not a thru street.
Carl May: Study is county's agenda (more growth & development). MCC should take a position on study -- need you to represent us. Hopes public can have input into forming "local opinion". Parallel trail & safe crossings have been discussed for years -- where they should be -- this study hits most of them. MCC has history of dealing with this subject. Character of surroundings has legal standing in LCP – new development must fit with existing character. Character of CCT is being regularly ignored – too much paving.
Kathryn: Parallel trail must be priority -- have funding, can build in stages. Need to know what traffic demand will be. LCP update started in 1999 – county still fighting with CCC. Don't know what growth rate will be, whether we'll have affordable housing projects. Need data before we design roads.
Leonard Woren: Phase 1 had assortment of ways to destroy El Granada. Supports parallel trail-- been in LCP since 1980, need to get it done. Surfers Beach and Moss Beach easy to do safe crossing, protected pedestrian islands.
Nicholas: parallel trail – Supervisor Horsley wants it too. Only been in office 1 year. Next application period opens 2013 – intends to be ready at that time.
Rob Carey: Please remove 60-car parking lot at Montara fallow field at nexus of 4 trails -- will result in degradation of open space -- should maintain in wild a state as possible. Contrary to purpose of NPS. Fallow field is buffer zone from highway.
Elisabeth Vespremi: traffic light at south tunnel portal absolutely unacceptable
Close public hearing. (9:25)

Bill: report on ***Devil's Slide Task Force meeting*** March 7: Tunnel open end 2012. South portal crossing light will be full traffic light – red/yellow/green, on demand, left into & out of parking lot. Cliff hwy into park in about 1yr. Parking lot will not be open until trail is ready. Coastal Conservancy will put in rest rooms and water fountains.

Len: Roadmap to MCC comment letter by end March to Steve, cc BoS. Councilmembers send individual written comments. Ask public to share their written comments with MCC. Look at near-term priorities, consider different parking options/priorities.

Lisa: like the idea of 2 lists: items to emphasize, & near term items to work on.

Bill: What can we ask the county to do quickly for safer crossings and better traffic flow? Regional transportation management plan needed.

Laura: Regional planning needed. Where is the traffic data so we can make informed decision?

Lisa: Top priorities: east-side Hwy 1 parallel trail, pedestrian crossing islands and raised medians within communities, crosswalk with left turn lane at the lighthouse. GSD and Harbor District need to be included in discussion of Surfer's Beach area. Parking (particularly at Montara State Beach & Surfer's Beach) -- be careful & conservative - consider our scenic highway. Harbor RV park used to be beach parking. -- should be moved.

Dan: parallel trail would be enormous asset – we're prisoners in our homes on weekends – for safety we need to get pedestrians & bicycles off Hwy 1

Council agrees on Special Meeting to compile two lists on Hwy 1 study: elements of study to emphasize, and near-term action items, with brief cover letter. Meeting tentatively Wed. 3/21, 7pm at GSD.

6. Council Activity (9:55)

Lisa report on March 7 Harbor District Annual strategic planning, finance, and priorities workshop.

Multi-use building is a top priority -- hope to complete by 2015 -- to contain District office, meeting room, and Marine Sanctuary visitor center (no commitment). They are considering parking lot "B" for the location and expect a decision this spring – a design firm is doing initial studies. (lot is significantly higher ground than the concession building next door making it more visible).

Perched beach development which they hope to complete by 2016. Design and engineering are underway for new protective bulkhead and fill over the beach. Specific uses undetermined - possible marine-related commercial, retail, community center. CCT would run along bulkhead. Expanded beach area eastward to the inner breakwater, by covering wetlands with dredging spoils.

Boat launch ramp maintenance dredgings this spring (up to 5,000 cubic yards) will be placed on the east end of perched beach (farthest from kayak stand).

West shoreline trail erosion repair. Preliminary estimates on scope of work to be submitted by June and

actual repair work next fiscal year. Peter Grenell says no plans for any change in trail surface over DG currently there. Work also planned on resurfacing parking lot at trailhead – that might be paved, not determined yet.

Parking Fees: The District is supportive of the RV park lessee charging \$10 for parking at Surfers Beach day-use lot. Regarding Mavericks parking lot, General Mgr Peter Grenell had this to say via email, “We are likely to charge for parking there regardless of whether the parking lot is paved. You must understand that the District does not have a bottomless pit filled with money. And yes, of course the public will have opportunities to comment on this. The Harbor Commission takes its decisions in public as required by law.”

Harbor water quality – RCD’s circulation study and water sampling continues. (Report on first year of results at RCD meeting this Thurs, 3/15)

RV park: Public comment - several requests to open RV park rest room to public, to charge less for short-term parking at Surfers Beach, to get rid of the many tacky highly visible towing signs at RV day-use lot, and to consider moving RV lot elsewhere in harbor and return the area to beach parking.

Kathryn: Remind audience to get your written comments in. This will be appealed to the Coastal Commission who will have final review. Cover all issues you want raised at the local level in order to have them included in CCC appeal.

Adjournment (10:03)