

Midcoast Community Council minutes, 4/14/99 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Woren mentioned that he is being sued by Byers and McCracken for GSD's stand on serving the Mirada Surf Project. Ken Lundie stated that a printed statement announcing the winners of the Harbor District's officer elections was available more than three hours before that body's elections, clearly a violation of the Brown Act.

The Midcoast Community Council voted to move the two consent items to the end of the regular agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer read bank statement (\$163.99) and proposed budget (\$3,000).
- Park & Recreation chair stated that the County is beginning to shift their long-standing position not to support local parks in the unincorporated area and the committee is considering alternatives to get the Midcoast parks.
- Planning and Zoning chair reported that the committee may review the EIR for the Tunnel. Chair stated the Planning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend not abandoning the street that Ken Coverdell wanted so that he could build two houses on the site that he had previously wanted to put a plant stand on, but his neighbors had opposed it.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Caruso accepted the budget that the Treasurer and the Midcoast Community Council had passed at its previous meeting.

1. Volunteer Appreciation Night

April Vargas proposed 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 19, 1999 as the night, at Moss Beach Distillery. Council will not pay for drinks but will pay for hors d'oeuvres. The Midcoast Community Council voted unanimously to have the event at that date, time and place and spend up to \$150 of the funds in its bank account on hors d'oeuvres at the event.

2. Abalone Aquaculture

Keith Mangold told the Midcoast Community Council and the public that there are four kelp beds between Golden Gate and Davenport and there is no substantial kelp along the Midcoast. Potential for commercial harvesting to feed the abalone in the aquaculture project is a problem because the California Coastal Commission might find the little bit there is will be soon gone. He requested support from the Midcoast Community Council on this issue. Ken Lundie stated that he was unaware that the Harbor Commission is about to have an ad hoc committee meeting about this proposal. Mary Hobbs said that the Midcoast Community Council had previously voted to request more environmental information on this project. Keith said nothing has been done in response. David Spiselman is to send Paul Perkovic the letter that the Midcoast Community Council previously voted to send.

3. **Sprint PCS Telephone Antenna at Devil's Slide**

Jeff Merz presented on behalf of Sprint: a five-year renewable application with a six-month review period and a negative environmental declaration. Any PCS subscriber will benefit from the antenna's service regardless of which provider supplies the service. Coverage would run from Pedro Point, Pacifica through Montara State Beach. Chuck Kozak said that the site is a nesting site for Common Murre and for Peregrine Falcons and the generators might disturb them. CalTrans already has power running there. Maybe Sprint can buy power from the underground power lines that CalTrans already has there. The Sprint PCS Site Submittal Package document mentioned that one of the reasons to justify the service would be vehicle emergency. Midcoast Community Council unanimously recommended approval of the permit given that it will provide improved access from distressed passenger vehicles and also provide better support for emergency medical vehicles, provided that Sprint explore using CalTrans ground power, assess the viability of the large trees that makes the tower less visible, take special care regarding the endangered bird species, and employ discreet security fencing for its five-year renewable application with a six-month review period and a negative declaration.

4. **Statewide Park Bonds**

Coastal Advisory Commission gave a baseline presentation on land acquisition, will soon give a presentation on eminent domain. Mary Hobbs recommended that the Midcoast Community Council vote that no vote by CAC be taken until public presentation is given to enable the public to better understand the issue.

Mary Hobbs requested advice from Midcoast Community Council members about who would receive the letter that had been on the consent agenda, and the council members gave its help. The letter will be sent, by unanimous consent.

5. **Midcoast Planning Project**

Ric Lohman supplied a brief discussion of the proposed letter. Then Kathryn Slater-Carter said that Terry Burnes would approve using a planner to revise the design review standards for the Midcoast. She requested that instead of "recommendation" we "request" the planner's time. ABAG should be handled in a separate letter. Item 5: instead of "adhere to existing standards," change to "revise to bring them to contemporary standards." Paul couldn't see where the letter was requesting the time of a planner, and there is no community consensus currently supporting the requests in the letter. Leonard Woren said that the County needs to understand and recognize the Coastal Act. Leni Schultz agreed with Kathryn. Spiselman suggested that in order for the request to work out well for the coast, the planner would have to work with the Midcoast Community Council on the coastside, not in Redwood City County Seat. The letter was altered slightly and the Midcoast Community Council voted to revisit and vote on it at the next meeting. First paragraph is "thank you," second paragraph is "we request the assistance of Planning Staff," then review of zonings, public meetings, then the desired result.

Future Agendas

April 28 -

County Planner Project, Triathlon (both sponsored by Lohman), Devils Slide EIS (Perkovic), Park Funding Options and Recommendation (sponsored by Hobbs), Abalone Letter (consent, Lohman), Eminent Domain (consent, Hobbs).

May 14 - Princeton Advisory Liason.