

MidCoast Community Council
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes -3/2/98

Present: MCC members Mary Hobbs and Paul Perkovic, appointed P & R members Bern Smith, Fran Pollard, and Chuck Kozak, community participants Katherine Slater-Carter, Bill VanderWerf, and invited guests Terese Smith, John Hernandez and Barbara VanderWerf.

1. Terese Smith, Director of Public Works, Half Moon Bay, explained the history of the Coastal Trail in Half Moon Bay and the Midcoast. They secured Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. John Hernandez and his group, Coastsiders for Safe Bikeways, had started to work on a trail.

Phase I: Mirada to Kelly.

TDA and Coastal Conservancy funds were used, with State Parks providing maintenance. HMB was the oversight agency, and they also received some funding from the Peninsula Community Foundation. It cost approx. \$100,000 a mile. It is made with asphalt chipseal. They did test patches of other materials, and they all failed. They looked for a better color, and that didn't work.

Phase II: The Bridge over Pilarcitos Creek, 400 ft long. Funded by Coastal Conservancy money. Pilarcitos Creek is SF garter snake habitat, so had to span it. Snake activity is monitored. The steel piers go to bedrock. It took 15 months to get the permits.

Phase III: Bike lane on Kelly Ave, from Kelly to Poplar, cooperating with the County (they agreed to not get in the way). They are extending the trail down Wavecrest to Redondo Beach.

Also working on the Pilarcitos Creek trail, raising money. Many of the easements hook up to the Coastside Trail - should be done in about 5 years.

They need seed money to match for grant - the County may provide some - there are lots of strings attached to the Coastal Conservancy money. The CC does not pick up easements. Offers to dedicate are good for 21 years. Ocean Colony is the only area without a trail easement, but they will find a way to get the trail through.

The had \$55,000 for Mirada Surf - it was defederalized - trade with another agency. The funds are about to "evaporate" - need to work fast.

John Hernandez - Offers to dedicate (OTD's) under the Coastal Act.

Any development on the coast has to make an offer to dedicate public land. If the offer is accepted you have to install a trail right away. There was a change of policy 3 years ago - develop whenever you want. Try for legislation to take

permit fees to install OTD's, ask for funding. What is the liability issue? Same as for a sidewalk. Under the Knox bill the Coastal Conservancy can be hit for up to \$25,000 for liability. The permitting agency requires OTD's. The County can require an easement, then require a local entity to pick it up. Until the OTD is accepted it can be fenced off.

Mirada Surf: The County has the ability to require an OTD. The lead agency for the trail is HMB for the current trail to the Anchorage Restaurant. There is 90,000 in funding due to expire in Sept. 99, 36,000 that expires in Sept. 2000 and 224,000 that expires in 2001. Half Moon Bay cannot move forward without support from the County, which has not been forthcoming. Mirada would get a tax break for an OTD, but there doesn't seem to be much movement in the county on this. A champion is needed. Cal Trans is working on Surfer's Beach with their own money - will they put in rip-rap and not worry about a trail? A right-of-way is needed. The county must get an easement in Mirada. The Bikeways Committee wants to push this. The MTC is saying in their next TDA cycle to change funds to HMB.

OTD's can be from 6 to 50 ft, with 25 being standard. 300 ft. S. Of town there are 3 private parcels between the highway to the ocean down to Verde Rd. The condition on the permit down there for Gambini/Luchini is not clear now. Near the gold course they are planning on putting the trail along the fairways, with a toilet, drinking fountain, stairs down to the beach. Strawberry Ranch wants the trail to go farther east, as they are afraid of an impact on their business. New Wavecrest access off Redondo = the trail will go somewhere. Talking about a box car bridge along Poplar.

There are 3 OTD's in HMB, 6 in the County, 6 in Pacifica. At the harbor - Mikelson St to Beach an OTD lateral to the riprap. If it evaporates they can put up a fence. The other side of Denniston has an easement. Princeton Fish Sellers OTD is a paper street they want accepted so access is not denied. One at Fitzgerald below the Distillery. They are talking to the Air Force about the Pillar Point area. Vallemar - scenic easement at the end of the road down to the beach. Could open that area up to the public because the owner didn't follow recommendations regarding how to keep people out. Sanitary District - SAM may want to put in a holding tank and maybe could make construction of the trail a condition for doing that. The Strand - maybe an easement in front of Tyler's house. Could require a bike trail as part of the 9th St. Improvements planned by CalTrans in Montara. Difficult to get from hostel to Montara - will have to route on roads. Consider a separate trail for horses going along the CalTrans ROW. The Martini Creek Bridge is being transferred to Parks and Rec. - it is non-vehicular only. Now a trail.

Pacifica - Trails Advisory Committee recommendation is to leave the road over the mountain as the bike trail. Hwy. 1 multiuse trail to Pacifica Headlands. Go down Grand or onto the highway, past Surfer's area, around the mountain, past

Sharp Park. Several OTD's north of there. RV Park responsible for trail in that area. Manor Dr. Not sure - it is so unstable. Park at end of road with a gazebo, stairs to the beach, and a path along the bluff. Next door gave a lateral on the beach and on top of the bluff. Mussel Rock- an old dump site.

Actin Steps:

- Mary will talk to Mary Burns about the Mirada Surf trail and try to initiate communication between her and Therese Smith.
- Talk to Rich and Jerry about this

Next Agenda

Other counties: in-lieu fees
Discuss what we learned tonight
Charter