

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Public Meeting on 6/10/92
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Call to order 7PM - Pledge to flag

PRESENT: Ayers, Bledsoe, Brown, Dove, Marsh, Meyer
Absent due to illness: Campbell

PUBLIC COMMENT: Valerie Ayooob, 8th St. Montara expressed concern about the proposed paving of 5 - 8th Streets in Montara. She said that the petition in favor of the paving is three years old, and was based on 1988 estimated costs. At this time, DPW is unable to give the property owners a clear estimate, and it has been mentioned that the project may cost up to \$20,000 per property owner. Ms. Ayooob wants to redo the petition, but it appears to her that DPW is going ahead with the project in spite of protests. Brown advised Ms. Ayooob and other interested persons to attend the 6/11/92 meeting with DPW.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Bledsoe will handle budget request at County budget hearings between July 27 and August 7, 1992.

Bylaws: Nancy Hansen reported that the first draft is finished. Working copies will be ready for comments from Council and public, and will be available at the library in about two months.

Education: Session on zoning with Kim Powleson rescheduled indefinitely. Brown will update.

Facilities: Bledsoe is getting a free copy machine. Our office will be moved to terminal as soon as keys ready. Council meetings will be at St. Catherine's Hospital during the summer.

Water: Ayers is in touch with Montara Sanitary District Director Mark Wegehaupt about SB 1757 (Morgan). She is talking to the offices of Jackie Speier, Byron Sher, and Morgan about the vote. Q. Kopp has suggested that the Citizens Utilities issue be exempted from the bill.

Mirada Beach Park: Brown reported that the project is postponed indefinitely. It is back to the drawing board, and he hopes that the alternative will be in compliance with zoning regulations.

Mirada Surf: Eliminated as duplicate subcommittee.

Recreation: Brown to talk to HMB about playing field alternate site.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Suggestions on Agenda: Highlighting of items, darker ink, bigger print, elimination of public forum.

AIRPORT NOISE:

Present: Supervisor Mary Griffin, Gary Peterson (DPW), Eric Lenz (FAA), County Counsel Thomas Casey, Eschoo aides Karen Chapman and Pat Lloyd, members of Pilots Association and concerned residents.

Ayers acknowledged Councilwoman Campbell for her work in organizing this meeting.

Meyer withdrew from discussion and vote due to potential conflict of interest.

Y SUPERVISOR GRIFFIN gave an introductory speech expressing the County's concern, and the desire to work with the community toward consensus.

GARY PETERSEN echoed Sup. Griffin, adding that the airport contributes to the community by bringing events and business patrons to the Coastside. No County tax funds are used for its operation. Pilots are encouraged to fly in a safe and neighborly manner. His office is willing to discuss problems any time. On the basis of fuel sales, he estimates that the air traffic has decreased 25% from 10 years ago. The airport is staffed 7 days per week, 8 hours daily. No records are kept on after-hours traffic. Pilots pay plane parking fees, none for landing. Air traffic patterns are determined by wind direction, obstructions, and restrictions on flights over Radar Site. There is continuing education for pilots and student pilots to make them aware of safety concerns and other problems. Pilots are required to strictly adhere to flight pattern and air traffic regulations.

FRANCINE SHAPIRO: Video tape of low flying plane, noise of plane and buzzsaw. Requests that practice flights be restricted to certain hours, and altitude controls be enforced.

ERIC GEHRELS: Presented a petition protesting the intensity of the touch and go practices. He documented their frequency. Said that the residents of El Granada are also affected by the flight pattern. Showed videotape of low flying planes.

ERIC LENZ (FAA): Supports Peterson. Airport is regulated by County Airport Authority. San Carlos has a noise abatement program which gets the pilots to abide by neighborhood

concerns. Urges residents to remember that small planes have a limited capacity to climb. General Aviation rules apply, as opposed to those governing large airports such as SFO. Complaints are investigated by FAA when there is evidence of violation. Pilots who deliberately violate will get a "black mark" on their record which may, with multiple violations, result in license loss.

GARY PETERSEN mentioned that FAA is active in San Carlos in the development and implementation of safety procedures. "Safety First" is a general aviation policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Power, Scott Webber, Lynn English, Dr. Stasun, Thomas Mahone, Francis Navin, Joe Reid, John Nick, Larry Heard, Maria Ontiveros, Paul Fassinger, Eddie Andreini, Bill Rapp, Gene Rapp, Ken Barnes, Jim Holt, Lee Reagan, Maria Robertson, Dean Giebelhausen, Bob Nolan.

The above expressed a range of opinions, observations, complaints.

MARY GRIFFIN thanked those attending in a closing statement. She reassured those present that the county is eager to reach a resolution of this controversy.

After some discussion, Councilman Marsh made a motion to form a subcommittee consisting of 3 councilmembers, 3 residents, and 3 pilots to work on a satisfactory solution to the airport noise issue. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. It passed 5/0/1. Bledsoe, Campbell and Marsh will be on subcommittee.

FUTURE AGENDA:

6/24/92 Zion Subdivision
Ocean View Farm

7/8/92 Zoning education session

7/22/92 Highway Safety

Special meeting on WATER ISSUES set for 8/5/92. Water subcommittee will organize, and get moderator.

Councilmembers agreed to participate in HMB 4th of July Parade.

THOUGHT FOR THE EVENING:

"Landing without a lot of practice is definitely touch and go." --Kit Dove