

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Approved Minutes: Special Meeting – Administrative & Planning Retreat January 17, 2015, at GCSD

Call to Order. 10:02 AM

Attendance:

Councilmembers Olson, Johnson, Ketcham, Haggerty, Stein, Deinzer. Absent: Janoe

Governmental officials: Supervisor Don Horsley, Aide Nicholas Calderón

11 members of the public

1. Public Comment

Leonard Woren, El Granada: Bad road conditions on Seville and Sonora – request Supervisor Horsley check it out.

Laslo Vespremi, Moss Beach – Objects to return of active events such as moto-cross and big wheel truck rides at Dream Machines 2015, approved on BoS consent agenda in December. [Don: regrets not reading contract – assumed event was same as last year.]

Dan Haggerty, MCC, speaking as an individual: Petition to Coastside Fire District against locating new fire station on south side of Portola at Obispo has 470 signatures.

Regarding road conditions, the better the road condition, the faster people drive.

2. Supervisor Horsley's 2015 Midcoast priorities

Martin's Beach – County supports public access efforts.

Hwy 1 Surfer's Beach Erosion Protection Project – County is lead agency for design/permitting which is moving quickly. There will another public meeting soon. Caltrans will pay for construction, either riprap or sheet pile wall. Riprap dissipates wave energy better than sheet pile, which causes more erosion. No time for more elaborate solution. Goal is to complete design/permitting by June, with construction next summer.

Parallel Trail, southern segment (HMB to Coronado) -- Initial design funding \$500K, consultant contract to be finalized and start design work around April. Probably can get additional \$1million to complete project. Q: What about funding for northern segment (Moss Beach/Montara)? A: Nicholas will check TA schedule, call for projects early 2016.

Midcoast Hwy 1 Crossings, Turns, Medians -- New design alternatives will be posted on Mind Mixer the week of Jan 20, several weeks before the next community engagement meeting, which will be led by Kendall Flint.

Green Valley Trail (Gray Whale Cove parking lot to Devil's Slide south portal) design/permitting phase is funded.

Moss Beach Park – Bathroom is open. Basketball court surface has been slurry sealed. Volunteers cleaned up. Park will be closed for 6-8 weeks to improve playground structure safety (quarter million dollars) starting late Feb, early March. Q: What is the discussion between County Parks and the Clipper Ridge HOA re their park? A: Nicholas will ask and report back.

Montara Caltrans Bypass Lands. Caltrans wants to transfer some of the land to County Parks (20-foot-wide trail easement). Q: What is status of Linear Park & Trail Plan required by LCP for this land? Don: During LCP Update, Caltrans wanted to sell to private owners. CCC wanted it to be parkland. LCP requires Linear Park & Trail Plan. Marlene can come to MCC and talk about it. She has been directly involved in negotiations. County doesn't want to take on a big park there. Kathryn S-C: MWSD is interested in water source there.

Plan Princeton – Next step is draft preferred plan. MCC in March; public workshop in April. Don likes breakwater with trail on it. Also need to look at beach replenishment.

Connect the Coastsides (Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan) -- Next step is draft alternatives analysis (transportation and land use); will come to MCC in March.

Parking/Access Study -- for better understanding of current Midcoast parking needs and ideas for quick improvements. Draft report to be released soon. Don not interested in paid parking.

Short-Term Rental Policy (30-days or less) in residential zone -- AirB&B, VRBO, Craigslist, etc. County policy for coastal area being developed with group of residents including Dave Olson. Will capture Transient Occupancy Tax, which will be designated for Coastsides parks. Draft policy will come to MCC on stand-alone agenda around April. Renters will have to get permit from County.

Questions/Comments for Don:

LED streetlights? Don: County wants to replace existing streetlight fixtures with LED for energy and dollar savings. No new light poles planned. 2 LED streetlight fixtures will be installed as pilot project at each Midcoast PO, with lower/higher lumen output, for public to assess, followed by discussion at MCC. There has been delay in acquiring the fixtures but that is still the plan. There is also a policy for requesting streetlight removal being developed with the initial case of the light at the ocean end of Beach St.

Comments: Color spectrum is important variable as well as lumens. Put explanatory sign on the poles of the pilot installations.

Flooding on 2nd St. in Montara -- Steve Schneider, Montara, states long-existing flooding issue continues and gets worse -- not a road maintenance issue -- water coming down from roads above due to development permitted by the County, diverted to Kanoff Creek which can't handle it -- liability issue. Invites Don to come see. Bill Hollars and Mary Duffy in attendance on same issue. Don will come and bring DPW staff.

Misc: Elisabeth Vespremi: County should enforce limited highway access and business landscape buffer requirement. There is a disconnect with road capacity and buildout numbers.

Seton Hospital Sale? -- Don: County gave hospital \$20million to stay open. County has not taken a position on sale to Prime. County wants 10-year commitment to keep hospital open. If AG decides no on sale, and hospital goes into bankruptcy, that would be significant problem. Debt is about \$700million. Blue Wolf (alternate bidder) won't take that over. County wants long term care at Seton Coastsides to continue. Watching the situation closely. Don thinks urgent care facility would be better than emergency room for Coastsides. For real trauma need Stanford or SF, by ambulance or life flight.

(#4 Break for lunch 12:10 - 12:50)

3. MCC Issues & Priorities for 2015 (11:55-12:10 and 12:50-2:00)

Public comment:

Kathryn Slater-Carter, Montara -- need places for off-leash dogs

Len Erickson, El Granada -- MCC doing good job of publicity; encourage special venues when needed. Give county feedback on their meetings.

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach -- Short-term rentals are annoyance in residential neighborhood.

County should enforce code. [Dave: It's legal to operate in-home business if only people who live in home work there. New policy will formalize practice that is already happening. Dave has personal mission to get better code compliance from Planning & DPW.]

Leonard Woren, El Granada -- need better noise ordinance. [Dave says there is decibel limit under Public Nuisance.]

See Attachment: MCC 2015 Issues/Projects

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2015/2015-MCC-Issues-Projects.pdf>

Action item: All sponsors give Dave 3-tier prioritized list of their issues (top, medium, low) and indicate if items will be on agenda in next 3 months.

6. (2:00) **Councilmember Task and Committee Assignments -- See Attachment.**
<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2015/2015-01-17-Gov-Mtgs-Tasks.pdf>

5. (2:12) **Review/evaluation of 2014 meetings/activities, policies/procedures.**

What worked well?

Agendas published on Friday (2 days before deadline on Sunday).
Pro-active agenda scheduling – planning ahead.
Good meeting decorum -- MCC good role model.
Quality of meeting presentations, productivity
Meeting attendance and website traffic up
Informative website - no better source of Midcoast government-related info.
Great outreach benefit from “Nextdoor” neighborhood social network; also introduces community to MCC website.

Suggestions for improvement:

Improve follow through on communication with other government agencies.
Improve communication/reports to council on meetings/correspondence.
Improve MCC visibility in the community.
Increase advance notice to community of upcoming meeting topics.
Increase public speaker time beyond 3 minutes and be more flexible about repeat comments (controversial, but agree to try lower timer volume).

MCC Policies/Procedures Document

Communications #c (p. 2) -- Reports by councilmembers or committees (under Council Activity) -- “Desired style: clear, concise, objective”

Lisa clarified objective means to focus on providing facts, not opinions. Particularly on issues where the council has not taken a position, reports should be neutral. Think of it as providing factual information so that council and community members can form their own opinions. Fuller discussion of an issue requires a regular agenda item, so the public is informed of what the council will be discussing. During the Public Comment near the start of the meeting, councilmembers may make announcements of upcoming meetings or events but should strive to stick to the facts and avoid editorializing.

It is neither encouraged nor prohibited for Councilmembers to use the Public Comment period to speak as an individual in order to advocate a personal viewpoint or minority opinion on an issue. In addition to the standard disclaimer that they are speaking as an individual, they should first move to the podium to visually demonstrate that separation. Consider instead sponsoring an agenda item to allow full discussion of the issue.

Action Item: Counsel consensus that Lisa will submit the policy revision on future meeting consent agenda for adoption.

7. **Future Agendas**

Jan 28 - Midcoast Parklands Access and Parking Study
Feb 25 - Connect the Coastside Draft Alternatives Presentation
TBD – Special meeting with County Parks

Adjourn – 2:55 PM