

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*  
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## Unapproved Minutes: Meeting on February 11, 2015, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:01 PM

Attendance:

Councilmembers Olson, Johnson, Ketcham, Haggerty, Stein. ~7:30 Deinzer. Absent: Janoe  
15 members of the public

### 1. **Board of Supervisors' Report** - Nicholas Calderón

**Midcoast Hwy 1 Crossings/Medians/Left Turns:** New design images together with the Draft Preliminary Study for full explanation will be released on line Feb 18. Community engagement meeting to present designs, discuss and gather feedback is scheduled for Mar 11 at Cypress Meadows.

**Surfers Beach Erosion Protection Project:** Pre application meeting happened. Site visit with CCC staff last Friday during storm. Everyone in agreement project must move forward. Project update at public meeting soon – will keep us posted.

**Hwy 1 Traffic Survey Report for Moss Beach & Montara:** Study completed 12/10/14, recently received by County, recommends retaining existing speed limits in Moss Beach (50 mph) and Montara (45 mph). Installation of raised medians requires speed limit of 45mph or below, but if the medians have rounded curbs, they can be installed with 50 mph speed limit.

--Lisa asked definition of "accident rate" in report -- accidents per mile, per year or what? Average accident rate is listed as identical for Moss Beach and Montara, but there were approximately twice as many accidents in Moss Beach as in Montara. (No one present had the answer.) Lisa also noted that measured prevailing speeds differ by only 2 mph in Moss Beach vs Montara, which doesn't seem to justify 5mph difference in speed limit. Also, prevailing speed northbound is 4 mph faster than southbound in both Moss Beach & Montara.

--Nicholas will get methodology from Caltrans.

#### **Reports from other Government Officials**

**CHP Captain Mike Maskarich:** Radar trailer showing speed info is being moved around to various locations on Midcoast. Reports of advertising vehicle parked on Burnham Strip near Surfers' Beach: Vehicle owner has agreed to move the vehicle.

### 2. **Public Comment/ Announcements**

Chris Johnson: At the 2/5 SMC Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Neil Merrilees was honored with a recognition resolution for his service to the Parks & Rec Commission.

**SamTrans Citizen Advisory Committee** (Lisa reports) is recruiting volunteers to fill vacancies for 3 community and 2 multimodal reps. Responsibilities include providing input to SamTrans Board on the needs of current and potential transit users. Applications are due on March 6 and can be found at SamTrans.com. Find "Citizens Advisory Committee" under dropdown menu "About SamTrans".

### 3. **Consent Agenda:** approved 5-0

a. Approve Minutes for January 28

#### 4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:19) **New El Granada Fire Station** -- Gary Burke, President, Board of Directors, Coastside Fire Protection District (CFPD) reported on the current status and plans for a modern state-of-the-art fire station with 50-year life span on the "Post Office lot" in El Granada. The two Midcoast stations are 60 years old, at end of useful life, too small, expensive to maintain. El Granada station has more calls, and serves as backup for harbor and airport. Paramedics are in engine. Three Coastside fire stations form a network. Midcoast stations are 4,000 s/f; need 10,000 s/f. Citygate did a study on fire station relocation. Existing response times are very good (7 minutes). Existing station well situated. CFPD has purchased 2.7-acre "PO parcel" on Obispo Rd. between Portola and Coronado for \$845K, escrow to close this month.

Two locations being considered on this property, which has two types of zoning, C-1 (neighborhood commercial) on corner next to post office, and EG (El Granada Gateway) on the remainder south to Coronado. Area in middle with willows is riparian and cannot be developed. Building new station on the northern portion (Ave Portola to willows) would require 2-story building, more expensive. Building on the southern portion near Coronado would allow 1-story, and would leave the two corner lots on Ave Portola/Obispo available.

Have hired permitting consultants and architectural firm, and had initial meetings with County Planning Dept. RFP for EIR will go out this month. Will be Coastside fire station, paid for by entire district. \$6 million for construction, \$9 million total. No tax increases or bonds -- CFPD has reserves. Project won't be shovel ready for 2 years. Going forward, looking at both sites. Preferred location is EG (southern) portion of lot. Meetings ongoing with GCSD for mutually beneficial uses of the property. Public meeting in March. Encourage MCC members to attend, provide input.

Dan, MCC: Prefer to rebuild at current location. What is motivation for drive through?

What is real space issue? Store vintage engine in HMB. A: Engines are bigger/longer. Ginny McShane, CFPD Board member: Mission is to protect and save lives. 80% of calls are emergency first responders, not fire-related. Need access to main artery.

Judi Engel, HMB: Supports the need, but building plans seem too big and expensive.

Appreciates that CFPD is committed to working with GCSD.

Fran Pollard, El Granada: Glad to hear CFPD not committed to build on C-1 lot.

Concerned about tsunami and flood zone, sea level rise.

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach: Happy to hear CFPD is looking at location closer to Coronado.

Worried about the numbers. A: Reserves have \$9m for this structure, including \$6m just for construction. There will be no tax increases.

Steve Terry, El Granada: Prefers rebuilding in current location. A: Need 3 bays -- won't fit. Relying on professionals as to what is needed for functional reasons.

Patrick Crevelt: Supports southern location. Prefers low key structure, with strong community input to design.

Robert Scott, El Granada: Concern for aesthetics.

Chris, MCC: Concerned about bigger trucks and buildings to house them. 80% of calls are non-fire related, but we may lose Seton Coastside emergency room.

#### 5. (8:32) Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended

**Mini Parks Subcommittee:** Chris attended Feb 5 meeting. The subcommittee made substantive changes to the proposed mini-parks policy draft and decided to review the draft one more time on March 5 before sending it to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review at their April meeting.

**SMC Parks & Recreation Commission:** Chris attended Feb 5 meeting and reported there were two presentations: "Community Health and the Role of Parks, Trails, and Open Space", and a summary of County Parks Community Engagement Plan.

**Pillar Point RV Park:** Lisa reported that Harbor District Acting General Manager acknowledged receipt of MCC Jan 28 letter and agreed to place the issue on a future agenda, but didn't know when that would be because their agendas are quite full. Harbor Commissioner Nicole David has reached out to RV Park lessee who has agreed to meet with her and an MCC member over coffee for a preliminary discussion of the issues. Lisa will attend.

**Plan Princeton Steering Committee:** Mar 3 meeting scheduled.

**Planning Permit Application Referrals:** Lisa reported on flurry of emails the past week over MCC inability to comment on 2 specific projects due to lack of planning app referrals and other information. The resolution is that the CDP for major house addition on Princeton shoreline was pulled from today's Planning Commission agenda and postponed until Mar 11 so that MCC and CCC can comment. Also County Planning staff has agreed to the following updated procedures:

- All Planners will send MCC early referrals of all projects (residential or commercial) in digital format, with standard 2-week review time.
- Applicants will be required to submit digital plans which will be posted online (with CDRC agendas and through the online permit site).
- "Staff level" CDPs will be identified as such on referrals and Design Review agendas.
- **MCC email address** -- Staff would like one unchanging MCC email address to send referrals. Dave will set this up.

**Parking enforcement on Hwy 1** between Montara and Devil's Slide: Erin contacted SF CHP Officer Witt, sent photos of violations, will follow up with phone call.

**HMB History Association:** Dave reports process underway for HMB history museum.

**Montara flooding:** Dave met with 3<sup>rd</sup> St resident Steve Schneider, received pictures of storm flooding in that area, shared them with Supervisor's Aide Chris Hunter.

## 6. Future Agendas

TBD – Midcoast Parklands Access and Parking Study – no word from Christine on final draft.

Feb 25 – Hwy Protection at Surfers Beach – status update

PLN2014-00133- comments on permit app 115 West Point Ave. – tsunami evaluation

Mar 11 – Hwy 1 crossings, medians and left turn lanes – Cypress Meadows

Mar 25 -- Plan Princeton Draft Preferred Plan - GCSD

April 8 -- Connect the Coastside Draft Alternatives Presentation – Cypress Meadows

April 22 – Special meeting with County Parks – Cypress Meadows

**Adjourn - 8:46 PM**