

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Dave Olson . Chris Johnson . Lisa Ketcham . Dan Haggerty . Erin Deinzer . Laura Stein . vacancy

Approved Minutes: Meeting on September 23, 2015, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:03 PM

Councilmembers present: Dave Olson, Chris Johnson, Lisa Ketcham, Dan Haggerty, Laura Stein. [Absent: Erin Deinzer]

Government: Legislative Aide Nicholas Calderón, Project Planner Mike Schaller, Dave Burruto
7 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors' Report and Reports from other Government Officials

Nicholas Calderón:

MCC vacancy: Application period closed Sept 4. List of applicants given to MCC today.

CDRC vacancies: Applications being processed at County -- Laura will attend interviews.

7th St fence: Board of Supervisors will hear CDP appeal on Oct 20. Applicant agreed to compromise and revised application accordingly: New 4-foot-high wire mesh fence encroachment will be directly adjacent to existing encroaching private landscaping about 5 feet into the right-of-way. DPW will remove the solid wood wall across the end of 7th St.

Short-term rental policy: Pescadero meeting took place Sept 17. Next step is to draft specific policy and bring it back to the community. If not ready before the holidays, outreach will happen early next year.

Surfers Beach erosion protection project: County has expedited the project as much as possible. Caltrans is going through their process – expected to begin work in late Oct. Rock slope protection can be installed to protect the highway this winter and if necessary the rest of the work can be completed next year.

2. Public Comment

Brigid O'Farrell, Moss Beach: Series of planning meetings for new library underway this month. The last meeting is next Tues -- will bring together feedback from earlier meetings.

3. Consent Agenda: Minutes for Sept 9, 2015, approved 4-0, (Lisa abstained).

4. Regular Agenda

a. (7:13) **Highway 1 Parallel Trail, Mirada to Coronado** – Presentation (attached) on alternatives and preferred alignment by County Planner Mike Schaller, BKF consultant Jason Mansfield, and Nicholas Calderón.

Preferred alignment is within east-side highway right-of-way, as requested in recent MCC letter. At Magellan willows, trail will swing out next to highway with guardrail separation. Clear-span bridge is proposed over Medio Creek, about 130 feet long.

Summary of Council discussion on trail features:

Trail width: Match HMB's Patridge trail (estimated 8' paving with 2' shoulders).

Trail surface: County proposes asphalt paving and noted that following Caltrans standards for paved Class 1 path opens up more opportunities for grants. Council lacks consensus on the issue. Laura does not like aesthetics of asphalt or concrete. Dave prefers decomposed granite (DG). Lisa and Chris stressed need for all-weather paved surface due to many types of wheeled users, the trail's transportation rather than scenic recreational function, and its location in the highway right-of-way with many asphalt side street crossings. Chris asked if a more natural brown-colored paving was possible to deal with aesthetics.

Side street crossings: Prefer crossings set back from highway intersections due to distracted drivers trying to enter highway and vehicles blocking the crossing -- reference to roundabouts which place crossings before the entry points for that reason. Request for vehicles to yield to trail users on driveways and minor streets such as Furtado. White poles in middle of trail are a bike hazard – would like a better solution. Concern about safety of trail intersection at Coronado due to heavy traffic and lack of trail connection facilities.

Lighting at Medio and Mirada trail intersections: If necessary for trail safety, use shielded low-mounted fixtures such as at Sam's Chowderhouse parking lot.

Dan: Bike safety training for kids is needed and trail safety signage. Nicholas will speak with Supervisor Horsley and check if school district interested in SMC Office of Education funding for education programs. There will be bike/ped crossing signage. Chris suggested Dan speak to GCSD about offering safety training.

Timeline: County is meeting with other agencies (Caltrans, CCC) for feedback. Presentation of final analysis to Parks Commission, MCC, Planning Commission expected in Dec. Project won't be shovel-ready until 2017. Hope to keep construction cost under \$3 million.

b. (8:23) **Community Choice Energy (CCE)** program for San Mateo County -- status update by Dave Burruto, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Dave Pine (presentation attached). CCE leverages the market power of group purchasing and local control for affordable rates and clean renewable energy. Utility companies would continue to deliver energy, maintain lines and bill customers. "Care" low-income programs would still be offered.

Timeline: BoS hearing in October, form JPA Feb 2016, start serving customers fall 2016.

5. (8:54) **Council Activity** – Correspondence received & meetings attended

Connect the Coastside: Lisa attended TAC meeting Sept 9 as MCC rep alternate. In addition to 3 consultants and new county planner for the project, Rob Bartoli, there were 6 TAC members in attendance representing the Sheriff Dept, Samtrans, County Parks, HMB, CCC, and MCC. Two documents were reviewed which were distributed well in advance, and there was robust question/comment considering the small meeting size. The first document is a revised buildout analysis which analyzes a 25-year time frame compared to full buildout per existing zoning. The 2nd is recommended alternative transportation standards. These documents will be revised for public release and presented in a briefing to MCC on Oct 14, and at a Public Workshop Oct 22.

Plan Princeton – Lisa reported public outreach will resume early 2016 with the draft plan.

Seton Coastside: MCC News web post includes compilation of info & links on the deal with BlueMountain currently under review by Attorney General with deadline mid November.

New Granada Fire Station: MCC News web post has link to County's summary report of comments from public and reviewing agencies.

Barbara's Fishtrap: Lisa gave followup on Feb 2014 project application for restaurant expansion. Revised application Aug 2015 includes only Use Permit renewal and patio expansion by 370 sf -- no building expansion proposed. Required Geotech Study, Geohazard Evaluation and Structural Assessment Studies were completed July 2014. Tsunami evaluation noted the 1946 tsunami caused damage requiring replacement of the west side of the building. A future tsunami is very likely and may be deeper than the 1946 event. The building may be heavily damaged, however there will be ample time to evacuate the area before the tsunami arrives.

New library: Dan attended several Sept. library design meetings. Continuing concerns are: building size (25,000sf), adequate off-street parking, desire for local Midcoast branch. Last in architect meeting series is Sept 29th at Ted Adcock.

--Brigid O'Farrell added that workshop participants found it difficult to prioritize what features to leave out if building size is reduced below 25,000sf.

--Dave will be meeting with County Director of Library Services on Sept 30 re library services on the Midcoast (aside from the Bookmobile), brainstorming long-term solutions.
HMB General Plan: Dave attended Sept 10 workshop. Transfer of development rights cropped up for the first time – surprising this late in the process.
Montara stormwater flooding: Dave met with residents of 2nd/East who are concerned due to imminent El Niño. Dave will continue to work on clarification of issues and mediate between DPW's Joe Loco, Supervisor Horsley's office, and residents. County will prep ditches/culverts for winter. GGNRA may get involved because their property abuts Kanoff.

6. Future Agendas:

Oct 8 (Thurs) 7pm, GCSD: special meeting for MCC candidate interviews to fill Council vacancy. Applicants: Curt Grisham, Moss Beach; Todd Pelman, Moss Beach; Gael Erickson, El Granada; Claire Toutant, Moss Beach.

Oct: 14: Connect the Coastside (County presentation)

[Oct 22 (Thurs): County public workshop Connect the Coastside]

Oct 28:

Nov 11: Sister Cities presentation (Erin)

Adjourn – 9:20 PM