

# Midcoast Community Council

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

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on September 13, 2017, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:00 PM

Attendance: 5 Councilmembers (Lisa Ketcham absent)

5 government representatives, 12 members of the public

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

Supervisor Don Horsley discussed the following topics:

Board of Supervisors considered proposed West Menlo Park subdivision that would have caused loss of heritage oak trees and proposed a Condition of Approval to adjust the lot boundaries when the subdivision ordinance update is approved in a few months which will allow for setback adjustments in order to preserve the trees.

Board approved key small amendment of the mobilehome rent control ordinance and a new mobilehome park conversion ordinance to further protect and preserve this source of affordable housing. A third item to create a Mobilehome Park zoning district was continued to their next meeting for lack of time.

Grey Whale Cove improvement project: MOU has been signed with the Transportation Authority to manage the design phase. MCC is sending representative to agency design meetings. Don suggests that the HAWK crosswalk alert system could be considered at that location. It is currently used in Atherton on El Camino.

County Parks Commission Dog Policy Committee is collecting public comment on proposed policy.

HMB Airport has new entry sign to honor Eddie Andreini Sr.

### **2. Public Comment and Announcements**

Dave announced these upcoming events:

Valleamar Bluff 4-house project at Coastside Design Review Committee: Sept 14, 2pm, at GCSD

Pre-application public workshop for 71-unit affordable housing community in Moss Beach: Wed, Sept 20, 6-8pm, at El Granada Elementary School

Quarry Park and Mirada Surf Master Plan Community Meeting: Sat, Sept 23, 9am-12noon, at Quarry Park -- Opportunity to visualize the proposed plans while in the park and provide comments. Look for tents, tables and displays.

Chris made these announcements:

SMC Parks Department Dog Management Committee Public Workshop: Next meeting will be Sept 14 at 7:00 p.m. at San Pedro Valley Park in Pacifica. This is the last currently scheduled public workshop to receive public input on the committee's dog management policy draft document.

Boy Scout Troops need ideas: Local area Boy Scout troops 255 and 263 need ideas for service projects for their senior scouts. For promotion to the higher ranks, most specifically for Eagle Scout, scouts must complete a community service project, such as erecting a flagpole, building a public bench, painting a public utility box, setting up dog poop receptacles (or establishing a regular detail to collect and dispose of the poop). If you know of a good project or know an organization such as the Granada Community Services District that might have some ideas, please contact Chris or the local scoutmasters: [scoutmaster@troop255.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop255.org) — [scoutmaster@troop263.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop263.org)

Brandon encouraged contributions to organizations providing relief for recovery from Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

### 3. Regular Agenda

#### **SFO Aircraft Noise over the Coastsides** – Informational Forum

**Introduction** – Supervisor Don Horsley, Alternate Member, SFO Roundtable.

**Panel:**

Supervisor Dave Pine, Member, SFO Roundtable; and Member, Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals.

Bert Ganoung, SFO Noise Abatement Manager

Kathleen Wentworth, airport special aide to US Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

Supervisor Horsley emphasized that the changes in routing that have caused noise on the Coastsides are strictly the result of federal policies and that the County has had no control over these operations since 1990. Substantial presentations on the topic were made by Supervisor Pine, Bert Ganoung, and by Kathleen Wentworth.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/issues/airport/2017-09-13-SFO-AircraftNoise-slides.pdf>

Bill Kehoe said that the entire transportation system needs to be reviewed, with new attention to things like high-speed rail. He is concerned that the air travel system is saturated and that increased concentration of routes will be less safe.

Jane Praysilver was concerned that activism in Palo Alto may have caused air traffic to shift toward the coast. She was told that was not the case. She was encouraged to file complaints. Complaint volume has increased from 15,000 in 2014 to 3.5 million last year.

Erin Deinzer was concerned about the impact of emissions on agriculture. She was told that the EPA could play a role in this, but not in the current political climate. She discussed the increasingly centralized location of air traffic control. She recommended using the site Flight Radar 24 to track plane routes. She also volunteered to represent the community at SFO Round Table meetings.

Lisa Forward submitted data about noise incidents and recommended stopjetnoise.net. She hoped that the County would consider a lawsuit like the one filed in Phoenix.

Chris read a letter into the record from Sue Hawley of Montara.

Steve Wynman supported a lawsuit as a way to magnify the influence of our small community.

Dave Pine said that a lawsuit regarding local issues was not feasible because the 9th Circuit has already dismissed one. It would have to have been filed within 60 days of the change of policy, and there was required outreach to the community before the policy was initiated.

Graham Woods said he moved here to avoid noise. He feels NextGen neglects community needs without evident improvement of passenger service.

Katha Veerma submitted a petition earlier and said that the density of flights was a bigger problem than the noise volume of each flight.

Brandon said that in two years there will be more problems.

Chris said that this is a complex issue and he plans to draft a letter to express our concerns.

He notes that the huge increase in complaints is evidence of a problem and says that economies of scale never benefit the end users. Corporations and lobbyists are forces behind any policy change, and complaints should be addressed to the airlines.

**Adjourn:** 9:49 PM