

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on December 13, 2017, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:00 PM

Attendance: all 7 councilmembers present,
4 government representatives, and 5 members of the public

1. Special Order of Business:

- a. Installation of new Councilmember Barbra Mathewson – Supervisor Horsley
- b. Council Annual Reorganization -- Council elected new officers for 2018

Chair: Dave Olson, elected 7-0.

Vice Chair: Claire Toutant, elected 7-0.

Secretary: Lisa Ketcham, elected 7-0.

Dan Haggerty was appointed Treasurer 9/27/17 to serve until end of 2018. Chair and Treasurer have signing authority on Council checking account at First National Bank in Half Moon Bay.

2. Public Comment and Announcements

Harvey Rarback, Member, HMB City Council:

Cannabis cultivation: City will draft an ordinance for Class 4 cultivation (starter plants), and will have at least one community outreach meeting to review the draft ordinance. Staff will prepare a ballot measure for June or November for cultivation and perhaps sale of mature plants within City limits.

City Manager resigned effective Jan 26 -- will interview for Interim Manager starting next week in order to have some overlap.

Steve McGrath, Harbor District General Manager:

Mavericks Surf contest one-year permit was granted today by the Coastal Commission to the World Surf League.

Romeo Pier demolition awaits Dutra construction window. Due to demolition by excavator from a barge [and lead paint and asbestos], it is unlikely any pieces of the pier structures can be saved for future display.

Surfers' Beach Pilot sand replenishment project: Staff will attend meeting with Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council on Friday in Monterey regarding permitting – still hopeful project can move forward in 2018.

Launch ramp emergency dredge project awaits final tech specs and CDP submittal – still working on temporary location for dredge material -- have heard encouraging noises from HMB Airport. FEMA has agreed to reimburse Harbor District for cost.

3. Consent Agenda – approved 7-0

- a. Approve Minutes for November 8, 2017.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:13) **Supervisor Horsley Midcoast 2017 Priorities Status Update** – Informational.

Supervisor Don Horsley: District 3 has 150,000 people.

Hwy 1 east-side Parallel Trail southern segment: 60% plans are expected to be completed by Jan 2018, which were delayed somewhat by Caltrans review of bridge and retaining wall design.

Roundabout at Cypress/Hwy 1: Signal warrant is already met for this intersection, even without Big Wave development. Multi-agency roundabout design charrette was held in Aug 2017. Since then the consultant (DKS) has been working with County and Caltrans on preliminary design, space requirements, and cost.

Gray Whale Cove crossing and center turn lane: County is working closely with Caltrans on design of project in their ROW. Design team (AECOM/TA) estimates 100% design completion in Oct 2018. County is the sponsor for design/permitting phase and Caltrans will implement the construction phase, with County responsible for funding. There are over 60K pedestrian crossings here per year. See next agenda item – 4b.

Plan Princeton: Shoreline management plan, to address erosion and coastal access, is nearly complete. Next step is to circulate final draft plan to committees, MCC, with public hearings in spring 2018.

Connect the Coastside -- project to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan (CTMP) required by 2012 LCP update, to address cumulative traffic impacts of residential development at LCP build-out. The plan includes land use policy options such as lot retirement -- 148 lots could be retired under this program planned for open space and agriculture areas in the Midcoast. Final public outreach process will begin in early 2018.

Short-term rental ordinance was approved by the Board of Supervisors June 2017, and is on CCC Dec agenda for concurrence as minor amendment.

Quarry Park/ Mirada Surf Master Plan is being developed to guide park improvements over the next 20 years. There have been four community meetings to gather input and review alternatives, and there maybe a fifth meeting in the new year.

Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail multi-agency planning effort was prompted by 250th anniversary in 2019 of Portolá expedition, which followed Native American trails, village to village, leading to first European sight of SF Bay. Recently received \$10K from County Parks Foundation for trail logo development.

Tunitas Creek Beach: Property was recently purchased by POST for \$5M and will be transferred to County. It will probably take three years to complete improvements that will include a ranger station with 24/7 supervision, improved beach access and repair of environmental damage from extensive recent unsupervised public use.

Mirada Rd erosion: County did temporary resurfacing of street. Money is set aside for sheet pile protection, but permitting is complex with multiple agencies involved. In the long run with sea level rise, protecting that shoreline is not sustainable – need to plan for managed retreat.

Funding for transportation projects: New state taxes for gas and vehicle license fees for road work could cover Parallel Trail -- will have to apply for it in County budget.

Dave: Also need more money for County Parks and Sheriff.

Some Countywide efforts that Supervisor Horsley is working on:

Housing -- HEART, Home For All, Affordable Housing Fund, Farm Labor Housing. All but three cities in the County are working on affordable housing. Between 2010-2015, 73K new jobs were created in SMC but less than 4K new housing units were built. SSF is the biotech capitol of the world. CA is sixth largest economy in the world. SF Bay Area is 21st largest economy in the world. SMC population is expected to reach 900K.

Homelessness – Count is going down in County but going up on Coastside. Don has been working with HMB City Manager on relocating homeless out of Pilarcitos Creek riparian area, by expanding the homeless shelter in RWC. Sometimes people won't leave the Coastside. RVs on Airport St have a sanitation problem -- maybe could tow away. Can't solve problems overnight -- have to find other places for them to go. In Pacifica people are renting driveway space to live in their vehicles. County can provide housing vouchers, but mostly in east bay. Tiny houses are proposed as a solution, but the problem is finding the land.

b. (8:13) **Presentation on Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (HAWK system) for crosswalk traffic control** (Ellie Dallman) -- Informational Item.

Ellie gave slide presentation with video on function of HAWK system for at-grade crossing control. Estimated 2011 cost for above/below grade crossing was \$10-12M.

Above/below grade crossing does not qualify for the 2012 SMCTA highway grant funding the County has been using for the Gray Whale Cove project. County will move forward with HAWK signal at Gray Whale Cove.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2017/2017-12-13-Hawk-presentation.pdf>

Neil Merrilees, Moss Beach: Are there design choices for Hawk signals?

Marcia Yeates, Moss Beach: Best place for crosswalk? Ellie: Design refinement will look for "sweet spot" for north/south sight distance.

Bill Kehoe, MB: Residents have wanted safe crossing within the community for decades.

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Plan is being updated to identify and prioritize investment to improve bicycling on and across the State-owned transportation network. Online survey comments deadline is Dec 22 -- <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/bikeplan/>

5. (8:44) **Council Activity** – Correspondence, meetings attended

Method of building height measurement: Lisa spoke at Planning Commission today on MCC request for inclusion of one-sentence definition of method of building height measurement in Midcoast neighborhood commercial, open space and ag districts (see Nov 8 MCC memo to Horsley/Monowitz).

"The height of structures in all areas zoned _____ shall be measured from the lower of natural or finished grade to the topmost point of the building immediately above."

If the method of building height measurement is not defined in the zoning district ordinance, the County applies a default averaging method of roof height and finished grade, and ignores natural or existing grade. The averaging method allows significantly higher buildings, as recently seen in Montara preliminary hotel plans and four large homes on Vallemar Bluff in Moss Beach.

District 3 Planning Commissioner Zoe Kersteen-Tucker was supportive, but Community Development Director Steve Monowitz said property owners would need to be notified, planning staff work plan is too full and a decision on priorities would be needed.

Climate Change and the Coast – a talk with Charles Lester – on Dec 6, sponsored by Committee for Green Foothills, was attended by councilmembers Dave, Claire, Lisa, and Barbra. Dave described it as an amazingly complete review of coastal development results of the CA Coastal Act. Dr. Lester is consulting for HMB on their LCP update. Video is posted of a similar talk Oct 24 at HMB Planning Commission focused on HMB and the Midcoast.

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/home/2017/11/28/charles-lester-climate-change-the-coast-dec-6.html>

County Parks Dog Management Policy: Chris reported that County Parks & Rec Commission approved dog management policy recommendations developed over the past 14 months and presented at the Dec 7 meeting by the Dog Management Committee. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Get Us Moving San Mateo County: Dave attended a set of strategy meetings on getting more transportation funding. SamTrans is the lead agency. www.getusmovingsmc.com has online survey. Supervisor Horsley added that he has been pushing for express buses from Coastside to BART and Caltrain.

Plan Half Moon Bay: Dave attended Nov 14 HMB Planning Commission meeting which reviewed the LCP update process over the last 18 months, which was generally well received by the Commission.

6. Future Agendas

Dec 27 meeting canceled

Council annual administrative and planning retreat tentatively Jan 27

Adjourn: 9:03 PM