

# Midcoast Community Council

An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar

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Claire Toutant, Chair  
Len Erickson, Vice Chair  
Barbra Mathewson, Treasurer  
Dave Olson, Secretary  
Dan Haggerty  
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## Meeting of January 9, 2019

### Call to Order (7:00)

Councilmembers present: Toutant, Erickson, Mathewson, Olson, Haggerty

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

**Supervisor Horsley** summarized to Caltrans response to funding a roundabout at Hwy 1 and Cypress Ave. Caltrans supports it conceptually, but has no near term funding, because the improvement are not necessary for safety, that mitigation for big wave should drive, and fund. Caltrans willing to provide oversight.

The county estimate for the full roundabout cost is \$8.5 - \$10M (total, real estate, design, approvals, construction).

Supervisor Horsley recognizes signal not wanted by residents, would prefer roundabout to signal.

With respect to Dunes Beach, he predicted it wouldn't be built, and that the county prefers infill development.

Talked with Deputy Fire Marshall John Riddell about chance of fire due to eucalyptus on coast; summarized that there is significant risk. Parks Department will work on fire breaks to reduce spread, and trimming near roads. Handled out copies of "El Granada Community Evacuation Plan" brochure.

**Harvey Rarback**, HMB City Council Chair reported that the city council approved the CDP for the Highway 1 north project (92 north to Spindrift), including multi-modal trail and stoplight at Terrace. Construction is planned to start Summer of 2020.

A new public restroom at Surfers Beach will be discussed at the HMB Planning Commission meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Report that he has heard that the Dunes Beach petition will be presented during public comment at the January 15th City Council meeting.

Chair Toutant will give official monthly reports from MCC to HMB CC meetings starting in February.

**Lisa Ketcham** – SMC Planning Commission

Reported Vallemar bluff project will be on the PC agenda 23 January.

Renee Ananda, former Coastal Commission staff member, will join County Planning Dept. as a planner.

### 2. Public Comment & Announcements:

Claire announced that the MCC application for vacancy will be posted soon.

There will be a Senior Transportation Fair in HMB, and the Homeless count is coming up.

Two grant opportunities: County office of sustainability for recycling, etc., and another from MROSD. See website for details.

### **3. Consent Agenda: Minutes for December 12, 2018 approved 5-0**

#### **4. Regular Agenda –**

##### **a. (7:45) Swearing in of New Councilmember Len Erickson**

Councilmember Erickson was sworn in by Supervisor Horsley

##### **b. (7:50) Conversation with Supervisor Horsley about Highway One circulation in Moss Beach**

Supervisor Horsley will talk more on this issue at the Council Retreat on 1/12

Len asked Don to summarize status and plans (from 2014 to present) for Connect the Coastsides and Safe Crossing. Supervisor Horsley said that the Cypress Point project will need to do something for traffic mitigation; he favors idea of roundabout at California in Moss Beach in addition to Cypress.

Talked about possibility of SamTrans smaller buses with better overall service on the coast and on the peninsula; need to have fewer single driver vehicles. Need express or semi-express buses as part of that, and school bus service.

Weekend traffic is a different problem, with no obvious solution; buses unlikely to help with that.

Len asked about two projects above stalling things, and Don replied that he strongly believes that one of the 2 roundabouts will have started as a real project. Don doesn't want to have more public meetings on Connect the Coastsides, or to restart studies.

Dan brought up more intelligent signals as a possible alternative to roundabouts..

Dave asked for Don's help in completing Connect the Coastsides, particularly with respect to buildout and lot retirement.

Public Comment:

Lisa Ketcham asked about the rumors/possibility of the installation of a short term signal at Cypress in Moss Beach, and community opposition. Don said he'd would research; he didn't remember status or decisions on a short term signal

##### **c. (8:25) Review of 2018 MCC Activity**

Claire gave a presentation on accomplishments, and activities still in progress. The presentation is available here:

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/mtgs-com2019/2019-01-09-Actions-2018-presentation.pdf>

Len asked about the Chevron/Moss Beach Hwy access permit, Lisa responded that it's still pending, and will go to the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

##### **d. (8:55) Update on MCC-Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Project**

The Council needs to decide what goes on the sign (Barbra recommended the website address).

Consensus decision: Use the full Council name, not the website address.

The next cleanup is planned for Jan 15.

The Council discussed using fliers or signs to get people to work on the cleanup, as well as posting on Nextdoor

Do we need a new co-captain with Chris retired from Council? Decision was no, Chris will continue as co-chair.

**5. Council Activity** – Correspondence received & meetings attended

Barbra mentioned tree trimming at Beach House wasn't well done. She will followup with the HOA.

**Adjournment** (9:30)