

# 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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## ***Minutes for Meeting of June 24, 2020***

### **Call to Order (7pm)**

Michelle Weil was absent. All other councilmembers were present. 21 total participants. Meeting conducted on Zoom due to COVID-19 orders.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of local fire captain David Lutz.

### **1. Board of Supervisors' Report**

Carrie Dallman of Supervisor Don Horsley's office reported that local census response rate had improved to around 65% in comparison to 72% county-wide.

Also a public hearing by the California Attorney General's office regarding the sale of Seton and Seton Coastside Hospitals will be held 7/6 at 10 am. Link on MCC website. The County will not buy either facility but will contribute \$5 million to continue certain services. Also, the proposed pump track in El Granada continues in planning phases after a delay related to COVID-19. Proposals will be presented at a public meeting in July or August.

Barbra noted that electronic signs had again been removed from the Moss Beach crosswalk and Dan noted that crossing flags were in place.

### **2. Public Comment & Announcements**

Cid Young asked for a presentation at a future MCC meeting of the Zonehaven software regarding emergency evacuation planning.

Ann Rothman objected to the use of the word "ghettoization" in the minutes of the previous meeting. She also noted that at a recent meeting Jackie Speier and Dr Gates agreed that mixed-income housing was preferable to solely affordable housing.

Harald Hermann also objected to parts of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Dan noted that Caltrans trucks were apparently mowing along Highway 92 at about 6:40am on 6/23, backing up traffic.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes for 5/27 were approved and minutes for 6/8 were pulled from the consent agenda. Dave moved, Barbra seconded and vote was 5-0 to do this.

### **4. Regular Agenda – The Council may take action on the following items:**

#### **a. Cypress Point Project Review Roadmap**

(See attached presentation documents) It was announced that the Board of Supervisors would consider the LCP amendment relating to the Cypress Point proposal at its 9am 7/21 meeting. A discussion ensued about how to attend and to establish standing for future appeals.

Karen deMoore expressed concern about environmental review which would be conducted by the County. Would there be independent review? Len said only by public comment and that the time-line for CCC review of the amendment was unknown.

In response to the Dolores Silva's questions, Len and Dave stated that the Planning Commission decisions could be appealed either to the Board of Supervisors or to the Coastal Commission, provided that comments had already been submitted to the Planning Commission. In the case of the amendment the only place to appeal would be the CCC. It was further clarified, by Lisa Ketcham and others, that comments needed to be submitted as an individual and any eventual appeal could be made only on issues raised in that individual's comments at the final Planning Commission hearing. In response to Gregg Dieguez's question, it was stated that comments had to be made to the decision-making body. In the case of the amendment, that would be the Planning Commission.

#### **b. Connect the Coastside**

Regarding the quality of the recent CTC meeting about Moss Beach and Montara, Claire thought that the County had put effort into improving the meetings but that problems remained with breakout sessions. Dan agreed the meeting was improved but thought that there was continuing confusion between CTC and Cypress Point. Barbra objected to the lack of expected published materials.

Michelle Dragony felt that questions from herself and others were not answered.

Dave clarified that while there were no transcripts or answers to questions available presently, videos of the sessions had been posted.

Barbra said the community dislikes the format and feels has misinformation around the issues.

Dan felt that breakout sessions are unable to deal with community concerns. His priorities included intersection control in Moss Beach and status of Carlos St. He doubts that roundabouts will work and again calls for virtual simulations of traffic flow. He asked how to find the videos and was directed to CTC or MCC websites and Youtube.

Cid disagreed with Dave, saying that CTC is actually connected to Cypress Point, citing the fact that Joe LaClair's recent presentation to MCC addressed both in close association. Her breakout group included only her until near the end. She felt that having leaders familiar with the area would lead to better reporting of resident's thoughts.

Gregg noted that a recent 5-hour meeting of MSWD on rate increases was successful at listening to and answering questions from participants, unlike the CTC meetings.

Lisa reminded us that the Cypress Point meeting on 1/22/2020 at the HMB library was a model for such meetings. It lasted 3 hours and that everyone who wanted to was able to speak. She was able to share a preview of questions to be asked at the next CTC meeting.

Ann preferred to know what everyone else was saying and wanted questions answered.

Dolores thought that unanswered issues included side streets, sewer capacity and public transport. She feared that the meetings were pro forma and not truly geared toward gathering significant public thought.

Karen was concerned about the County's transparency and felt the MCC should lead its own meetings on the subject.

Kimberly Williams also was concerned about transparency and wished to find a way to make the meetings more productive and easier to participate in for everyone.

Dan asked how to find transcripts and video and was directed to MCC and CTC websites.

Len again asked that we consider our priorities and cited Lisa's posted remarks as an example of how to state them. At the 7/8 MCC meeting he plans to comment on all the CTC meetings and address remaining issues, such as Highway 92 and land use. He would like to hold 2 study sessions on Wednesday evenings going into August and that MCC will be able to adapt the meeting to be more responsive to what the community is asking for.

Gregg wanted an updated traffic study, delineation of costs and their sources, a potential public vote on any costs to local residents, and clearer accountability for whatever doesn't go well.

Dave said that CTC is a planning tool, not an implementation plan, so that costs are not relevant at this time.

Cid again noted that the 5/27 presentation blended CTC and Cypress Point-related proposals and called for more accountability. She felt a locally-sponsored meeting would be preferable.

Lisa agreed that CTC is a plan, not a project. She urged that important parts of the Safety and Mobility Study be included in CTC.

Dolores sees no defined planning, rather proposals that are premature and uncertain.

Dan agreed that plans tended to be "loosey-goosey" and tended to change once approved. He cited Big Wave as an example of this.

Len said that this didn't apply to the process of deciding intersection control

Dan repeated his request for use of visualization software.

JQ Oeswein thought that priorities for CTC include safe highway crossings immediately, a parallel trail in Montara and Moss Beach, and making Carlos a right-turn-only intersection at Highway One. All this should be coordinated with Plan Princeton, though Len stated that the boundaries of CTC excluded some of this.

### **c. SMC Supervisors—2020 the Year to Focus on Equity**

Len noted a communication from Supervisor Slocum proposing efforts to explore equal treatment and opportunity for all in each census tract in the county and asked whether the MCC should pursue this project.

Claire thought that without a local issue generation such effort, it should be postponed.

Dave agreed it would not be productive unless the community came to us.

Dan thought MCC should issue a statement supporting equity.

Cid wondered whether the remote location of Cypress Point created an equity issue.

The consensus was not to pursue this as an MCC project at this time.

### **d. Deferred Consent item Minutes for June 8, 2020**

After discussion, the council decided that the edits were too significant to do at this meeting, and hence will be made by Claire, and put on Consent at our next meeting.

Barbra moved to table, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave, passed 5-0.

## **5. Council Activity**

Dave noted that the active census period ends 10/31 and said that he attended the HMB study session on policing in context of their police contract renewal. They will continue to address this. Claire also attended the HMB meetings and gave the regular Midcoast update at the meeting.

## **6. Future Agendas**

Possible inclusion of CTC study sessions and evacuation updates.

## **Adjournment (8:30)**

Adjournment moved by Barbra, seconded by Claire.