

# 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 MAY 13, 2020***

*Call to Order (7pm) Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID crisis*

All Councilmembers present and 19 people on the call (6 members of the public)

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

Carrie Dallman of Supervisor Horsley's office reported that County Health Officer Morrow announced the County would follow the Governor's directions on COVID orders, rather than that of Bay Area Counties.

Also, 69% of the County has filed Census reports, with the Midcoast lagging, likely due to delay in delivery of forms to households.

She also reminded us of upcoming virtual public meetings on Connect the Coastside. The 5/30 meeting is an overview. 6/15 covers Moss Beach and Montara and 6/25 covers the other Midcoast communities.

Claire and Dan made brief comments about the Census.

Harvey Rarback of the Half Moon Bay City Council said that the city had declared a moratorium on commercial evictions related to COVID.

The city is facing major budget shortfalls due to lack of revenue due to COVID.

This year's 2 million dollar deficit will be managed but next year's budget will continue to be challenging with layoffs and staff reductions already taking place.

Gregg Dieguez asked if the city could afford to support the Sewer Authority and whether there was documentary evidence of HMB's willingness to do so. He was directed to city reports.

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

Tracy Wirkus complained about uncollected trash and asked whether needed projects were given priority over others.

Dave announced that the Harbor District is circulating an online survey about capital improvement priorities.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes for April 22 moved Len, seconded Claire and passed 6-0.

### **4. Regular Agenda**

#### **a. Mobility Survey Update**

Presentation attached. Michelle presented results of the survey and cited figures to validate their statistical significance. The survey was due to complete 5/19 and to be presented to the MCC on 5/27.

A discussion ensued on how to increase participation.

Dan favored continuing the study using a mailer and signs.

Ellie, Dave and Michelle called mailers expensive and ineffective.

Len and Michelle called the response adequate.

Claire supported signs at post offices, but only if done immediately.

Gregg called a last minute push for response “too little too late.”

Dan wanted the County to issue a summary of the outreach efforts made.

Dave and Claire said information on this is available in past minutes.

Len suggests we could all send emails to our contacts reminding them of the survey.

Dolores Silva thought that the response was adequate but was concerned with the low response from Spanish-speakers.

It was agreed that Ellie would produce signs for advertising the survey at post office and that there would be a small delay in closing the survey.

**b. Moratorium on Projects Using County Funds**

Letter attached. Claire and Barbra presented the letter and background considerations.

Dave said that there was no new funding pending.

Claire said that the letter was intended to delay planning decisions which would indicate that the County would need to fund the proposals approved.

Dan supported the letter.

Gregg was interested in whether priorities identified by CTC would shift in light of social and financial changes due to COVID.

Dolores said that projects may not need money this year, but that decisions made about them would imply financial commitments by the County. The environment in which the County would deal with those commitments is currently unknown.

Len said he would support it and that it primarily dealt with money, not the nature of the plans.

Dave was opposed and saw no need for the letter.

Approval of the letter was moved by Len, seconded by Barbra and passed 5-1, with Dave opposed.

**c. Connect the Coastside and Cypress Point Process**

At Len’s request a motion was made to table the consideration of the letter regarding delay of action on these projects until the 5/27 meeting. Moved by Barbra, seconded by Dave.

Dan discussed that uncertainty about the effectiveness of virtual public meetings on CTC. He suggested that PCTV software could be made to disseminate information on the meetings and that specific software models could be used to illustrate traffic patterns.

Len asked Dan to make these suggestions to Joe LaClair. He also repeated that the effect of the letter would be to push decisions on Cypress Point into July or later.

Claire supported tabling the letter, but asked that it be considered later.

Gregg said that the projects do need more review and questioned the independence and credibility of consultants who are providing advice to the County.

Dolores described how making Carlos one-way would be problematic, especially for post office traffic and asked that planners spend time driving on our roads to see what conditions actually are.

The motion to table the letter was passed 6-0

**d. May-July Meeting Plans**

Len felt that no additional consideration of this was needed at this time.

## **5. Council Activity**

Claire and Michelle have been attending County elected officials COVID updates.  
Barbra attended CEAP meetings and is taking a CERT class.  
Michelle said that the log of planning referrals is up to date.

## **6. Future Agendas**

Len plans to focus on the Harbor District and to postpone an item on child care.  
He also informed us that he had recently learned that MCC bylaws preclude filling a council vacancy this close to an election and that the position will remain vacant.  
The MCC thanks all the applicants for the position and hopes they will stay involved.

### **Adjournment (8:50)**

Len moved to adjourn, second by Barbra