

# 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 April 22, 2020***

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

All Councilmembers present. 22 other attendees. Meeting conducted virtually on Freeconferencecall.com in accordance with County policies for Covid-19 emergency.

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

No report from Board of Supervisors

Harvey Rarback of Half Moon Bay City Council made three announcements. 1) The Coastside Collaborative is coordinating resources for assistance during this emergency and can be contacted through the City website. 2) The City will be dealing with a budget shortfall whose dimensions are not yet known. A staircase will be installed for access to the beach at Poplar.

Dave asked for clarification of aspects of the recent Council meeting and Dan recommended that stainless steel hardware be used on the staircase.

Sabrina Brennan of the Harbor District noted that budget-related issues may have an impact on prospective projects. She noted that there is interest from South San Francisco to have more resources devoted to Oyster Point, which that city owns, as opposed to Pillar Point, which the District owns. She also noted that recreational boat launching are not supported by the current emergency policies, and that this, along with parking closures, will impact the May 1 opening of recreational salmon fishing.

Dan was concerned that the sign indicating that the harbor was closed was impacting any businesses legitimately operating in the harbor. Sabrina noted that many businesses are developing innovated ways of coping with such things.

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

Krystlyn Geidt of the Coastside Chamber of Commerce announced that San Mateo Strong was about to accept applications for assistance to small businesses. The Chamber is also responding to a request to provide data about whether government intervention is needed around rent payments by small businesses. A survey will be sent on this. They are also sponsoring CoastsideComeback.com to encourage purchase of gift cards from merchants for future use.

Barbra received confirmation that all these efforts covered the entire Coast.

Dan expressed concern about the composition and transparency of the email list involved.

Michelle provided an update on the CTC/MCC/CommonKnowledge survey, which is ongoing. There have been over 400 responses, but very few in Spanish.

Dan was concerned that it was not sufficiently publically visible. It was noted that the survey is being circulated through County mailing lists, MCC website, School District, HMB Review, Mothers Club and other outlets.

Jen van der Straaten was concerned about the safety of children because of speed on the western part of Cypress Ave and Len told her he would convey her concerns to relevant County officials.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes April 8. Moved Dan/seconded Barbara. Passed 6-0.

### 4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:35) **Cabrillo USD Update.** Superintendent Sean McPhetridge noted that the last day of regular school was March 14 and that all subsequent education for the year will be remote. Employees continue to work, many remotely. Facilities are undergoing deep cleaning. Meals are being provided to more than 200 students at various locations in the District. Technology access for students is sometimes challenging, with lack of equipment and poor internet access. Jackie Speier is assisting in getting additional cell company support.

The Board is upgrading copying and phone systems and developing a master plan for facilities at El Granada and Farallone View schools. Bond money from the recent public measure will be used. Work continues on HVAC issues at Building C at Cuhna. No decisions have been made regarding summer school.

Dan asked if the schools were helping with the CTC survey and was told yes.

- b. (7:55) **Connect the Coastsides Update** Joe LaClair made a presentation (see website) of “interim Moss Beach traffic solutions.” His office intends to host a series of virtual public meetings about Connect the Coastsides proposals affecting the MidCoast. A general meeting is planned for 5/16, followed by meetings on local changes on 5/30 and 6/6. They have hired a facilitator for this, Debbie Schechter, formerly of Conflict Resolution, and a transportation manager, Sandra Singh. The proposed traffic solutions are designated as “interim” because they are expected to be overwhelmed by future development.

Dan objected that what was presented was not what was on the agenda.

Claire was surprised that all the proposed changes seemed geared toward the needs of Cypress Point and not those of the general community, and that previous negotiations seemed to have been left out.

Dave said that putting in a temporary signal at California while waiting for funding for a roundabout would result in the signal being permanent.

Len noted that public works projects are appealable to the Coastal Commission, while Cypress Point won't be.

Joe apologized that the presented material wasn't available earlier for review.

Sabrina thought that plans for future virtual meetings about issues with elaborate technical aspects are unworkable and thought that they should be put on hold and only the very basic and simple issues addressed now. She agreed that a temporary signal is unwelcome when a roundabout is need and was amazed that the issue has “dragged on so long.”

Mike Ferreira, Moss Beach resident and Sierra Club official, thinks that Virginia is a better location for a roundabout than California. He questions whether California, even if it got an F rating, actually warrants a signal. He opposes closing Weinke

Way, as it would affect 94 households adversely in order to build 71 units elsewhere.

Chris Tyler asked whether to expect any pause in these projects due to COVID-19. Joe responded that it was possible but that at this time present operations are proceeding as planned.

Maureen Lennon said that if traffic on Carlos Street was made one-way South, it would be a “nightmare.” She also objected to virtual meetings on the subject.

Karen DaMoor wondered whether the project, including formal Caltrans involvement, was a “fait accompli.” She also saw inclusivity as a problem in virtual meetings and wondered “what’s the rush?”

Len said that the LCP and CTC were parallel processes and wondered how or whether one could proceed without the other.

Dolores Silva called the process “deceptive.”

Ann Rothman had concerns about how MWS pipes in the right-of-way near 16<sup>th</sup> Street would affect changes to that intersection, wondered about the actual costs of a roundabout, and felt that the presented changes were exclusively focused on Cypress Point and not on the general community.

Joe said the the relationship with Caltrans is “an evolving experience.”

Ann Rothman noted that the proposed route from Cypress Point to the California Avenue bus stop would be unworkable for the handicapped.

Joe agreed but said that the bus stop is currently not handicap-accessible and that when a parallel trail is built in Moss Beach that will help.

Teresa McLaughlin fears that a light on Highway One would divert excessive traffic onto Sunshine Valley Road.

Sabrina pointed out the dangers associated with the current crosswalk and called the agenda misleading. She wondered why the Cypress roundabout has not happened and suggested a pause on public meetings for complicated projects.

Joe said that there had been 2 ICE analyses on the intersection and drawings for one and two-lane roundabouts and that all on it would be part of an agreement with Caltrans which he is pursuing.

Harold Herrmann wrote to ask whether Mid-Pen would pay for capital improvements needed for Cypress Point and whether sewer pipes would be impacted. Joe offered to find out.

Jen asked for lower speed limits on the Highway and thought that developers should have a commitment to the community. Joe said the speed limit issue could be discussed with Caltrans in context of discussions on the crosswalk.

Dan said that a roundabout would bring traffic to a stop. Joes said that, despite the need to yield, traffic would actually stop less.

Barbra said that supporting materials should be posted before the meeting.

- c. (9:36) **Support for TheCoastIsClear** Krystlyn Geidt of the Chamber of Commerce described a publicity campaign for when businesses open up again and asked whether the MCC would want its logo on collateral materials.

Chris Johnson was apprehensive that the wording implied we were free of all virus and risk.

Dave said he was not worried.

Claire liked the visibility and thought we needed to trust the organization, especially since Krystlyn agreed to approach us before final action.

Michelle agreed with the sentiment but wanted a final review.

Dan echoed the same thought.

Len thought that “open” would be a better word than “clear”

It was moved by Claire and seconded by Barbra and passed the council 6-0 to participate in the publicity program.

Returning to item b, Barbra suggested that the Council provide feedback to the Board of Supervisors as described in the agenda. Len said we would not do that now.

**d.MCC Tasks and Priorities** It was moved by Dan and seconded by Barbara and passed 6-0 by the Council that this item be removed from the agenda.

## **5. (10:10pm) Council Activity**

These meetings were attended:

Half Moon Bay City Council—Claire, Dave

Harbor District—Dave

County Elected Officials COVID-19 Updates—Claire, Michelle

Dan complained that there were excessive low-level flights by the Coast Guard helicopter.

**6. Future Agendas** The Council agreed not to have an additional special meeting and to consider using a Zoom platform.

## **Adjournment (10:22pm)**