

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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Interim Minutes for Meeting of January 8, 2020

Call to Order (7pm)

All Councilmembers present

1. Board of Supervisors' Report

A special 45 minute discussion with extensive audience comment was held on the issue of an unpermitted, community built pump track at Mirada East, with Nicholas Calderon, Parks Director. It was heavily attended, including many children and their parents. The community requested that this unpermitted track not be demolished.

At the end of the discussion, Supervisor Horsley and Parks Director Calderon committed to a fast track (12 month) plan for an official pump track in Quarry Park, with community involvement. Director Calderon will return with a decision on what will happen to the unpermitted pump track project at the special MCC meeting on January 29th, 2020. It will be kept in place, but closed for use, until that meeting.

Chris Johnson reported on the Parks Dog Committee process, including an update on the pilot projects. They have mostly reached consensus on their recommendations, but still have issues to work out on off-leash dogs, planned for their meeting on January 11th. Following that meeting it will go to the Parks & Recreation meeting in February.

2. (7:50) Public Comment & Announcements

Betsy Cappel spoke on the dog committee process, and wanting to keep dog access at Quarry Park and Pillar Point. She spoke about safety issues on Airport St, including lack of lights, bike lanes, and sidewalks. Wants improved lighting and safety improvements.

Hilary S. thanked the Dog Committee members for the work that they have done. Speaking on behalf of dog owners on the coast, requested off-leash dog walking at Quarry Park and Pillar Point.

Carlyle Ann Young has had some problems with off-leash dogs at Pillar Point bluff and their owners. Spoke about problems with injuries on the closed portion of Ocean Blvd near Seal Cove, wants County to improve. New crosswalk on Hwy 1 in Moss Beach needs more lighting. Wants a Midcoast community center.

Christine Corwin is a member of the Dog Committee. Process is going well. Concerned about language about off-leash dog encounters.

David Seaton spoke about the unpermitted pump track. Doesn't think liability issues should prevent it from being used. Thinks we need a community center.

Gregg Dieguez spoke about sustainability issues with large developments such as Cypress Point and Big Wave, especially water, both for consumption and firefighting.

Karen deMoor spoke about Cypress Point PUD zoning amendment. Thinks it should have been heard by the MCC prior to the Planning Commission hearing. Thinks too many open issues.

Ann (last name not audible) was concerned about emergency evacuation routes problems due to more people. Concerned about water availability during an emergency power outage.

Chris Johnson spoke about Moss Beach Hwy 1 crosswalk, thanked Supv. Horsley for requesting a CDP for the cross walk from Caltrans.

3. (8:25) Consent Agenda

a. Approve Minutes for Dec 11, 2019

[Unable to determine who moved/seconded]. Approved 7-0

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

a. (8:25) Supervisor Horsley discussion on County projects

Don spoke on the status of projects affecting the Midcoast in various ways, including grants applied for. County contributed funds to Abundant Grace worker center. Plan Princeton is substantially complete. Mirada Rd along riprap repaved. County formed new agency for sea level rise and floodwater, including storm drains. Madrid, Sonora (north), and Seville roads were reconstructed. Street sweeping increased to avoid debris flowing to ocean. Partnered with RCD on Pescadero marsh and other projects. Housing and Traffic issues need more extensive community outreach and involvement. Said that more affordable housing needed in Midcoast. Wants to discuss CTMP (Connect the Coastside) in a broader context of community communications.

Joe LaClair spoke on the CTMP and presented the Executive Summary of the new draft that is due to be publicly released on January 15th. There will be a number of public meetings and discussions before the CTMP is finalized, and sent to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and the Coastal Commission.

Introduced Common Knowledge and Susan Clark to discuss that idea, and said that Common Knowledge has worked with the County on housing and other issues. She gave a short presentation (on the MCC website) on how Common Knowledge works with communities. Has had interviews with MCC members, and will return at a future meeting to discussion Midcoast plans and process. There was council discussion on various outreach and involvement strategies and how the County can help. Barbra, Dan, and Claire will work with Susan and her team to help refine prior to next public meeting. Peggy Jensen (Deputy County Manager) spoke about the efforts the County has made and will make in the future to involve the community.

Public comments

Carlyle Ann Young spoke of frustration with lack of follow through after past public outreach efforts.

Jeff Burn said he's attending his first MCC meeting. Like the way the Connect the Coastside meetings were run. Hopes that at least one thing from the CTMP will actually be funded and completed.

Greg Dieguez asked why Common Knowledge was hired, and who decided. Peggy and Don answered that it was the County Manager's office in consultation with Supervisor Horsley. Don's rationale was to improved the effectiveness of the outreach.

Chris Johnson is glad that Common Knowledge has been hired, but asked what Susan sees as the real value of the community input, because in the past that input seems to have been ignored.

Susan replied that improving understanding is in itself a useful result, and to identify the controversial issues and all the viewpoints.

Back to Council

Dan asked about Gray Whale Cove, he had heard the project was on hold. Don said no, it's still going on, but that Caltrans was not going to do anything on their own, so the County has to drive it. Price tag has risen to \$2.5M, and Don thinks that's too much. Don hopes the ADA requirements can be relaxed.

b. MCC 2020 Planning

Continued to the January 29, 2020 meeting due to lack of time.

5. (10:00) Council Activity

No reports

6. Future Agendas

January 22 - Meeting canceled (SMC Planning Commission meeting at HMB Library)

January 29 - Special meeting to replace January 22nd meeting

MCC Retreat - TBD

Adjournment (10:00)