

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Lisa Ketcham . Dave Olson . Claire Toutant . Laura Stein . Dan Haggerty . Chris Johnson . Brandon Kwan

Approved Minutes: Meeting on July 12, 2017, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:05 PM

Attendance: 6 Councilmembers (Chris Johnson absent)

4 government officials/staff, 7 members of the public

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

Supervisor Don Horsley:

National Issues: two BoS resolutions:

- Oppose review of Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.
- Affirm San Mateo County's commitment to Paris Climate Agreement by continuing to prioritize greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts, clean energy investment, and improving resiliency to the effects of climate change.

Marijuana Study Session: BoS plans to prioritize permits for greenhouse growing. Policies regarding regulation and taxation still need to be worked out.

Traffic Congestion: Recent study session looked at data that shows San Mateo County as having the tenth worst congestion in the country. We are first in consistent congestion.

SMC Libraries won the ALA Joseph Cotton Award.

Tunitas Creek Beach: Efforts are ongoing to address environmental damage due to heavy unsupervised public use the last few years. Management plan is being developed to impose same usage standards as State Beaches. POST is in process of purchasing the adjacent property that provides access to the beach which will become a County Park. Issues include dealing with old tire dump, water/toilet development, safe access path.

Steve McGrath, Harbor District General Manager:

Budget, rates, fees approved. Energy plan uses 100% renewable, at 4% cost increase.

Concession building sidewalk widening project out to bid. No net loss of parking.

Romeo Pier demolition: Dutra is only bidder. Work will be scheduled when most advantageous for availability of equipment in order to keep cost down.

Events: 7/29—Farm/Fish/Flowers tour, 8/28—Chef's Tour, 9/10—Fish & Fleet Festival

Surfers' Beach Sand Replenishment Pilot Project: Funding in place for \$800K from State Division of Boating & Waterways and \$75K for planning/permitting. After planning-permitting, sand movement (70K cubic yards) will start in 2018. Army Corps of Engineers will provide follow-up monitoring.

Harvey Rarback, HMB City Councilmember:

Appointed to League of California Cities, Coastal Cities Issues Group Leadership Committee, as rep for North Central region of CCC. Also appointed as alternate to SMC LAFCo.

Aircraft noise due to FAA Next Gen routing technology will be discussed at next City Council meeting, with consideration of letter to Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

Dave:

Quarry Park Master Plan: Online survey closes July 13. Second of three community meetings is July 25, 7pm, at El Granada Elementary School.

2. Public Comment & Announcements -- none

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes for June 28, 2017. Approved 5-0-1 (Laura abstain)
- b. Approve fiscal year 2016-2017 Treasurer Report. Approved 6-0.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:40) **Progress Update on Plan Princeton** by Project Planner Summer Burlison:
Project commenced in 2013 to update the land use plan and policies for the Princeton area. County recently became aware that project website domain www.planprinceton.com expired, but it is being re-established, and contains documents completed by July 2015: Community Visioning, Existing Conditions, Alternatives, and Preferred Plan. Not yet complete are zoning amendments and shoreline management plan, in order to complete the draft plan.
Zoning amendments administrative draft was recently received and is being reviewed by staff, after which it will be reviewed by Steering Committee, TAC, MCC (end Aug), and public workshop (Sept).
Shoreline management plan is to provide long-term sustainability from erosion and sea level rise, vertical access improvements at Columbia, Vassar, and perhaps West Point. Broadway was identified for viewpoint improvements which are proceeding due to initiative from Supervisor Horsley's office -- CDP to Planning Commission July 25. Once we have the draft shoreline management plan, County will meet with property owners, Steering Committee, and public. Sand replenishment Columbia to West Point: estimated 15-20,000 cubic yards initially, with 2-3 year cycles of 8,000 cubic yards upkeep.
Staff is looking to have the draft plan complete by year end, and then commence public process including MCC, ALUC (Airport Land Use Committee), PC, BoS, CCC. Will provide updated timeline for webpage.
Supervisor Horsley: Project manager Martha Miller left Dyett & Bhatia after which the project was not adequately staffed. Noble Consulting shoreline plan was not adequate. Summer and Steve Monowitz have taken up the slack.

- b. (7:55) **Reconsideration of Letter of Support for County Application for C/CAG Bike and Pedestrian Program funding for construction of Gray Whale Cove at-grade crossing (Ketcham)**

Motion by Lisa to reconsider 6/28/17 decision on this item. Approved 5-1 (Dan opposed).

Supervisor Horsley: Design is at 10%, or concept stage – still time for design input to evaluate additional at-grade crossing safety measures. He suggests 3 treatments that could be done: truncated domes to alert drivers to the median area, flashers to north and south of crosswalk to alert drivers that there is a crosswalk ahead, and channelizers (flexible posts) along the edge of the median refuge area. Both the highway and adjacent property belong to the State (Caltrans and State Parks). Project must be approved, constructed, and maintained by Caltrans. TA will hire consultant, and County will work with them. He invites MCC subcommittee of two to be part of those meetings. If MCC wants consultants to come to MCC, Don would invite them, but that costs more.

Lisa drew the comparison between Parallel Trail and crossings project, where early MCC input was requested and incorporated in the former but not in the latter. MCC has consistently advocated for safe median refuge to enable 2-stage crossing. The decision is whether we will support the grant application, now that we have been assured that we will have input during the design process.

Dan expressed deep concerns about the safety of the project.

Supervisor Horsley replied that he was willing to respect the traffic engineers' intentions.

Brandon wondered whether people would use the crosswalk and said grant funding deadlines led to wasteful spending.

Len Erickson, El Granada, supports the letter.

John Qaqundah, Montara, wants physical separation of people and cars (under or overcrossing). If that not possible, would like to hear it directly from Caltrans. [Don said he could have Caltrans say it to the MCC subcommittee]. John prefers Caltrans have a dialog with the community.

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach, supports the letter, adding that breakdown/bike lanes are needed in that area.

Dave: Number of people crossing will not increase. It will just be safer, and can happen much sooner than over/undercrossing.

Motion by Dave to approve the draft letter in support of grant application. Approved 5-1 (Dan opposed)

5. Council Activity – none reported.

6. Future Agendas

Adjourn: 8:40 PM