

# Midcoast Community Council

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

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Chris Johnson . Lisa Ketcham . Dan Haggerty . Erin Deinzer . Dave Olson . Laura Stein . Claire Toutant

## Approved Minutes: Meeting on August 24, 2016, at GCSD

### Call to Order. 7:00 PM

Councilmembers present: Chris Johnson, Lisa Ketcham, Dan Haggerty, Dave Olson, Laura Stein, Claire Toutant. [Absent: Erin Deinzer]

Government: Supervisor's Aide Ellie Dallman, BKS consultant Jason Mansfield  
6 members of the public

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

Ellie Dallman, Supervisor Horsley's Aide:

**Midcoast crossings (Highway 1 Congestion & Safety Improvement Project):** On Aug 23 Supervisor Horsley and Ellie met with Caltrans, SMC Transportation Authority (TA), DPW, and Planning Dept. to discuss next steps for implementation of the Preliminary Planning Study (PPS). The group agreed to move forward with Gray Whale Cove Alternative 1 through construction using all remaining TA grant funding that was originally to complete planning and permitting of Midcoast crossings, turn lanes and raised medians. Gray Whale Cove left-turn lanes and ped crossing project is an opportunity to demonstrate flashing beacons on a state highway. The 2012 TA grant was for \$1.5 million, of which about \$250,000 was used to complete the PPS.

**Annual Bike/Ped Count:** County seeks volunteers for 2-hour time blocks including locations on the Coastside. This will help planning for future transportation projects.

**Surfers' Beach** ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Sept 2 at 11AM for completion of the erosion protection project, coastal trail connection and stairs to beach.

### 2. Public Comment & Announcements

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach was sad to see the short-term rental letter "gutted" at 7/27 meeting – felt it didn't do the community justice.

Marcia Yeates: Resist Density is against all the MidPen Housing concept plans for the north Moss Beach site, due in large part to cumulative effect on traffic of this and other large proposed development in HMB below the high school and at Pacifica Rockaway Quarry.

Barbra Mathewson, Moss Beach, introduced herself as a founding member of Resist Density and a candidate for the 2-year seat on MCC.

Leonard Woren said MCC comment letter on the draft short-term rental ordinance did not represent the majority of the community that wants stronger controls. GCSD 8/25/16 meeting is all parks items. RCD seeks volunteers to collect creek water samples for 2016 "first flush". 1998 Coastside Capacity Report by Dennis Coleman is available at [ldworen.net/filedrop/Coastside\\_Capacity\\_Report-V1-April1998.pdf](http://ldworen.net/filedrop/Coastside_Capacity_Report-V1-April1998.pdf)

**CDRC openings:** Laura reported four openings: alternate community reps for Miramar, El Granada, and Montara, and an alternate architect.

**November Elections:** Chris reported that the three 4-year open MCC seats in Nov elections are uncontested with only the three incumbents applying (Dan, Lisa, Laura).

Councilmember Erin Deinzer has submitted her resignation effective October 31 (attached). There are two candidates for a 2-year seat to complete Erin's term: Barbra Mathewson and Brandon Kwan, both of Moss Beach.

**Candidate Forums:** Laura announced MCC will host League of Women Voters candidate forums for MWSD and MCC on Tues, Oct 4, and Harbor Commission and School Board,

dates to be determined.

**Harbor West Shoreline Trail Erosion:** Lisa announced Harbor District Sept 7 agenda item to consider shoreline protection alternatives for the trail, 6:30pm, Sea Crest School, Think Tank Room #19, 901 Arnold Way, HMB. It will be important to have community members attend the meeting in support of tonight's MCC letter.

**3. Consent Agenda - approved 6-0**

- a. Approve minutes for July 27, 2016
- b. Approve letter to SMC Harbor Commission in support of Pillar Point Harbor West Shoreline Trail erosion protection.

**4. Regular Agenda**

**a. (7:20) Parallel Trail 30% plans and Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.**

Project consultant Jason Mansfield of BKF gave an overview presentation of the plans and environmental document for the trail segment from Mirada Rd to Coronado St.

Leonard Woren: great job incorporating community input but prefers concrete to asphalt. Chris is concerned steel bridge will corrode in coastal environment.

Dave thinks black vinyl-coated chain link won't hold up -- suggests powdered coated.

Lisa: Neg/Dec narrative uses inconsistent and confusing directional orientation for the project area, which is part of overall north/south transportation corridor. Welcome plan additions include Coronado pedestrian island and side-street crossing speed tables to calm traffic and provide safety for trail users.

Dan requests tactile pedestrian curb ramps to be grey, not yellow. County DPW recently adopted this standard for the Midcoast. Vehicles waiting to enter the highway from side streets should not be allowed to block trail crossings.

Laura reintroduced the trail surface discussion that occurred at Sept 2015 trail-planning meeting. She feels asphalt doesn't fit in aesthetically.

Dave: DG was used for a bike trail in Santa Cruz near Morrissey, which runs through a meadow and across a creek. It's been 2 years – we could check on maintenance.

Chris agrees with aesthetic issue where trail users are out to enjoy nature, but feels asphalt is appropriate for a transportation trail in the highway right of way. Road bikes are not made for DG surfaces.

Lisa agrees with Chris, and has been meaning to have a trail surfaces agenda item, particularly now, with the County planning Pillar Point Bluff trails, which are currently packed dirt. Tim Duff, of the Coastal Conservancy, suggested we get Dave Sands or Chuck Kozak from Go Native to speak to the county on trail surfaces.

Jason did look at colored concrete, which is somewhat more expensive, but it is inconsistent with other trails in the area. Colored asphalt is much more expensive, rarely used, and has maintenance issue of color matching. Caltrans has standards and will need to approve the trail. He doesn't think the County will accept DG. They might not maintain it to the standard people want.

**5. (8:38) Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended**

Dave attended Aug 23 "Portola" Trail Committee meeting (still no official name). Planning grant application will probably be approved for SMC portion. Historical focus will go back to the indigenous period, with appropriate trail name. Route is being refined and is almost entirely on public property. Detailed planning will probably be done in smaller committees.

Chris is now CDRC El Granada Community Rep, appointed after Ron Madsen was timed out after over a decade of service in that role. Chris will attend the Dog Policy for SMC Parks Committee meeting Sep 19 -- send him your comments to bring to the committee.

**6. Future Agendas – trail surfaces, candidate forums, Vallemar Bluff development**

**Adjourn – 8:48 PM**

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8/15/16

To: Members of the Midcoast Community Council, County Board of Supervisors and the midcoast community –

RE: Letter of Resignation

Due to work and family-related commitments, I will be resigning from the Midcoast Community Council effective October 31, 2016.

Over the course of my tenure on the council, I have been given the opportunity to learn how branches of local government work, as well as to work directly with members of the midcoast community and my fellow councilmembers. It has been a pleasure being part of the MCC, and helping to facilitate an open forum for our community to discuss issues that are relevant to the lives and livelihood of those of us who live in this beautiful and diverse part of California.

The council is comprised of dedicated members of our community who have always behaved in a respectful, informed, cooperative and concerned manner.

In honor of their continued dedication, I would like to recognize the other members of the council with whom I have had the pleasure to serve:

Chris Johnson – Chair. The value of his respectful demeanor, level-headedness and willingness to lead discussions on hotly contested issues facing the midcoast cannot be overstated.

Lisa Ketcham – Vice-Chair. Her devotion to the local environment and dogged pursuit of making the coastline accessible to all underscores her commitment to the midcoast.

Dan Haggerty – Secretary. Passionate about maintaining the “small, rural character” of the midcoast makes him an advocate for those who live in the area and champion the same cause.

Dave Olson – Member. Truly responsive to the voices of the midcoast community, he constantly strives to provide relevant, factual and informative elements to any dialogue.

Laura Stein – Member. She, along with our vice-chair, is a wellspring of knowledge, especially when it comes to understanding and explaining how local codes, regulations and procedures affect the midcoast community.

Claire Toutant – Member. Although her time on the MCC is relatively short, her willingness to fill a vacancy and take on the responsibility of being a councilmember is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to being part of future MCC meetings, participating as a member of the community, and for the chance to work with the council on matters relating to an area of Northern California we all care so deeply about.

Sincerely,

Erin Deinzer