

# Midcoast Community Council

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

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on January 27, 2016, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:00 PM

All councilmembers present (Erin arrived 7:30)

Government: CHP Capt Mike Maskarich, Harbor District Gen Mgr Steve McGrath

8 members of the public

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

Supervisor's report via email:

**Weekend free shuttle:** Chris Hunter is working on a grant application to create a weekend free shuttle, expanding on the current Devil's Slide Trail shuttle to include HMB-Midcoast-Pacifica. Will ask for MCC support when the application is finished.

**Sea Level Rise:** Supervisor Horsley has Opinion Piece in today's HMB Review, "Time to face challenge of sea level rise". County SLR public workshop Jan 30 in SSF.

**Pacifica Emergency/Disaster** declared due to coastal erosion: Supervisor Horsley attended a press conference with Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

**CHP Capt Mike Maskarich:** Guardrail work on 92 won't continue until after winter. There is not a lot of ground to move guardrail back. Caltrans is studying what can be done.

Coastside accident statistics for 2015 show slight uptick in collisions: 33 in Midcoast due to unsafe turning & speed. He is working on having greater presence/enforcement.

**Harbor District (HD) Gen Mgr Steve McGrath:**

Surfers' Beach sand nourishment: HD contracted with grant writer and subject-matter expert Brad Damitz. Permitting is very complex -- working with Marine Sanctuary to meet their requirements. HD authorized grant application for \$800K to Div of Boating & Waterways. Sand source for project would be just inside east breakwater.

Capistrano flashing pedestrian light (MCC request) on Feb 3 HD agenda in HMB.

HD is working in support of disaster relief for fishermen due to lack of crab season.

West Trail repairs: Emergency permit work on trail culvert is substantially complete. Storm surf scattered the sandbags protecting the culvert outfall. HD is seeking permit amendment to replace sandbags with rocks -- will incorporate the rocks scattered on the beach. More extensive permanent trail protection project to follow.

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

Chris Johnson: County Bike/Ped Advisory Committee application deadline is Feb 5.

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

a. Approve Minutes for January 13, 2016.

b. Approve Minutes for January 23, 2016.

c. Authorize \$1,357.45 expenditure from current-year budget for purchase of 25 Mity-Lite Mesh-One folding chairs for audiences at larger MCC meetings.

#### 4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:30) **Recommendation for Certificate of Public Convenience or Necessity for The Wine Room**, in order to obtain a liquor license for a wine-tasting sit-down bar at 2305 Carlos Street, Moss Beach — (Johnson).

Applicant and Coastsiders residents Jerome & Teresa Marcu (J7 Companies) described plans for wine bar showcasing California varietals, retail sales area, and wine club with private events. Capacity 25, hours T-Sat 3-10, Sun 3-8, closed Mon. Parking lot in rear would hold about 5 cars.

Bill Kehoe and Kathryn Slater-Carter spoke in support.

Leonard Woren: commented on DUI's & parking, but did not approve or disapprove.

Councilmembers requested care in lighting the sign to avoid glare and light pollution.

Motion: Recommend the County grant a certificate of public convenience or necessity to The Wine Room. 7-0 approved

- b. (8:00) **Enlarged cellular facility at 500 California Avenue, Moss Beach (sheriff substation flagpole)** — (Ketcham). Consideration of proposed Use Permit amendment (PLN2005-00549) to replace the existing 10-inch diameter pole housing the cell facility with 32-inch diameter pole of the same height (38 feet).

**Desired outcome:** Approve comments to planner on the referral (photo-simulation).

Lisa: received hard copy early referral with just a short paragraph with dimensions and the photo-simulations. MCC did not support the original installation in 2006 due to being out of scale and character with surroundings. Lisa emailed the planner re discrepancies (application said existing pole 36'H, 16"D, but actual dimensions are 38'H, 10"D) and asked to see 10-year plan required in the County Ordinance Code. Subsequently the planner deemed the application incomplete, requiring resubmittal of plans and application materials that accurately describe the project and completion of a 10-yr plan which includes analysis of opportunities for co-location within 2.5 mile radius. The pertinent regulations are included in meeting packet (relevant LCP policies, County Wireless Telecom Ordinance, County Scenic Corridor). At point of UP amendment to enlarge, applicant must use latest technology to blend in aesthetically. It would be useful to let the planner know MCC comments on the photo-simulation.

Ginbar Ketema of Core Development Services (applicant): T-Mobile has provided cell/data coverage from this facility since 2006. They want to enlarge the facility to meet demand without building a new facility. Answers to questions: This is the only T-Mobile facility in the area -- service coverage is about half mile radius. They have considered no other sites. No other designs would work on that site because it's so small and the building is only one story -- too short for antenna. They have not received notice of incomplete application from County.

Bill Kehoe: Claim of half-mile radius doesn't seem logical. Looking forward to underground utilities.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Require story poles. Look into co-location elsewhere.

Leonard Woren: Aesthetics are unacceptable.

Bob Kline: El Granada neighborhood group fought wireless installation in front of his house. Fake trees are no good. Look into microcells, booster antennas.

Erin: oppose aesthetically

Dan: totally looks out of place and proportion, support co-location elsewhere

Claire: not in favor

Dave: looks out of place -- seek different solution/location.

Laura: incredibly ugly – explore co-location

Chris: strongly oppose -- lack of effort/imagination

Lisa read the following suggested comments to planner which the Council supported:

The method of concealment of the existing cellular facility in a bulky overly tall flagpole was not supported in 2006 because it did not fit the character and scale of its surroundings, as the original flagpole had done. The proposed enlargement to 3 times the diameter (10 inch to 32 inch) can no longer be disguised as a flagpole, but rather looks more like an industrial smokestack. This calls into question its location in the display garden at the central intersection of the village retail section of Moss Beach within the designated Highway 1 Scenic Corridor.

We were working with only the photo-simulations and would appreciate the opportunity to review the full application when it is complete and co-location opportunities fully explored.

Motion (Dave): Send feedback to planner that community and Council don't want to see a structure of this type at this location. 7-0 approved.

- c. (9:00) **Support for Dr. Charles Lester, executive director of the California Coastal Commission** — (Ketcham). Consideration of a letter to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in support of Dr. Charles Lester's continuation as executive director of the California Coastal Commission. The Coastal Commission will consider dismissal of the Executive Director at their Feb 10 hearing in Morro Bay.

Public comment in support of the letter: Kathryn Slater-Carter, Bill Kehoe, Leonard Woren.

Erin: supports the letter and encourages individuals to write the Governor and CCC.  
All councilmembers agreed.

Motion: Approve the letter as written. 7-0 in favor.

Motion: Send copy to State Senator Jerry Hill, Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin and Rich Gordon, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier. Approved 7-0.

## **5. Council Activity** — Correspondence received and meetings attended.

Lisa: **7<sup>th</sup> St fence** removed today and bollards installed

## **6. Future Agendas**

February 10, 2016 — Community introduction from MidPen Housing (Johnson)

February 24, 2016 — Sister Cities International presentation (Deinzer)

## **Adjournment (9:50)**