

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on May 8, 2013, at GSD

Call to Order. 7:00 pm

Present: all 6 councilmembers

2 members of the public

1. **Board of Supervisors' Report** – Nicholas Calderón

Interim Parks Director, Jim Nantell, started today.

Climate Action Plan approved by Planning Commission today, next to BoS. Comments welcome.

Beyond Newtown Summit last week - how County can collaborate, prepare, be proactive to prevent anything like Newtown here. Committees formed who will take actions forward.

2. **Public Comment**

GSD reorganization as Community Services District (Leonard Woren) – schedule/docs on GSD website. On track for LAFCo meeting in June. Presentation at MCC 5/22. Town Hall meeting at EG school, date to be determined. GSD May meeting will be 4th Thurs, separate from Town Hall.

FMR Parking Lot public meeting (Lisa) Thurs. May 9, 6:30-7:30 to discuss revised plans for the parking lot project. Meet at FMR parking lot in Moss Beach.

Public Workshop on the preliminary Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for HMB airport on Thurs, May 23, 7:30-9pm at Pillar Ridge Clubhouse (the evening following MCC agenda item, Wed. 5/22)

Princeton Planning Project (Lisa) BoS approved planning consultant contract with Dyett & Bhatia on May 7. Project to get underway immediately. MCC website has links to project timeline and contract scope of work - choose the Issues Page for Princeton Planning Update.

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

Approval of Minutes for April 24, 2013

Approval of MCC Treasurer Report for May 8, 2013

4. **Regular Agenda**

a. (7:10) **Coastside Disaster Preparedness** (Kehoe). Olga Crowe, Disaster Services Manager with American Red Cross, made presentation on Red Cross organization and services. Bill provided info on local emergency preparedness organizations.

VOAD (Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters) – state & national program

CEAP (pronounced “keep”) Coastside Emergency Action Program – local VOAD for Coastside SMC.

Meets first Friday of month at 9:30am at DOC, 537 Kelly, HMB. Contact Charise McHugh 726-8380 x101 to get involved.

June 8, Disaster Preparedness at County Fair, SMC Event Center, San Mateo.

Answers to questions: Red Cross (RC) has trailers on Coastside with cots/blankets; use local buildings to run shelters or evacuation centers in partnership with Fire/Police. Strong relationship with County OES. RC offers free preparedness training, usually 1 hour for individual preparedness. RC partners regularly with CERTs, trains them. Kit – what can you not live without for 3 days, 5, 10 days? Like going on camping trip. At all locations where you spend a lot of time (home, car, office). Water - 1g drinkable per person per day. Rotate emergency food, what you usually eat. Don't introduce new food in emergency. EG school could be used for certain disasters, not tsunamis. Info available on line – redcross.org or redcrossbayarea.org. Response to earthquake – drop under something sturdy, cover head/neck to protect from flying objects (pillow), hold on to object you're hiding under - not doorway.

Nicholas - County working on updating current emergency plan. After 2011 tsunami, Silicon Valley Foundation did assessment. County priority to improve on Coastside. Trying to establish CERTs. People in community need to be prepared to be independent for 3 or more days.

b. (8:30) **Midcoast California Coastal Trail (CCT)** status update and review of issues and action items (Erickson).

Len - slide presentation. CCT concept plans established 12-15 years ago. Committee focus has been on walkable coastline trail on Pillar Point Bluff and on decommissioned Ocean Blvd in Seal Cove (as alternative to signed CCT on Airport St). A single report covering Pillar Point to Montara Beach will be unwieldy and hard to review due to many localized issues, though it does provide structure at County level. Suggest separate into 4 areas and move them ahead according to their priorities: PP to FMR (walkable coastline trail), West Moss Beach & Vallemar Bluff, Hwy 1 crossing & roadside trail issues, and Montara State Beach. As near-term priority MCC should ask for lighthouse crossing to be restored to current TA Crossings/Medians planning project. Break committee charter into 4 parts: Committee complete report on PP to FMR, MCC determine how best to complete 3 other items.

Lisa: If one report with 3 sections is too unwieldy, how about 3 reports: PP to FMR, FMR to lighthouse, lighthouse to Montara Beach? Caltrans is only involved in the Montara section.

Len: Lighthouse crossing was left out of current planning of other crossings. It supports CCT, hostel users, and Montara residents who would like to bike to FMR, harbor, etc.

Nicholas: Projects take time due to process and funding. Can't do everything at once. Supervisor feels lighthouse location not safe for crossing due to need to travel hwy shoulder across the ravine; he wants to make that path safe first with "Safe Routes to School" trail project.

Lisa: Asks for clarification of timing of projects: Crossings/Medians done first, trail later. Seems odd to leave out this one crossing when doing the others.

Nicholas: Actual construction of crossings/medians is 2-3 yrs out. Trail project would come after that.

Lisa: The CCT is signed & mapped on Airport St. and Princeton Ave – that was considered safe. East side shoulder across from lighthouse is safer than walking on Airport St. (and much shorter).

Nicholas: Those decisions were made prior to Supervisor Horsley's term. Lighthouse crossing was pulled from TA grant application because Caltrans was working on the intersection at that time.

Lisa: It was crying shame Caltrans did left turns at lighthouse without a crossing; that was crushingly compounded by pulling the crossing from the TA grant application.

Len: Lighthouse crossing should be part of TA Congestion Management process.

Nicholas: It's not just unsafe to cross, it's unsafe once you get across.

Laura: With a crossing, half the journey would be safer.

Lisa: Not so much the white lines, but the refuge island in the middle that makes it safer.

Bill: Shouldn't be asking for priority at lighthouse. Haven't had any community discussion of which crossing should be prioritized.

Lisa: Not asking for lighthouse first, just asking for it to be put back in Congestion Mgmt plan so all crossings will be considered together, which will take 2-3 yrs. Current setup has all crossings done except the lighthouse.

Len: Not arguing priorities of intersections. Would rather have discussion with the potential letter to vote on, and decide it on its merits.

Laura: Don't like piecemeal approach to highway planning or defeatist attitude about working with Caltrans. It's our tax dollars. Years ago Caltrans came to MCC meeting re Coronado light. How do we have all this work done and yet not communicate with the people doing the work?

Nicholas: Caltrans has a book that they follow and nothing else matters – frustrating. Can't track people down to get simple answers. Difficult to get them to the table. If you push too much, they shut you out. Supervisor wants to get all these projects done, just asking for patience.

Len: Nothing has been shown us that relates the Parallel Trail with this crossing. This crossing was dropped out of the Crossings/Medians project and it should be put back.

Lisa: TA Congestion Management plan is for crossings, medians, left turns. That's exactly what you have at the lighthouse. Does not merit separate conversation with Caltrans. Safe Routes to School trail is entirely on the east side – doesn't cross the highway.

Len: The crossing was left out because of Caltrans project last year. Now you're saying the Supervisor doesn't want the crossing because the east-side trail is unsafe.

Nicholas: Correct, Don didn't walk the area until after the crossing was pulled. Uncomfortable with putting crossing there and promoting use of the area without trail improvement.

Len: Could do actual crossing construction together with trail work, but leave it in the crossings planning project now, so you know what you're going to get.

Bill: Lighthouse is blind curve. Hasn't been enough study about putting crossing there.

Leonard Woren: Put CCT close to ocean but make it simple and easy to retreat - manicured dirt trail. Raised medians are solution to pedestrian highway crossings.

Nicholas: Asks that further discussion or action on this wait till he's back from vacation (6/12 meeting).
Len/Lisa will bring proposed action to council on that date (request to reconsider inclusion of lighthouse crossing in TA Congestion Management plan).

Dan: OK

Bill: Fine – would like material 72 hrs in advance. Tonight's slides were not available in advance.

5. Council Activity – 9:40

Harbor West Shoreline Trail (Lisa) – trail section eroding. Harbor District study was done a year ago on repair/protection alternatives, and money was budgeted for the project, but the report has not been made public or brought to the Harbor Commission. The project has mysteriously been on hold for a year. Report obtained by Public Records Request, posted on MCC website. The proposed alternatives are all forms of armoring. Beach nourishment with harbor dredge material is not being considered. HD has not advised CCC of this project or begun the permitting process. HD is still waiting for CCC approval to put launch ramp dredge on Perched Beach.

Devil's Slide Task Force 5/15 – Bill & Lisa will attend.

6. Committee Reports - none

7. Future Agendas

5/22 – ALUCP update (presentation 15-20min); GSD as Community Services District

6/12 – Reconsider lighthouse crossing in current Crossings & Medians project.

Adjournment -- 9:45