

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on April 10, 2013, at GSD

Call to Order. 7:00 pm

Present: all 6 councilmembers

6 members of the public

Government: Nicholas Calderón, Christine Carey

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

Congestion Management Project Planning will start soon (Hwy 1 left turns, crossings, medians). County/MCC committee will convene soon to plan public outreach.

Safety Summit 4/29, invite only, re preventing violence in schools (i.e. Newtown shooting) - Don Horsley, Jackie Speier, OES, personnel from schools, law enforcement, mental health.

Surfers' Beach 400 ft of danger – County received Cosco Busan mitigation funding – project planning will be starting soon with public involvement.

Moss Beach Hwy 1 lighting at Virginia/Carlos St. – Supervisor seeking improved lighting for safety since a year ago. Have required signatures - will start project soon - new light poles.

County Parks Midcoast update is sole topic of next MCC meeting (4/24), reps from County Parks

2. **Public Comment**

Bill: Leonard called saying Fire Board election certification needs expediting.

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

Approval of Minutes for March 27, 2013

Approval of MCC Treasurer Report & Procedures

4. **Regular Agenda**

a. (7:10) **Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Update.** Christine Carey, San Mateo County Community Planner, reported on GGNRA's current projects and activities on the Midcoast. Christine:

- First newsletter in print now - will mail out as hard copy this time only in order to reach more people to let them know they can sign up for electronic news.
- Signage recently installed. Regulations posted have not changed - same interim regulations as when NPS took over Rancho.
- Dog management plan delayed due to federal funding sequestration - waiting for green light from Washington hopefully in May -- 5 alternatives for dog walking.
- Trail work being done, bridges replaced (1 done, 3 more done in May), blocking off areas where vehicles access.
- Parking study will be completed before trailheads determined. Currently gathering data, then another committee meeting.
- Mowing procedures changing due to avoidance of ground bird nesting season. No mowing till after July 31. Fire management team will put together plan this summer with public outreach.
- Two upcoming events - Earth Day 4/20 at Mori Point. Parks Alive 5/5 at Quarry Park 10-2.

b. **SamTrans Presentation** – cancelled due to no change in Route 17 and 294 since changes reported in Jan report.

c. (7:20) **Montara Coastal Access/Views from County Streets/Rights-of-Way** (Ketcham)

Lisa reported public comments received by email:

Ruth Muzzin (Montara): wholeheartedly supports the draft letter. Maintaining public access to the right of way on unimproved or "paper" streets is important for many reasons. In this instance, it will provide the citizens of the coast with non-motorized public access to the spectacular scenic views that we all cherish. Such access can also be important for safety and firefighting reasons. It is important to evenly enforce the policy of maintaining unimpeded public rights of way, whether for enjoyment, safety or otherwise. Maintaining access to coast views in the

case of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th streets west of Cabrillo Highway will in no way diminish the rights of adjacent property owners and it will ensure the community's continued ability to safely enjoy the coast that belongs to all of us.

Carl May (Moss Beach): endorses the letter in its entirety.

Len: Good to visit Supervisor and press the cause.

Leonard Woren: Really good letter. Might need more elaboration of property lines & subdivisions. Subdivider dedicated streets separately from parcels.

Karen Wilson: Want letter to move forward. Maybe bring to whole BoS at public comment.

Lisa: Subdivision map and Board Resolution accepting streets both clearly differentiate streets from parcels for sale. Subdivider dedicated the "ground" where streets are directly to County for public use. Prior to 1955 amendment of State Streets & Highways Code, cities/counties could not accept fee ownership for streets. In case of Farallone City, if right-of-way were abandoned, it should revert to subdivider, not neighboring parcel owner.

Bill: Likes letter as written, good next step, keep pushing until we get results we're looking for.

Bob: One of best letters we've sent. Should strike home with anybody who reads it.

Dan: Great job on letter. Nothing wrong with having conversation with other supervisors.

Laura: Know that safety is important to Supervisor Horsley. Recall comments about 7th St fence interfering with rescue of Individuals in trouble. Re County's fear of litigation - should be as much fear from litigation from public. Support letter.

Len move approval of letter. Approved 6-0.

Len move Lisa will talk with Supervisor Horsley, then maybe Supervisor Groom, at designated request of Council. Approved 6-0.

d. (7:50) Advertising Sign Proliferation along Midcoast Roads (Ketcham)

Lisa gave brief slide presentation of conditions, regulations, & enforcement procedures.

Bill: Sam's truck parked on highway is pet peeve but what about struggling businesses? Agree with blight at markets, will talk to them.

Dan:, Some small road signs for local business are good thing. Some are tacky. Can be helpful to visitors. Can't have 300 but a few are OK. Focus on excessive signs at market.

Len: Issue is multi-headed monster, don't want sign blight just because we're not a city.

Leonard Woren: You can't have a law that has sympathy for certain businesses. Either repeal or enforce. Signs are blight - don't care which business. R-1 signs not allowed.

Gael Erickson: Signs are visual blight, also safety hazard - people slow to read sign on highway, or make a quick turn. Ask Sheriff what to do.

Bob: Law must be applied evenly.

Laura: Coastal zone has rules for signs. Need to know what ordinances, who enforces them, are these appropriate for coastal zone.

Lisa: Consider this an introduction to topic, will bring more info at future date.

5. Council Activity – 8:45

Princeton Planning Project (Lisa) Planning Dept. still hoping to take contract to BoS on May 7.

6. Committee Reports - none

7. Future Agendas

Leonard Woren: Fire Board election certification needs to be expedited - urgency item.

Bill will make inquiries, if necessary draft letter and call special meeting.

4/24 – Midcoast County Parks – County staff update – agree to special venue Cypress Meadows

5/8 -- Disaster preparedness (Bill 45 min); CCT report (Len)

5/22 – ALUCP update; GSD as Community Services District

Adjournment -- 9:00