

Midcoast Community Council

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An elected Municipal Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Serving 12,000 Coastal Residents

Public Works Committee Minutes for Meeting of July 3, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm. Members present were Chair April Vargas, Karen Wilson, Sandy Emerson, Chuck Kozak, Paul Perkovic and members of the public Larry Ross, and Ami Varsanyi.

There was no Public Comment.

Item 7a. Discussion of funding options for local drainage/street improvements. Larry Ross began with the statement that he has found no dependable methods for financing improvements. He wondered if there was a way to have all property owners pay into a fund at approximately \$5000 per project to fund the improvements. More revenue is necessary. Could the \$1.25 per square foot mitigation fee for Public Works be increased to \$2.50 per square foot? Sandy asked if the mitigation fees are somehow tied to the cost of housing and if they are increased as housing prices increase. Chuck commented that while mitigation fees are a one-time charge, fees for a flood control and watershed maintenance district would be annual.

Sandy asked several questions:

How much does the average street improvement project cost each homeowner per square foot?

Where are these costs published or are they calculated on a project by project basis?

Can homeowners form their own assessment district and hire private contractors to do the work? Is this less expensive? What is the process for setting up the assessment district?

Chuck commented that within ten years, all jurisdictions will be required to have treatment systems for storm water. Sewer districts can build and repair storm water systems. Can there be a cooperative effort between the County and the local sanitary districts?

Karen and Larry commented on the current surface material on improved and unimproved streets. How much runoff pollution is caused by oiling unimproved streets? How much runoff pollution is caused by asphalt paving? Do impervious paving materials increase flooding problems?

Chuck mentioned created an urban watershed designation to treat water issues on a locally. Chuck ended by asking how close an analysis County Counsel had done on the Salinas decision, a court case which will influence the formation of assessment districts.

Item 7b. Chuck suggested that the Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Committee be consulted regarding the proposed repair work on Hwy 92. He will do a site visit and report back. The item was continued.

Item 7c. Chuck moved that the Committee support Caltrans' application for a CDP to repair storm slide damage at Grey Whale Cove. State Parks told him that they enthusiastically support the repair proposal. April seconded and the Committee approved the motion unanimously. April will write an approval letter to County Planner Mike Schaller.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Committee Chair April Vargas