

Minutes of the Monday, November 11, 2002
Midcoast Community Council
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

7:45 PM Meeting called to order.

Committee members present:
Sandy Emerson, Jill Robinson, Chuck Kozak

Also in attendance:
Leonard Woren, Dwight Wilson.

1. Joint Projects for Parks and Schools: Farallone View School field upgrades; El Granada School Playground upgrade; Quarry Park, Mirada Surf East

Those present discussed possible joint projects for the El Granada School area, to include upgrading the playground, and connecting to possible recreational developments at Mirada Surf East and Quarry Park. We need to look for grant money and identify staff. CUSD (Dwight Wilson) would be happy to participate in a work session. A good time to meet coaches and active parents would be at the annual meeting to schedule the fields (to be held in January). The main sports organizations for soccer, T-ball, and Little League include: AYSO, HMB Sports Club, CYA, and PCF (which maintains Hatch fields on a volunteer basis). CUSD is willing to start the ball rolling, but Dwight Wilson made it clear that he cannot take this on as his personal project. There could be a JPA between CUSD and the County, as there was for the purchase of Quarry Park.

2. Safe Crossings of Highway 1

Chuck showed pictures of a safe crossing in San Luis Obispo, consisting of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over a creek. The project involved collaboration among a host of Federal and County agencies ranging from CalTrans to the Department of Fish and Game. The opportunities for safe crossing at Martini Creek, Montara Creek, etc. would require a strong champion group. It could take a number of years to line up all the right agencies and funding. Mitigation money from Highway 92 projects could help fund a safe crossing project.

3. LCP Update Tasks

On Monday, November 18 the LCP update meeting will consider three items of interest to parks and recreation:

Task 15, Evaluate opportunities to re-designate the Devils Slide bypass right-of-way to a very low intensity use, e.g., park, trail, open space or resource preserve.

Task 16, Evaluate opportunities to add remaining segments to the Coastal Trail.

Task 17, Evaluate opportunities to establish a parallel trail within the Highway 1 right-of-way, and underground pedestrian crossings at locations along Highway 1.

Items to note for these tasks are (1) the legislation (HR 1953 and S 941) introduced by Tom Lantos, and Senators Boxer and Feinstein to expand the boundary of GGNRA to include the bypass, died in committee and has to be re-introduced. (2) the Coastal Trail segment projects in our immediate area depend on acquisition of property (Mirada Surf), finalization of the Princeton Shoreline Protection plan, etc. Only one of the "Five Coastal

Sites" studied by Callander Associates for SMCo Parks and Recreation has a realistic chance of going forward in the near term. The sites in Princeton also depend on other plans. Task 17 lines up with the "Safe Crossings of Highway 1" projects we have been discussing in this committee.

4. Parks and Recreation Development Fee proposal. The County has drafted a parks and recreation development fee proposal and is recommending that it be based on 3 acres per 1000 population at buildout. This proposal will be presented by Mary Burns to the MCC at its regular meeting of November 13. The money has to be matched proportionally (55/45) with money collected from existing residents of the Midcoast. A Task Force to be chaired and appointed by Rich Gordon will determine the best governance and finance options for Midcoast parks and recreation. The Board of Supervisors may hear the development fees proposal again in December.

The next regular meeting of the MCC Parks and Recreation Committee is Monday, December 9, 2002/

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Emerson
Chair