

Midcoast Community Council

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Ms. Mary Burns
Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Environmental Services Agency
San Mateo County
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Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Mary:

Thanks very much for your excellent presentation on the proposed Development Fee to support the parks and recreation needs of future residents of the Midcoast.

After considerable discussion, the Midcoast Community Council voted to recommend a per-square-foot development fee of \$2.76 (Option 1 in the staff report). Specifically, the motion by Sandy Emerson recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- accept the Development Fee draft report
- adopt a standard of 6 acres of *usable* parkland per 1,000 residents
- as soon as possible, adopt the corresponding development fee of \$2.76 per square foot (gross square footage, including garage space) for new residential development in the Midcoast area
- create the Board committee and Task Force as soon as possible. The Task Force should have members from the MidCoast Community Council, Midcoast Park Lands, Cabrillo Unified School District, and other stakeholders.

Paul Perkovic seconded, with the understanding that the area within which the fee would be imposed includes the Rural Residential Area, would also apply to additions and remodels that increase floor area, and would include a reduction for affordable units.

The motion was adopted by a vote of 4 in favor (Sandy, Ric, Paul, Karen) to 2 opposed (Chuck, April). Kathryn Slater-Carter was absent.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft proposal. The development fee initiative is a very exciting first step in funding the parks and recreation needs that were identified by the recently concluded Needs Assessment process.

Sincerely yours,

Sandy Emerson
Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee

Cc: Rich Gordon, Supervisor