

Draft Minutes of the 09/24/03 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council

Chair Paul Perkovic called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. Directors present were Lohman, Vargas, Slater-Carter and Wilson. Chuck Kozak was absent.

Public Comment

Leonard Woren complained that a sign advertising an estate sale was slowing traffic on Hwy 92. It needs to be removed.

Lt. Quinlan announced the Teddy Bear Clinic at Seton Medical Center Coastsides on November 3. The event will provide an opportunity to update personal ID's for children.

Jim Montalbano of Montara had an issue concerning public access. He will express his concerns later in the meeting when Dept. of Public Works Director Neil Cullen makes his presentation.

Kathryn will place a copy of the Housing Element of the County General Plan in the Half Moon Bay Library. Of special interest is the section on countywide affordable housing. The next hearing is on November 12.

Review of Agenda

April asked that an item be added: a letter to Peninsula Open Space Trust in favor of inclusion of Rancho Corral de Tierra into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Board of Supervisors Report

Deborah Hirst, legislative aide for Supervisor Gordon, reported that the Planning Commission voted not to allow exotic animals to be displayed at a commercial pumpkin concession on Hwy 92. Their ruling is can be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. At their last meeting, the board voted to fund a Memorandum of Understanding with the UC Agricultural Extension out of General Fund money, not out of the Parks and Recreation Division budget. If enough revenue is generated, this money will be repaid. Approval of rent control for the El Granada Manufactured Home Community is on the consent agenda for the next Board meeting. A rent roll back to July 1, 2003 is being recommended. It will go into effect thirty days after Board passage. The State Desalination Task Force, of which the Supervisor is a member, is working on their Final Report.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: There was none.

Parks and Recreation: There was no quorum at the September 8 meeting but Mirada Surf funding was discussed. Surfacing material for the Coastal Trail was another topic of

interest. The next meeting will be held on October 13 at 7:30 pm at the 3-Zero Café. Carl may will bring recommendations on surfacing materials for each segment of the Coastal Trail.

Planning and Zoning: There was no meeting and therefore, no report. Details were given about the Planning Commission decision on the exotic animals on Hwy. 92. The three concession operators will have to share the cost of Highway Patrol offices for traffic control for two weekends during the month of October.

Consent Agenda

Karen moved approval, Kathryn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

9a. Discussion on Roads, Drainage, Utility Undergrounding and Coastal Access Issues with Neil Cullen, Director of Public Works for San Mateo County. Director Cullen gave background information on Community Plan amendments dealing with road standards. He suggested that the Council review standards for the road projects that have been proposed. He distributed several handouts.

Ric asked what road standard applies to Mirada Road in Miramar. Neil explained that it is the Montara Standard (valley gutters and no sidewalks or parking bays.) He suggested that the western edge of the road have valley gutters that drain to the east to keep water from draining back through the riprap. Kathryn asked about drainage and concerns about asphalt paving of drainage ditches. To increase recharge, could ditches be grass lined instead? Neil answered that in steep areas paving can eliminate erosion and siltation. The potential for recharge at each site would require evaluation. He said that some homeowners want to pave the area from the valley gutter to their property line. He is investigating whether the NPEDS regulations allow this.

Karen asked if the County can get Federal Emergency Management Agency money to pay for flooding issues in Montara. He said that he doubts this is possible. The Flood Hazard Zone will remain unchanged and flood hazard insurance will still be required. The board will hear the proposal on speed humps and dips in October and November. He outlined plans for pavement management system improvements at:

Kanoff Ave. from 4th to Main St.
Mirada Road
Cypress Ave. on the west side of the highway
California Ave.
Etheldore St.

Kathryn asked about the scheduling on these projects. Neil answered that 2 to 4 blocks would be done per year. Karen moved that the Council support the improvements

planned for Kanoff, Mirada Road and Cypress Ave. Kathryn seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Utility undergrounding was also discussed.

Jim Montalbano of Montara talked about a gate at the west end of 7th St. in Montara that is locked. The lock should be removed. Neil consulted with County Counsel on this issue and the opinion is that the lock does not constitute a violation of public access regulations and should not be pursued. Deborah Hirst will talk to County Counsel for more details.

9b. Report on Candidates Nights Scheduled for Monday, 9/29 and Tuesday, 9/30 at Seton Medical Center Coastside: The races will be covered as follows;
Monday : HMB Fire Protection District, Granada Sanitary District, Coastside County Water District and Tuesday: MidCoast Community Council, San Mateo County Community College District, Montara Water and Sanitary District.

9c. Midcoast Local Coastal Program Update Review: Kathryn and Karen will work with Chuck on the presentation for the October 8 Planning Commission meeting. Kathryn and Paul will work on the presentation for the October 22 Planning Commission meeting.

10. Letter to POST in support of Rancho Corral de Tierra: unanimously approved.

Future Agenda

October 8

Housing Endowment And Trust Fund
Design Review Committee issues

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas