

Minutes of the 12/03/03 Meeting of the Midcoast Community Council

Vice Chair Kathryn Slater-Carter called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Members present were Directors Vargas, Lohman, Kozak and Wilson. Paul Perkovic was absent.

Public Comment

There was none.

Board of Supervisors Report

There was none.

Review of Agenda

There were no changes.

Committee Reports

There were none.

Consent Agenda

Item 8c. was moved to the Regular Agenda. For the remaining two items, Ric moved and Karen seconded a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and it passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

8c. Approval of council participation in Adopt-a-Family program: It was decided that each member would contribute \$50 towards this effort. Newly elected member Charlie Gardner also agreed to participate. Sara Bassler and Howard Lieberman (who arrived at the meeting around 8:00 pm) will be consulted about their willingness to contribute. Chuck will organize the shopping and payment collection. Karen moved approval, Chuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9a. Approval of recommendations made by Parks and Recreation Task Force, including but not limited to (a) potential sites to acquire; (b) inclusion of "safe crossing" points, (c) phased acquisition approach (delaying the community center); and (d) form of governance: It was noted that there is inconsistent treatment of the Etheldore Triangle (located in Moss beach) in the Task Force report. While it is listed as a riparian zone on the spreadsheet, it is also listed as a potential community center site on the Costs listing.

Charlie suggested adopting a phasing approach – choosing fewer projects and developing a detailed plan for each. He also recommended geographical diversity in project choices to win area-wide support.

Bern Smith of El Granada, who is a Task Force member, stated that even the mid sized projects listed in the report are too big. MCC comments should include a suggestion to reduce the scope of the proposals. He favors a phased in approach.

Karen Wilson suggested using a broader term to describe recreational activities. Calling amenities "playing fields" rather than "soccer fields" is more inclusive of other sports of interest in the community. Soccer can be listed as one of the sports.

There was a discussion about funding and a question was raised about whether money from San Mateo County goes to the City of Half Moon Bay to help offset their expenses for the Park and Recreation programs the City provides to Midcoast residents. It was suggested that this not be made part of the official Council comments but be researched for clarification.

A planning process is necessary. Final acquisition of Rancho Corral de Tierra by the GGNRA must be complete before fair market values for parcels currently owned by POST can be determined. POST has advised not to exclude any of their parcels from consideration for possible purchase.

Council members agreed that more information is necessary about the differences between the powers and operations of a Community Services District as opposed to a Park and Recreation District. Election by division was favored with each representative to the new district being elected only by those living within the division.

A motion was made to remove item number 3, recommending a CSD, from the draft Council comment letter. There were three yes votes (Vargas, Slater-Carter, Kozak), one no vote (Lohman) and one abstention (Wilson).

1. Kathryn suggested that a recommendation be added proposing that the Devil's Slide bypass right of way should be acquired through the County's work with other agencies, including but not limited to MWSD, State parks, the County Parks and Recreation Division to accomplish this goal.
2. Another recommendation was made that paper streets owned by the County be developed as recreational areas. This would be contingent on funding, management and maintenance capabilities.
3. The Council's comments should include items requiring additional clarification. These are:

The Etheldore Triangle

The need for maps to accompany the Task Force's presentations and proposals.

It was suggested that George Bergman's map from the Midcoast LCP Review Update could be used.

April moved that these three items be included in the Council's comment letter. Chuck seconded the motion and there were four yes votes and one abstention (Lohman).

9b. Selection of Council Members to serve as Pro-Tem Chairs for December 8 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting; and for December 17 and January 7 Planning Zoning

Committee meeting, until January 14, 2002 when Council reorganization occurs: It was determined that the Parks and Recreation Committee will have no meeting in December. Kathryn will act as Chair for the January meeting. Karen will Chair the two Planning and Zoning Committee meetings. Public Works will require no Pro-Tem Chair.

9c. Midcoast Local Coastal Program Update Review: It was decided that the Council will continue to advocate for our recommended positions on Tasks 10-12. Copies of the March 2002 real estate ad listing a caretakers' quarters as residential will be provided to Planning Commissioners. Any residential units allowed on COSC lands must be added to the residential build-out numbers, should the Commission adopt the staff recommendation for this task. We must stress that the validity of live/work arrangements is questionable.

Adjournment

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas