

Minutes of MidCoast Community Council Meeting, August 9, 2000

Meeting convened at 7:32 PM.

Present were Councilmembers Bassler, Gore, Kozak, Lohman, Perkovic, Stein and Vargas.

Public Comment:

Raye Eastman, a new teacher at HMB High School, explained that as a professional working in the area, she could not find any place affordable to live.

Councilmember Gore relayed the report from the Sheriff's office about the discovery of a human foot at Pillar Point on July 28. Reminding people to always report anything unusual. He also reported that for the period of January through March, 23 complaints about airport noise were received at the HMB Airport; 5 from El Granada, 13 from Moss Beach, 4 from other communities and 1 anonymous. 18 of the 23 were from 3 addresses.

Councilmember Vargas thanked the HMB Review for their coverage of the meetings. She also reported of correspondence from Congresswoman Anna Eschoo, highlighting her work with the issues of increased funding for parks, endangered species protection, and getting MTBE out of gasoline.

Minutes: Minutes from 7/26/00 adopted 7-0 - motion Perkovic, second Bassler.

Treasurer's Report: Councilmember and Treasurer Perkovic reported that the bank balance had not changed (\$491.93), that the money might be used for an upcoming volunteer appreciation party, and expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to Lorraine Feather and Tony Morales for the donation of the new pair of horizontal filing cabinets.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Committee Chair Paul Perkovic reported on the meeting of August 7, and ongoing issues of the Coastal Trail alignment and the boundaries of the Monterey Bay and Gulf of the Farallones Marine Sanctuaries.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Committee Chair Chuck Kozak described their meeting of August 2, which only went until 12:30 AM, reported on the acceptance of the MidCoast Zoning Ordinances by the County, the approval of the Moss Beach Highlands development, and that the committee would be exploring the issues of wells and of unpermitted activities.

Public Works: Public Works Liaison Joe Gore reported he was looking into the striping of the parking spaces at the El Granada Post Office, and suggested it might be good to get some 20 minute Parking signs posted to keep the spaces from being used by local businesses. Reported he was hearing lots of requests for stop signs; says the procedure is to get a neighborhood petition together and present it to County Public Works Director Neal Cullen. County will be testing the intersection of Paloma and Sonora in El Granada for a stop sign. Reminded people they are for safety, not meant to divert or slow down traffic. Joe also reported that the appeal against the traffic light on Highway 1 at Coronado in El Granada, which the Council had supported, was denied 5-0 by the Board of Supervisors and would probably be appealed to the Coastal Commission.

Stephanie Morales of El Granada asked about the possibility of speed bumps - Joe says that they are not encouraged for liability reasons.

Councilmember Stein asked what can be done about unsafe speeding through neighborhoods - Joe encouraged people to call the Sheriff's Department at 363-4911.

Board of Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Rich Gordon's aide and Coastal Liaison Joe Caruso reported on the Board's decision to approve the Moss Beach Highlands development. He also reported that letters concerning the item had not been received by the board because of a problem with the fax machine.

He discussed the possibility of the MCC being involved with an appeal of the Highlands project to the Coastal Commission, saying that County Counsel advised against it, that as an advisory council to the Board, the MCC was bound by the decision of the board and it was now out of County jurisdiction.

Councilmember Stein noted that as an advisory council, our advice is often ignored.

Councilmember Bassler asked why the MCC is not considered a separate body; Joe replied it is because of the State Code that governs the formation of advisory councils.

Councilmember Vargas asked about the possibility of a presentation on the upcoming ballot measure for a pay raise for the Supervisors.

The request for the Council to receive the full Board of Supervisors agenda packets was repeated.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Vargas asked that the item regarding purchase of a Council answering machine be removed from consent and heard at the end of the meeting.

Regular Agenda:

1. Presentation by the Half Moon Bay Library Facility Needs Task Force

Maya Kennedy and James Marsh gave a presentation on the task force and its work, reviewed the report on identified needs, discussed funding structures and possibilities and plans to begin a consultant study.

Councilmembers asked questions concerning new facilities, branch libraries, and increased staffing. Maya responded that the consultant would be reviewing current facilities, and options included expansion, a new building, or nearby satellite facilities. She stated that it was felt that the bookmobile handled the branch library need adequately for now, and that staffing plans would come from the study as well, and that staff would grow accordingly and in a timely manner.

Information on the project may be found on the web at www.plsinfo.org. Agendas for the task force are printed on the city of Half Moon Bay web site.

2. Presentation outlining plans for the Xterra 2000 event.

Andrew Robles of J and A Productions presented the plans for the 2nd annual triathlon event planned for the weekend of September 16 and 17. The event would feature a 15K swim (in the harbor), a 26K Mountain Bike race, and a 10K run. The main venue would be on the vacant part of the property on the northwest corner of Capistrano and Highway 1. 350 to 450 participants are expected. The Xterra is a series of triathlons throughout North America.

Saturday would be a community event and trade fair with the triathlon on Sunday.

Councilmember Stein asked if there is sufficient fund payback to the community in regard to other events of this sort; response was that the event does not make any money, actually loses money, but still there are paybacks to MidCoast Parklands for use of Quarry Park and their help in the event, as well as local high school programs.

Noted that the HMB event was the most popular venue last year. There would be no TV coverage. Only 3 or 4 local racers were involved last year - entry fee is waived for local residents. MidCoast Parklands would be reviewing the project at their board meeting the next night (8/10/00)

Attendance at the staging venue was expected to be about 3,000. Parking is available onsite. Sheriff's Lt. John Quinlen reported no real concerns about the event, both Sheriff's and CHP had no problems with last year's event. A sergeant and 5 extra officers are assigned to the event - there is a minimal delay to Highway 1 traffic (1.5 - 2 minutes) expected only at the start of the event Sunday morning. Clean up the last year was very good.

Stephanie Morales of El Granada noted that some participants got lost or confused along the route last year - suggestion was made to better mark the course with colored ribbons and signs. Those wishing to volunteer to help with the race can contact 408/360-9501.

Councilmember Bassler moved that the Council support the event. Councilmember Stein asked to amend that it be contingent on MPL approval. Councilmember Kozak seconded. Approved 7-0.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Moss Beach Highlands Project.

Chair April Vargas opened the discussion by stating she would not support an "illegal action" by the Council in supporting any appeal, but would agree to discuss the issue.

Councilmember Lohman stated that he was extremely disappointed in the Board of Supervisor's actions the preceding day, that they had missed an opportunity to work with the community and provide real affordable housing for the community, felt that they had "passed the buck" to the Coastal Commission while taking notice of recent Commission activities and trends. Net result is no project for a long time. Felt that project was a dis-service to the community, and felt insulted in the statement that the market-rate component of the project was described as moderately-priced housing.

Councilmember Kozak mentioned that the project is still contingent on the results of the hearings on the after-the-fact permit regarding the diking violation.

Councilmember Perkovic described the process an appeal would go through with the Coastal Commission and the timing involved. He noted that the Commissioners do not like to see projects and LCP amendments at the same time, and noted that it is okay for Councilmembers to join the appeal as individuals.

Councilmember Bassler spoke in support of earlier comments, adding that the water requirement for the project is still not settled, and noted the excessive conditions and exceptions added to handle the loose ends of the project.

Further discussion as on how County would be handling the issue of whether there really is an agreement with CCWD for water, how the County could've switched priority

designations of the project, and the note to keep in touch with County Planning regarding the remediation issues around the disking violation.

Gary Kind of Moss Beach thanked the Council for all its help and education, and for not abandoning the community.

4. The Local Coastal Program Review continues.

Councilmember Kozak gave a report on the LCP review session that was held the night before on 8/8/00 in HMB, and mentioned that it looked like the process was going to take a bit longer than originally anticipated because of the volume and breadth of issues being addressed.

The suggestion was made to develop a priority list, so that important and timely issues could be dealt with first rather than waiting for the whole process to move forward at once, which could take up to 3 years.

It was decided to compile a list of the issues that had been raised and for the council to develop a priority list at its next meeting on August 23, 2000.

Councilmember Perkovic suggested the Council contribute support to a renewed request for funding, and volunteered to review other County's LCPs.

Consent Item: Recommendation for the Council to purchase a telephone answering machine to be placed in the Council office and used in conjunction with our existing fax machine to facilitate communication with the community.

Councilmember Vargas asked for clarification on who would check the machine. Councilmember Kozak, as Secretary, volunteered to do so. Motion to authorize Councilmember Kozak to spend up to \$50 to purchase the equipment. Passed 6-0 (Councilmember Gore absent.)

Next Agenda:

For August 23:

Discussion of Volunteer Appreciation and Candidate's Night.
Continuing LCP Review

For September 13:

Wells and the proposed Well ordinance.
Presentation by Walter Martone, of C/CAG on congestion management plan

For September 27:

MCC sponsored candidate's night.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.