

Minutes of MidCoast Community Council Meeting, August 23, 2000

Meeting convened at 7:37 PM.

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

**Public Comment:**

Councilmember Perkovic announced that copies of the Half Moon Bay Budget Summary were available from the city.

He also announced that on Tuesday, Sept. 19, the California Public Utilities Commission would be holding a hearing on the proposed sale of Citizens Utilities. The meeting will be at 7:30 PM at the Farallone School in Montara.

**Minutes:** Action on the minutes was deferred until the Sept. 13 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Councilmember and Treasurer Perkovic reported that the bank balance had not changed (\$491.93.)

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Chair Paul Perkovic reported that the next meeting would be on September 11 (not the usual first Monday because of Labor Day). Items for discussion would include Coastal Trail alignments and the Coastal Access Parking at the Pillar Point Harbor RV lot. At the last meeting, the committee had drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending that the boundaries for the National Marine Sanctuaries be adjusted so that the San Mateo County Coast was included in the Gulf of the Farallones Sanctuary and not the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. It was also reported that committee member Barbara Kossey had attended the interviews for the respondents to the County's Request for Proposal for the Coastal Recreational Needs Assessment.

Councilmember Stein asked whether the P&R committee had discussed the issue of the El Granada Median Strip. The response was no.

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Chair Chuck Kozak reported on the last meeting of 8/16/00, and also on the meeting for interested parties on the contamination issues on San Vicente Creek. It was reported that Dean Petersen, County Director of the Environmental Health Department, would come to a future Council meeting to present the ongoing studies.

It was reported that Kozak, along with committee members Dennis Doherty and Karen Wilson, had attended at pre application meeting with the owners of 1241 Main St. in Montara, along with their architect, about a proposed addition to their house.

It was also reported that the decision from the County on the Moss Beach Highlands Development project had been received today by the Coastal Commission, so the period to file an appeal would run through September 8.

**Public Works:** No report was given.

**Board of Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Rich Gordon's aide and Coastal Liaison Joe Caruso reported on the effort to get information out regarding the regulations on small community cable systems, including any regulation to give a senior citizens discount (there isn't any).

Joe reminded people that the upcoming ballot proposal for the raise in the salary of the Supervisors would not affect his salary - that supervisorial aides are not classified as civil servants but serve 'at the will' of the individual supervisors. It was also noted by Councilmembers that the ballot proposal would not affect their salaries, either.

Joe announced the upcoming Health Education classes on the coast, taught by local teachers and sponsored by Kaiser-Permanente. Open to all. For more info, contact Kaiser Public Affairs Director Andrea Leiberman at 408/236-5341.

Joe also read the invitation to Supervisor Jerry Hill's Annual San Mateo County Citizens Academy, an 11 week course featuring overviews of all aspects of the County Government. Starting September 7 and running Thursdays through November, the academy is free but registration is limited. Applications due by August 23. On the web at [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us) at the "what's new" link, or contact Mario Rendon at 363-4460 (FAX: 599-1027)

Councilmember Stein asked whether the sessions could be videotaped - Joe agreed that was a good idea and would look into it.

Councilmember Vargas respectfully requested that when a group was convened to discuss the issue of the County's position on the Sanctuary boundaries, that the MCC be included. She also thanked the County, especially Supervisor Gordon and Joe, for their help in getting the MidCoast Zoning Ordinances passed before the Board. Joe expressed his thanks back to April for her work in educating the Supervisors on the issue.

**Consent Agenda:** No items.

**Regular Agenda:**

**1. Discussion and action regarding plans for the upcoming Candidates' Forum, Volunteer Appreciation Party and possible Council participation in the Coastside Chili and Clam Chowder Cook-Off.**

The MCC sponsored candidates forum is scheduled for September 27, 2000, tentatively at the El Granada School. There are races for elected seats on the Cabrillo Unified School District Board and on the Harbor Commission, as well as two ballot measures. It was decided that both races and both measures should be included.

The council discussed whether it would be appropriate to take a position on either of the measures, especially Measure A, which would raise the salary of members of the Board of Supervisors, especially as past councils had done so on other measures. It was decided to hear a presentation on Measure A first, listen to the forum, then take any action desired at a future meeting.

Councilmember Perkovic suggested the Council get the names of all running, as well as proponents and opposition of the two ballot measures, from County elections, and seek the involvement of the League of Women Voters. Further discussion said that if the LWV was not available, than we could do it ourselves with Chair April Vargas moderating the forum. Paul also noted that the flyer the Council had distributed in the HMB Review last year seem to have no real effect on attendance.

Councilmember Stein expressed concern about the lack of interaction between candidates at the forum.

Councilmember Perkovic made the motion that the September 27 meeting be set aside for the candidate's forum, starting at 7 PM, and that the LWV be invited to participate and assist. Seconded by Councilmember Kozak. Motion passed, 5-0 (Councilmembers Bassler & Gore absent.)

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In discussion about the volunteer appreciation party, Councilmembers Vargas and Lohman agreed to look into dates and arrangements, and to report back at a future meeting.

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For the Chili Cookoff, Councilmember Perkovic made the motion that the Council's participation should be organized by Councilmember Kozak. Lohman seconded, motion passed 5-0 (Councilmembers Bassler & Gore absent.)

Councilmember Vargas made the motion that the Council authorize \$75 to pay for the fees for the event; Perkovic seconded, motion passed 5-0 (Councilmembers Bassler & Gore absent.)

## **2. Discussion and action regarding the continuing Local Coastal Program review.**

Tim Duff of Half Moon Bay, a planner for the Coastal Conservancy and tonight representing the Surf rider Organization, presented their letter to the MCC and the County on issues regarding the LCP review. Their main points:

- 1) Incorporation of the recommendations in the ABAG Coastal Sub regional Joint Planning Study,
- 2) A comprehensive watershed management program for the MidCoast are
- 3) Clarification of wetlands and ESHA definitions
- 4) Coastal Commission participation, with support from Commission staff, funds from the Commission, and a program of the MCC working with Commission staff to ensure that priorities are articulated correctly in the application stage.

Councilmember Stein asked the Council to look into the feasibility of Coastal Conservancy funding from the Coastal Restoration Program to resolve Land Use conflicts.

General discussion on how the Council should proceed resulted in a plan to review the general headings in the reports from County planner George Bergman on the last two scoping sessions, and to try to avoid getting bogged down in detailed issue definition.

After further discussion and informal polling of the Councilmembers and public input, the following motion was put forward and seconded:

The Council will write a letter to George Bergman, with copies to Supervisor Gordon and the Coastal Commission, saying:

After review of the compiled comments from the first two LCP review scoping sessions, the Council has determined the following to be areas of high priority:

- \* Residential Buildout, and its relation to the development of substandard lots and the implementation of affordable housing
- \* Sensitive Habitats and Biological Resources
- \* Transportation and Infrastructure
- \* Parks and Open Space

\* The definition of the Urban/Rural Boundary and how rurally-zoned lands within the urban area are regarded.

The Council feels that these topics should be approached in the interpretation of what is the most protective of Coastal Resources, in line with the findings of the California State Coastal Act, and with the continued voter support of Coastal and state-wide residents.

In addition, the Council notes that the comments and ideas compiled under LCP Administration and Enforcement are areas that should be dealt with by regular County staff in the regular course of County government operation, including the updating and expansion of resource maps, and the protection of resources from detrimental activities (disking, excess development, etc.)

Motion passed 5-0 (Councilmembers Bassler & Gore absent.)

**Future Agendas:**

For September 13:

- 1) Supervisor Gordon's informational presentation on the ballot measure to raise the salaries of the members of the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) From Dean Petersen of Environmental Health:
  - a) Report on contamination and remediation efforts in San Vicente Creek
  - b) Discussion of new well ordinance and proposal for CDP exemption of test wells
  - c) discussion of monitoring and regulation of wells in the MidCoast.
3. Review, discussion and possible action on sale of Citizens Utilities Water company
4. The LCP Review continues....

September 27: Candidates night.

Tentative items for future meetings:

October 11:

C/CAG congestion management plan presentation?  
Funding from Coastal Conservancy for Coastal Resource Restoration

October 25: Affordable Housing revisited.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.