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To: MidCoast Community Councilmembers  
**Joe Caruso, Supervisor Gordon's Office**

From: Chuck Kozak, MCC Secretary

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**Draft Minutes of MidCoast Community Council Meeting of Nov. 8, 2000**

**Call to Order: 7:35 PM**

All Councilmembers present: Joe Gore (Vice-chair), Chuck Kozak (Secretary), Ric Lohman, Paul Perkovic, Laura Stein and April Vargas (Council Chair)

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**Public Comment:**

Councilmember Stein displayed the certificate she received for completing the course in Special District Leadership and Management. She also mentioned that the HMB Planning Commission was hearing their part of the application to install a signal at Coronado and Hwy. 1, and asked that consideration of the requirement for a circulation plan for the MidCoast, in relation to this signal on Highway 1, be taken on by the Council tonight as an emergency item. Councilmember Perkovic seconded. Motion to add it as an emergency item passes, 5-1, with Councilmember Gore voting No.

Councilmember Lohman made the observation that with the possible results of Tuesday's Presidential election, we could have the possibility of being governed at all levels by people who were not elected by a majority of the voters.

Councilmember Stein mentioned the "User's Guide to the Brown Act" as a very useful book, and one that the Council should acquire. It costs \$15.00.

Councilmember Kozak read the notice for the Quarry Park Work day, sponsored by Midcoast Park Lands, this Sunday, November 12, from 10 AM to 12 noon.

Councilmember Gore read a report from the SMCo Sheriff about being wary of holiday scams - folks can call 573-2846 for more information on tips on avoiding scams and cons.

Councilmember Perkovic showed the handout "Living with Fire" from the County, available at the Office of Emergency Services and from the Sheriff's. He also mentioned the "Beyond Transportation Summit - Moving From Talk to Action" seminar on Friday, November 17. He also had some semi-official election results and mentioned that you can use the regular Voter Registration Form to change your party affiliation.

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**Minutes:**

Minutes from the 10/11/00 meeting approved with the addition of the line:

*"Request by Councilmember Stein to put consideration of the Council's Traffic Mitigation recommendations on the MCC Agenda for a future meeting"*

at the end of the description of Item #2. Passed 5-0, with Councilmember Perkovic abstaining.

Minutes from the 10/25/00 meeting approved with the corrected line on page 3:

"Councilmember Perkovic moved that the Council adopt the procedure outlined by Joe Caruso."

Minutes adopted 6-0.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is the same - Treasurer will be making out reimbursement to League of Women Voters for help with Candidates Forum and to Councilmember Kozak for registration fees for Coastside Chile Cookoff.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Committee Chair Paul Perkovic reported that at the last committee meeting on November 6, a member of the public brought the issue of dogs on public lands. The committee also reviewed a proposed Coastal Trail alignment through Montara and Moss Beach, and hopes to have a proposal finalized at its next meeting. The next meeting will also have a discussion of the state of the Pillar Point Harbor RV Lot and issues there around public access and possible abuse of stay limitations.

It was also announced that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will hold a meeting to adopt the final version of its Work Plan for the Coastal Annexation on Tuesday, November 28, at the MROSD offices in Los Altos. Interested parties may call the District at 650/691-1200 for more information.

The next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will on Monday, December 4, 2000, 7:30 PM at the 3-0 Cafe at the HMB Airport.

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Committee Chair Chuck Kozak reported on the last P&Z meeting on November 1, specifically talking about the review of an application for a Coastal Development Permit, Variance, and Use Permit to allow construction of a 32' high three-story, 4,125 sf. Bed & Breakfast on a 3130 sf. 25 foot wide parcel on Mirada Road approx. 35 ft. north of Cortez in Miramar. The committee had many concerns and had basically expressed its approval with any sort of variance. Councilmember Stein wanted to know if this shouldn't be brought before the full Council for further review.

At the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 7:30 PM at the 3-0 Cafe at the HMB Airport, aside the usual application reviews the committee will begin addressing the issue of trees on the MidCoast - their protection, removal, applicable ordinances and possible replanting scenarios.

**Public Works:** Public Works Liaison Joe Gore reported that the County has agreed to install stop signs at the intersection of George and Harte in Montara, and that the latest Airport Noise Report listed 201 "observations", 1 confirmed violation. 47 complaints were received from July through September of this year, up from 7 last year at the same time. 25 of the complaints were from one address, 6 from another. Citizens wanting to comment on airport noise should call 650/573-3700 or 3701.

Councilmember Perkovic asked if the new rules restricting practice maneuvers at San Carlos Airport was diverting any of that traffic to HMB Airport.

Councilmember Stein asked if there was any way of tracking that activity.

**Board of Supervisors Report:** Joe Caruso, Supervisor Gordon's Aide and Coastal Liaison showed off his attractive new beard. He noted that the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, November 13th. Joe asked that he receive copies of the minutes from the MCC meetings so he can verify what comments he had made.

Joe reported that there are two vacancies on the Resource Conservation District Board - applications can be gotten from Maria Sullivan at the County Manager's Office at 363-4000 and are due by the end of the month.

He noted that MCC member Chuck Kozak was appointed by the Board to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Perkovic made a note to thank Supervisor Gordon for working with Marsha Raines, the new Director of the Environmental Services Agency.

Councilmember Kozak noted that the Board, at its meeting Tuesday, November 7, had adopted a resolution asking our Federal Representatives and Federal Agencies to work toward shifting the Marine Sanctuary boundaries so that the San Mateo County coast would be in the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary instead of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Councilmember Perkovic read from the "Brown Act User's Guide" about how emergency items can be added to an agenda. He noted that the HMB Planning Commission hearing on the Coronado signal had been mentioned at the last MCC meeting, and therefore did not qualify as an emergency item. He made the motion to remove the earlier adopted emergency agenda item - Councilmember Stein seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **1. Discussion and possible action regarding the posting of MidCoast Community Council outgoing correspondence in an electronic format accessible to the public.**

Council Chair April Vargas and Councilmember Kozak had done some research into how this might be accomplished since it was requested at the last MCC meeting. Councilmember Kozak recommended that the Council purchase a copy of Adobe Acrobat so that documents could be converted on most of the Council member's computers and would be available on the Council web page as Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

Councilmember Stein asked about the possibility of getting volunteers to help with the Council web page - the possibility of students from the high school was proposed, as well as a notice in the HMB Review about volunteer opportunities.

Councilmember Stein moved that the Council authorize spending \$100 to \$150 for the software needed. Councilmember Lohman seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

### **2. Update and further action concerning non-permitted development activity and the cumulative impacts of residential development.**

Previously discussed at the MCC meeting on October 25, 2000, Councilmember Kozak gave an update on various situations throughout the MidCoast involved development activity without permits, and the general problems being observed with the recent accelerated rate of development. He reported on a meeting on November 1 with Supervisor Gordon, in which the suggestions approved by the Council at the last meeting were

presented, and a meeting that afternoon with Gary Warren from County Code Enforcement and Deputy John Aquila of the Sheriff's Department.

The problems with noise, construction vehicles blocking streets, and general hassles from construction were discussed, as well as the often adversarial situations that development between builders and residents. The need for tighter regulations in all these fields, as well the need for addressing the overall impacts of development, was discussed.

Karen Wilson of Montara spoke that this was becoming an emergency situation, suggested the need for penalties and fines, and recommended that this item be brought before the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting in the Public Comment section to get it onto their agenda at the earliest possible time.

Council Chair April Vargas suggested forming a subcommittee to pull together a recommendation.

Councilmember Stein made the motion to " .. create a subcommittee to address determination of violations, and enforcement of ordinances and codes, in respect to unpermitted activities - Due to accelerated residential development presenting an emergency situation in terms of code violations and conflicts between residents and builders, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors make this an agenda item and work with the MidCoast Community to remediate this situation as quickly as possible."

Councilmember Lohman seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 6-0.

The subcommittee will consist of Councilmembers Vargas and Kozak, Karen Wilson of Montara and Dennis Doherty of Miramar. Deputy John Aquila would be a liaison to the Sheriff's Department to assist and advise on enforcement issues and questions. The subcommittee will give regular reports to the Council.

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### **3. Ongoing discussion and possible action regarding the current Local Coastal Program review.**

Next meeting for the review will be Monday, November 27, 7:30 PM at the El Granada School multi-purpose room. Council Chair April Vargas will contact MCTV about taping the meeting, and will email a copy of the Council's earlier letter on the Phase 1 list presented at the last meeting to all Councilmembers.

Other topics discussed on this item:

- What a great job County Planner George Bergman is doing,
- The need for wetlands mapping and consistency work
- How to find funding for resource mapping - might be gotten from Coastal Commission but it will need a lobbying effort from Councilmembers
- Maybe mapping effort could be combined with work of local special districts
- Can County identify possible funding sources for this that the Council could pursue?

Councilmember Stein wanted to know if the substandard lot part of the new zoning ordinance, due to be heard at the Coastal Commission at some future date, could be removed as the current phase of the review will be dealing with that. General agreement was that it wouldn't be necessary.

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Councilmember Perkovic gave an update on the situation with the SAMTRANS 294 bus route, which will soon be altered so that it no longer goes through the neighborhoods, but instead will only run on Highway 1 through the MidCoast. This will cause people to have to cross the Highway to get to and from the southbound. This will be a potentially dangerous situation, especially in the winter when it will be dark and raining. He said that SAMTRANS has been unresponsive to community input on this issue.

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**Future Agenda Items:**

For December 13th:

- Council reorganization - election of new officers for the next 1 year term.
- Interview of candidates for the vacancy on the Council
- Ongoing LCP Review

Other new issues for future agendas:

- SAMTRANS bus service on the MidCoast
- Council recommendation of specific C/CAG traffic mitigations
- Grants from the Coastal Conservancy for Land acquisition and preservation

**Adjourn at 10:30 PM.**