

Minutes of the 12/13/00 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council

Call to order at 7:39 PM - All members present (Paul was a bit late)

Public Comment:

David Beck of Seacliff Ct. in Montara talked about concerns with a proposed 2nd floor addition at 123 7th St that was to be reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Officer the next day (Thursday, 12/14/00) - would like to ask that the project come back to the MCC P&Z for review. Those interested could contact him at 728-7499 (wk) or 728-9112 (home).

Deputy Sheriff Lt. John Quinlan reported that starting January 7th, the Sheriff's department will have a full time Resource Officer for schools on the coastside. They will have a Community Services Officer (CSO) for the Coast, and are taking applications now, and would really like to have a coastside resident in the position. The CSO would deal with non-violent problem resolution, community relations and code enforcement issues. Interested parties should call him at the Coastside substation at 573-2853 or call the County at 363-4343.

Councilmember Ric Lohman announced the formation of the Northern Advisory Committee of Save Our Shores, to advise the Board of Directors of SOS which works with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Ric is chair of the new committee, and will keep the Council informed of its activities.

Council Chair April Vargas announced that Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is looking for new tidepool docents. Those interested should contact Donna at 355-4009 or write to FMR Docent Training Course, PO Box 451, Moss Beach, CA 94038-00451.

Minutes: Minutes from the 11/8/00 were adopted unanimously. Motion by Stein, second by Lohman.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Paul Perkovic reported that there is \$491.93 in the Council's account, and that \$75 will be paid to Councilmember Kozak as reimbursement for the Chili Cookoff. Council discussed that new Treasurer should work with County on getting an official budget and monetary report together for next year.

Parks & Recreation: P&R Chair Paul Perkovic reported on the committee's work on the coastal alignment from Montara to Miramar. The next P&R meeting will be January 8, 2001 at the 3-0 Cafe at 7:30 PM.

Planning and Zoning: P&Z Chair Chuck Kozak reported on the 11/15/00 and 12/6/00 meeting of the committee. There is an ongoing discussion now on tree issues: permits, ordinances, and replacement plans. Also discussed was the permit for an internet-based sales office in Princeton.

It was announced that the appeal on the Birch St (Montara) after-the-fact tree removal permit would be heard by the Board on Tuesday, December 19 at

9:15 AM.

Public Works: Public Works Liason Joe Gore reported that "everything was fine" in Public Works, and anyone with any PW issues or questions should contact him at 726-1550.

Board of Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Rich Gordon's aide and coastal liason Joe Caruso reported that the appointments for the vacant Resource Conservation District (RCD) seat were being delayed while they advertised for more applicants. Those interested should contact him 363-4569. Applicants should be a registered voter, able to vote and a landowner. Applications should be in by 1/15/01.

Joe mentioned that the December 19th BoS meeting would be Rich Gordon's last as President of the Board. Joe said he is glad for that because it has been a lot of work for the staff. Supervisor Mike Nevin will be Board President next year. He said that a letter would be coming soon from Neil Cullen, Director of Public Works, concerning the questions and issues about the Cedar St. flooding in Montara. The letter containing operational times and interval instructions to the Quarry trucks on Highway 92 had been re-issued as a reminder. The LCP amendment for a 1000 ft Timber Harvest buffer zone had been approved by the Coastal Commission.

At the December 19th BoS meeting, the board will be considering the addition of a new staff member for the Planning Department, and Joe encouraged that Councilmembers and MidCoast residents attend in support.

Council Chair April Vargas asked about the requirements for submitting a budget for the MCC to the County - Joe added that there was also a need for a reporting four times per year, but he was taking care of this for the Council.

Councilmember Stein asked about Supervisor's Gordon agreement earlier this year to support beginning a Master Plan for Highway One, asked what was happening with this and how the Council might be able to assist. Joe responded that they were short-staffed this past year, and had an increased work load with Supervisor Gordon being President of the Board. If Laura will e-mail him after the first of the year, they would resume work on this issue.

Laura also asked about the sensitive habitat map updating. Joe responded that the County would be receiving a new grant from the Coastal Commission to help with that. Councilmember Kozak noted that Planner George Bergman has an intern now who is assigned to doing the preliminary work on the project.

Joe also suggested that the Council consider writing a letter to George and his bosses thanking him for the great work he has been doing on the LCP Review project.

REGULAR AGENDA.

1. Council reorganization.

Outgoing chair April Vargas made brief remarks on her past year as chair,

noting the practical successes of shorter meetings, better notification of interested parties concerning agenda items, a greatly improved working relationship with the County. She expressed her thanks to Supervisor Gordon, his aide Joe Caruso, Marcia Raines of the Environmental Services Agency and the Sheriff's Department for their help during the past year.

In addition she noted the success of the Interim Ordinance and resultant new MidCoast Zoning Ordinance, the receipt of a Coastal Commission Grant for \$40,500 for the LCP Review and the increased visibility of the Council in Community events and issues. She expressed special thanks to the coastal communities.

Chair Vargas then asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council, and nominated Laura Stein. No other nominations were put forward. Laura was elected Chair 6-0.

Vice-chair: Councilmember Perkovic nominated Ric Lohman. Councilmember Lohman declined and nominated Chuck Kozak. Chuck was elected vice-Chair 6-0.

Secretary: Councilmember Stein nominated April Vargas. No other nominations were put forward. April was elected Secretary 6-0.

Treasurer: Councilmember Gore nominated Ric Lohman. Councilmember Stein nominated Joe Gore. Joe declined. No other nominations were put forward. Ric was elected Treasurer 6-0.

2. Interview of candidates for vacancy on the Council.

Candidates Dennis Doherty and Leonard Woren made opening statements. Council members asked each candidate a variety of questions:

Explain your ideas and philosophies on how the MCC relationship with the County should work.

What is your longterm vision for the community?

How will your personality affect your relationship with the Board of Supervisors and the community?

How will you resolve conflicts of interest which arise regarding specific projects under consideration by the Board of Supervisors?

What is your position regarding construction on non-conforming lots?

Do you favor the stoplight at Coronado Ave. in El Granada?

What three goals, other than those involving land use, would you work to achieve while on the Council next year?

Which standing committee of the Council would you be willing to chair?

What needs to happen with the property known as Mirada Surf?