

Minutes from the 01/10/01 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council

Chair Laura Stein called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Members present were Laura Stein, Chuck Kozak, Ric Lohman, Paul Perkovic and April Vargas. Joe Gore was absent.

Public Comment

Barbara Mauz of El Granada wants to see enforcement of LCP policies and updating of resource maps for the MidCoast. She showed photos of property adjacent to Mirada Surf where trees had been cut, water was running over the bare ground and culvert work was done without a permit.

Approval of Minutes

Paul moved to accept the minutes as presented. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The current checking account balance is \$416.93.

Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Committee: the last meeting was held on January 8, 2001. Sam Herzberg of the County Park and Rec Department has notified the committee that an addendum to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Master Plan has been completed. The committee has invited Sam to attend their next meeting on February 5 and review the document. They will formulate recommendations and present them to the full Council during the MCC's February 14 meeting. A proposed Coastal Trail alignment will also be presented to the Council during the same meeting.

Planning and Zoning: The committee is focusing on the MidCoast tree issue. They are preparing recommendations to present to the full MCC at a date as yet unspecified. Chuck read a commendation and initiation of four of his committee members into the MidCoast Order of the Hip Roof. These four members, Dennis Doherty, Chris Mickelsen, Kathryn Slater-Carter and Karen Wilson have shown amazing dedication in their willingness to stay until the end of several very long committee meetings, offering coherent comments despite the late hour.

Paul Perkovic announced that Kaufmann and Broad have withdrawn from the Moss Beach Highlands proposal. Fran Wagstaffe, of the Peninsula Housing Coalition, contacted Paul and stated that her organization may be interested in developing affordable housing on the site. She is eager to discuss this possibility with the community.

Chuck continued that an appeal to the County Planning Commission was upheld by a 5-0 vote at today's meeting. The proposed project, a 3 level 3350 square foot house on a 5000 square foot lot, was deemed incompatible with Design Review standards which call for projects to be in keeping with community character and scale of the neighborhood.

Paul continued that the Coronado and Highway One intersection is still unresolved. Half Moon Bay has jurisdiction over part of this project and there has been disagreement about the location of parking on the west side of the intersection. There may be parking available on the east side of the highway. The Council will add this item to a future agenda.

Board of Supervisors Report

Legislative Aide Joe Caruso asked if any Council members had questions for him. Laura asked how the Council can assist the County in moving forward on the Highway One Master Plan project. Joe suggested that Laura telephone him to outline the Council's concept for this project and he will then meet with Supervisor Gordon to discuss it and develop a work plan. Chuck asked about the MidCoast Design Review process: what is the application process for participants in this process? When is the deadline for applications to be submitted? Can this deadline be extended if it has all ready expired? Joe said he will find out the answers to these questions.

In a related matter, Joe again announced three volunteer/commission appointment opportunities. These are 1) The OnBoard Board and Commission Orientation Program, January 16, 2001 from 7:00 until 8:30 pm at the Board chambers in Redwood City, 2) Vacancy on the Board of Building Permit Appeals; application deadline is January 19, 2001 and 3) Vacancy on the Resource Conservation Dist.; application deadline is January 19, 2001.

Chuck asked that he have an opportunity to speak with Joe or another meeting participant prior to a January 11 meeting between Supervisor Gordon, Environmental Services Agency Director Marcia Raines and Director of Public Works Neil Cullen. Chuck has concerns about erosion and run off from construction lots in the heavy rains. Chuck asked that a direct conduit be established between the Council and County staff who can deal expeditiously with such problems. Joe suggested that Chuck call Marcia Raines' voicemail tonight at 363-4000 and voice his concerns.

Consent Agenda

April moved that the Resolution honoring the Vanderwerfs be approved. Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

1. Visioning Project

Deputy County Manager Mary McMillan outlined the County's Visioning Project. Is there a cohesive plan that takes into account the desires of each community within the County? After five meetings at various locales throughout the County, a half-day program was conducted at Westmoor High School in Daly City to gain student input, a meeting was conducted at Electronic Arts to involve workers associated with the new economy and a bilingual English/Spanish meeting was conducted at Garfield School in Redwood City.

There have been 400 participants in this project thus far. On the County's website the question was posed: What should San Mateo County look like in the future? They received 50-60 responses online.

The County now seeks input on the commitments, goals and progress measures outlined in the draft report. Ms. McMillan seeks the Council's input regarding our support of the project and/or certain aspects of it and how we want to work with the Board of Supervisors to implement it. What do we believe is the best way to communicate the goals of the program and track its progress with reports on an annual basis? Council comments must be received by February 1, 2001. The project report and the original questionnaire are available on the website at www.co.sanmateo.ca.us go to County Depts then Bd of Supervisors then click on the Visioning logo. Vote totals from each meeting are available on the site.

To receive a breakdown of the number of participants at each meeting, contact Ms. McMillan at 363-4129.

2. Recommendation for Appointment or Request Extended Application Period

Laura suggested that the Council hear from both applicants, hear comments from the public and then entertain Council comments. Dennis Doherty stated that he wants to make a positive contribution to the community so he has applied for the vacancy. He has experience with land use issues. Leonard Woren removed his name from consideration, saying that his other commitments will make it impossible for him to devote the time required to serve on the Council.

Carolyn Rodgers, El Granada resident, Princeton property owner and Secretary of the Princeton Citizens Advisory Committee, read a letter from the PCAC in support of Dennis Doherty.

Barbara Mauz, El Granada resident, stated that it was inappropriate for a non-elected citizens group to address the Council with a recommendation to fill the vacancy. She asked the Council to request an extension of the application period to allow more citizens to apply.

April reported that three pieces of correspondence were received by the Council. One letter was received from the PCAC referenced above, one note from the Hutichinson/Hendricks family of Moss Beach in support of Leonard Woren and one letter from Jenny Loft, Princeton property owner, in support of Dennis Doherty.

Laura closed the public comment and asked the Council to consider asking for an extension of the application period to allow or new applicants. Ric said he opposes the appointment process and favors election as the means to fill vacancies. April opposed asking for an extension, as did Paul and Chuck.

Laura voiced her concerns about a potential conflict of interest if Dennis is appointed to the Council. She reopened the public comment and Barbara Mauz, Carolyn Rodgers and Bill Katke of El Granada spoke. Leonard Woren voiced concerns about conflict of interest. Karen Wilson on Montara and Julian McCurrach of Princeton spoke in support of Dennis. Dennis himself emphasized that he applied to make a positive contribution and does not expect to be recommended because some Council members feel that they owe him their support.

Laura moved that before any action is taken County Counsel must recommend, in writing, how the conflict of interest issue is to be handled by the Council. Ric seconded the motion. It failed with Laura and Ric voting in favor and Paul, April and Chuck voting against.

Chuck moved that the Council ask a representative from the County Counsel's office to attend the Council's 1/24/01 meeting to explain conflict of interest law as it pertains to the MCC. Paul seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Perk moved that Agenda item 2 be continued to the 1/24/01 meeting. Laura seconded the motion. The motion failed with Laura and Ric voting in favor and Paul, April and Chuck voting against.

Ric moved that the Council request that the County reopen the application process to fill the vacancy. Laura seconded the motion. The motion failed with Laura and Ric voting in favor and Paul, April and Chuck voting against.

Chuck asked Joe Caruso if the Board would be acting on an MCC recommendation at their 1/23/01 meeting. Joe answered that this would most probably be the case.

Chuck moved to recommend Dennis Doherty for the vacancy on the Council. April seconded the motion. The motion carried with Paul, April and Chuck voting in favor and Laura and Ric voting against.

Laura called a 10 minute recess at 10:10 pm. At 10:20 the meeting was reconvened.

3. Update on Local Coastal Program Review and Midcoast Design Review process

April read a fax from Project Planner George Bergman, outlining progress on the project thus far. Chuck will send it to all Council members electronically and post it on the MidCoast list. Chuck is still collecting information and addresses from residents who want areas investigated for potential sensitive habitat designation by the County in the mapping portion of the LCP Review. Chuck urged the community to contact him by phone or e-mail.

Laura said some citizens are concerned about the use of a professional facilitator later in the public portion of the review process. Chuck explained that this has not been finally decided upon and perhaps George Bergman would attend an MCC meeting to discuss the project.

Chuck said that he has not yet heard back from Lisa Aozasa regarding the Design Review process.

Future Agenda

January 24, 2001

1. Visioning Process Input from the Council
2. Presentation by County Counsel Regarding Conflict of Interest
3. LCP Reivew Update

February 14, 2001

1. Presentation by Sam Herzberg of County Park and Rec Dept. of the Addendum to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Master Plan.
2. Presentation by the MCC Park and Recreation Committee of the Coastal Trail Alignment.

Laura moved to adjourn and April seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas