

## **Minutes of the 01/24/01 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, April Vargas and Joe Gore.

### **Public Comment**

Dennis Doherty stated that it is Chuck, in addition to the other members of the Planning and Zoning Committee, who deserves an award. The Charter members fo the Midcoast Order of the Hip Roof presented Chuck with the Corbel Award for his excellent leadership and tireless efforts.

Karen Wilson presented the Council with a check for \$695.00 for the purchase of a digital camera. This gift is given in recognition and appreciation of Chuck and his efforts. The camera will remain the property of Council and the gift is allowable under current County and State regulations.

Lt. John Quilan reported for the Coastside Collaborative that this year's Youth Summit will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2001. The event will be held at the IDES Hall on Main St. in Half Moon Bay. From 4:30 until 5:30 pm, several bands will provide a variety of musical entertainment. A lasagne dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, free of charge. At 6:30 pm there will be an open session with the community to hear reports from local young people. Everyone is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner must RSVP with Lt. Quinlan at 573-2852 as soon as possible.

April reported that the Council had received a card from the Coastside Opportunity Center's Adopt A Family Christmas Bureau thanking the Council for their participation in the program this past December.

Laura proposed a change in the agenda. Item 3 will be moved up to second position. There were no objections.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current checking account balance remains at \$416.93.

### **Committee Reports**

Park and Recreation Committee: The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, at 7:30 pm at the Three Zero Cafe. The Committee will host one of three community meetings to discuss the Addendum to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Master Plan. County Park and Recreation Department Planner Sam Herzberg will make a presentation and invite public comment. Committee members will present the proposed routing of the Coastal Trail. Both of these items will be heard by the Council at the February 14, 2001 MCC meeting.

As a part of the MidCoast Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, a questionnaire is being prepared for use during telephone interviews with MicCoast residents. The questionnaire is not yet ready for Committee review. Planner Gary Lockman is now heading the Needs Assessment project.

Planning and Zoning: At the 01/17/01 meeting progress was made on the tree issue. References relating to trees in the LCP, Community Plan and current ordinances are being compiled for purposes of comparison and inclusion into current and future policy decisions. Programs for tree replacement and planting are being developed which are more specific than the guidelines which the County currently follows.

Two letters were written -- one to Terry Burnes regarding issues on Birch St. in Montara and the other to Neil Cullen regarding stormdrains in Montara. The Board of Supervisors passed the new well ordinance on 01/23/01. It contains direction for Environmental Health to work cooperatively with other County departments. Supervisor Gordon underscored the need for water quality monitoring on a regular basis. The text of the ordinance appears on the County website on the Board of Supervisors' page listed under the 01/23/01 meeting agenda.

On 01/24/01 the Planning Commission continued an appeal of a project on a substandard lot on the west side of Hwy 1 in Miramar. The Commission needed more information on the surrounding area to determine how community design review standards pertain to the proposed project, there was concern about whether a well drilled so close to the ocean will be a reliable source of water into the future and information was requested about how many other projects on substandard lots in the vicinity have all ready been grandfathered in. Laura asked if the Council should take a formal position on the appeal. Chuck answered that the Council should discuss the entire subject of substandard lots at a future meeting and not single out this one project.

Chuck reported on a meeting he attended regarding the new stable ordinance. He is monitoring the process and suggested that the Council may want to agendaize the item at a later date. The Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council is hosting a Community Dialogue Session and Potluck on Friday, January 26 from 5:30 until 8:30 pm at the Native Sons Hall at 112 Stage Road in Pescadero.

Public Works Committee: John Plock attended a forum on the SFO runway reconfiguration sponsored by State Senator Jackie Speier. There was little information available on noise impacts to the Coastside. There are plans to install noise monitoring equipment in several locations on the coast. Local jurisdictions have no control over arrival and departure times. There can be no curfews imposed on airport operations.

Joe Gore reported that the local airport received a call from an irate resident who used rude language and wished that all pilots would die. He is concerned by the expression of such violent sentiments. He suggested that when planes continuously fly low over residences, the registration number on the plane should be noted and it should be called in directly to the FAA. The number is available through the local airport at 573-3701. Any complaints can be reported to the local airport, the San Carlos airport at 573-3700 or Joe Gore at 726-1550.

Paul reported that the Coastside Economic Sustainability Committee will be drafting a questionnaire for all Coastside residents. He suggested that the Council agendaize this for a future meeting.

### **Board of Supervisors Report**

Joe Caruso asked for questions. Chuck asked about a meeting that will be held to discuss MicCoast drainage issues. He wanted to know why no MidCoast representative had been invited to attend. Joe answered that the first meeting will be for County staff who are directly involved -- DPW personnel, planners and engineers. Subsequent meetings will include community members to gather input. The MCC will be asked to participate at that time.

There was an article in the 01/24/01 issues of the Half Moon Bay Review advertising the positions on the Design Review Committee for the MidCoast. The deadline to apply is February 16.

As a part of the Annual Report there is a listing of the number of building permits issued each year in the unincorporated area. The MCC has been asking for this information for years and has yet to receive a copy of this listing. Can the Council receive a copy? Joe will supply one. Marcia Raines, Director of the Environmental Service Agency, would like to address the Council on various

issues. Joe will make the arrangements. Chuck asked when Supervisor Gordon's appointee to the Planning Commission will reach the end of his term. Joe will get that information.

The Board is looking at airport curfew issues. In the next six months the Airport Master Plan will be updated. Gary Petersen's replacement will head this project when he or she is hired. Laura asked about the Hwy 1 master plan. This is not a circulation element. That will be covered in Phase II of the LCP Review Project. The master plan should articulate what Hwy 1 will look like at current buildout. Joe answered that he has requested information but there seems to be a lack of coordination among the agencies involved. In four weeks, Joe will have an answer.

Joe Gore asked what Joe personally and Board members thought of the MCC vacancy appointment fiasco. Mr. Caruso said he didn't know. This will be discussed in the first two agenda items during tonight's meeting. Joe Caruso asked for anyone interested in attending the Citizen's Academy to call him at 363-4569. Although the application deadline was January 19, he believes that spaces are available. Chuck asked if Joe was aware of non-enforcement of regulations at the El Granada Mobile Home Park. He is not aware of this. He suggested that Marcia Raines be contacted.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **1. Conflict of Interest Laws for Elected Officials**

Mary Rafferty, Deputy County Counsel, explained the Political Reform Act as it applies to the MidCoast Community Council. She discussed financial interests, both indirect and direct and resolution 62807, passed by the Board of Supervisors in 1999. Small jurisdiction regulations were also discussed. These apply to areas of less than 25,000 in population. Copies of all of these documents were distributed. She suggested obtaining a copy of the Conflicts of Interest publication from the State Attorney General's Office. It is also available on the Attorney General's website. She stressed that there must be an effort to determine concrete facts when considering potential conflict of interest and the fact of economic interest does not preclude an individual from holding public office or participating as a member of a committee. An official can recuse him/herself from a decision but still present an item to the board on which he/she serves if he/she is the primary party asking for an action for him/herself or on behalf of a spouse or family member. Said official cannot advocate for an issue on behalf of a non-related individual or group.

It was suggested that Supervisor Gordon be contacted to determine whether appointees to committees are bound by the Political Reform Act. Also, why is a Form 700, Financial Disclosure Statement, not required at the time an application is submitted for an appointment? Currently it is due 30 days following appointment to a position. Would the Board consider action to change this policy and make the Form 700 due with the application for appointment?

### **2. Discussion and Recommendation on Council Vacancy**

After Council discussion, Paul moved that the Council recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the position remain vacant until it is filled by election in November, 2001. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **3. Council Comments on the Commitments, Goals and Progress Measures Outlined in the County's "Sharing A Vision Project"**

Council members made many comments about the areas in which the document fell short of accurately capturing the input of the community at the Half Moon Bay Visioning meeting. There were comments regarding the poor organization of the document itself and the fact that it is difficult to follow. If the items listed in this document are identified as specific goals, this document should be used as a basis for decision making. Will it be used in this way? The first thing that the MCC

can do to aid the Board of Supervisors in reaching the goals outlined is to help to better define the scope and goals of this project.

April moved that a subcommittee be set up to correlate Council comments and write a letter to Mary McMillan with our initial comments by the February 1 deadline. April will call Supervisor Gordon and discuss our concerns with the project as presented and the fact that we have had so little time to formulate our comments on a such an important and far-reaching policy decision. Ric seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### 4. MidCoast Local Coastal Program Review Update and Discussion of MidCoast Design Review Committee

Chuck is remaining in contact with the Planning Department intern who is working on the sensitive habitat mapping project for the LCP review.

The Half Moon Bay Review featured an article about the open positions on the MidCoast Design Review Committee. A total of eight positions need to be filled: one member and one alternate from each of the four MidCoast communities. Chuck will copy the article and post it at the local post offices and gathering places. The deadline for applying is February 16, 2001.

### **Future Agenda**

February 14, 2001

1. Presentation by Sam Herzberg, Planner from County Park and Recreation Department, will present the Addendum to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Master Plan
2. MCC Park and Recreation Committee presentation on Coastal Trail alignment proposal
3. El Granada Median Strip Development Agreement
4. LCP Review Update and Report on MidCoast Design Review Committee

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas