

## **Draft Minutes of the 02/28/01 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council**

Vice Chair Chuck Kozak called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. Members present were: Ric Lohman, Joe Gore and April Vargas. Paul Perkovic arrived late and Laura Stein was absent.

### **Public Comment**

Lt. John Quinlan of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department gave a report on the recent Youth Summit. This is the seventh year for the summit and more than 125 young people participated. Pamela Eakins organized the event and has also organized "street teams," groups of youth and adults who get the word out about teens who demonstrate positive behavior and values within the community. For more information, contact the Lt. at 650-573-2853.

April announced programs at the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary which feature topics relating to fishing and the differing perspectives of fishermen and scientists. Call Aaron King at 831-647-4257 for more information.

April announced that she had received correspondence from the Surfrider Foundation and the San Mateo County Harbor District regarding the median strip in El Granada. She will review this during the March 14 MCC meeting. The Harbor District will meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm at the CCWD Building at 766 Main St., Half Moon Bay.

Paul announced the Peninsula Emergency Services Association luncheon on March 8 at the Crystal Springs Golf Course in Burlingame.

April displayed the certificates of appreciation and resolutions presented to the MCC volunteers by state and federal legislators at the Volunteer Appreciation Party on February 27. She also thanked the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company for hosting the event and serving such excellent food for the guests.

Chuck announced the HMB High School Ag Boosters casino night event on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm at the IDES Hall on Main St. in Half Moon Bay. For more information or to sponsor a table at the event contact P.O. Box 2147 in El Granada, CA 94018.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ric made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ric reported no change in the bank balance from the last meeting. It remains at \$404.62.

### **Committee Reports**

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2001 at the Three Zero Cafe at 7:30 pm.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:** The last meeting was held on 2/21. The review of one use permit renewal and the establishment of a new use permit for businesses along Hwy 92 generated a long list of suggestions concerning traffic and ways to improve the operation of the businesses while easing the bottleneck along Hwy 92 particularly during Pumpkin Festival weekend. The next committee meeting will be held on March 7 at the Three Zero Cafe at 7:30 pm.

A letter from Environmental Services Director Marcia Raines states that the draft of the Horsekeeping Ordinance will be completed on March 19. The public comment period will extend until April 25. On April 25 the Planning Commission will hold an informal workshop on the draft. On May 29 the Planning Commission will hold the first of two public hearings on the ordinance. The second will be held on the coast at a date as yet uncertain. The document will be distributed one month before the workshop.

At the 2/28 Planning Commission meeting the appeal on a Coronado St., Miramar, substandard lot was denied by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Silver casting the one dissenting vote. The Sprint tower was approved 4-0. The renumbering of Mirada Road in Miramar and renaming of it to North and South Mirada Road passed unanimously. The Cortez Ave., Miramar, appeal was denied 3-1. The lot line adjustment on June Hollow Road in Montara passed 4-0 with several conditions. Commissioner Bomberger was absent.

Public Works Committee: Joe Gore announced a County proposal that the location of the existing stop signs at the corners of Coronado and the Alameda in El Granada will be changed. This will eliminate the need for vehicles and buses to come to a stop while ascending an uphill grade while heading east on Coronado. The stop signs will be removed from Coronado and added to the cross streets.

### **Board of Supervisors Report**

Joe Caruso was not present and there was no report.

### **Consent Agenda**

All three items were reviewed by the Council. There was a slight change in the letter to the County Parks and Recreation Division. Instead of being addressed to Planner Sam Herzberg it will be sent to Division Director Mary Burns. Ric motioned to approved the consent items. Paul seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Presentation by Coastside Health Committee. Judy Macias of the Coastside Health Committee has been active for 20 years advocating for the health care needs of local residents. The CHC has worked to establish the Rotocare Clinic at Seton Coastside, the Coastside County Health Center at Shoreline Station in Half Moon Bay and the soon to open low cost dental care clinic at Pilarcitos Square in Half Moon Bay. The organization is an incubator for new health services needed by our community.

Julia McKeon is the project director for a California Endowment grant which provides funding to explore the need for multi-lingual, multi-cultural health care outreach. The County/Coastside Partnership for the Public's Health task force meets once a month. The Coastside and the City of South San Francisco are participating with the County in this endeavor. The vision of the project is to promote the concept that health and wellness flow from the heart of the community. Complementary and traditional Western views of health are incorporated.

This year the grant money will be used to work with the hospital consortium to add to the data base on local residents surveying behavioral risk factors (alcohol and drug consumption, vehicular accidents, domestic violence, suicide rates) and assessing quality of life (do you believe your life will be better within the next five years? does the government adequately address your concerns?)

The goal is to survey 800-1000 residents regarding the issues outlined above. When the data has been collected it will be available for use by local agencies, including the MCC, to assist in planning and the assessment of local needs.

In addition, the grant is funding a program to train community leaders to become involved in the survey as well as other community projects. With the assistance of the Coastside Collaborative, six local residents have just concluded a bilingual training for community leadership. The graduates will receive stipends to conduct their work as mediators, focus group leaders, survey interviewers, etc. To enlist the help of a trained volunteer or to enroll in the next training contact Julia at 650-728-7457 or Susan Alvaro through the Coastside Collaborative.

The CHC will also be seeking a grant from the California Wellness Foundation to explore issues including women's health. What are the needs? What services are available? A Complementary Medical Services Clinic is currently looking for office space in the area.

Joe asked if they study transportation issues as they relate to overall health and quality of life. Three years ago when a survey in Pescadero was conducted this was not an issue of major concern. It will probably be a far more prominent concern now.

Paul asked if the survey to be conducted on the coast will allow for comparisons with other counties in the region. San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties are now using the same survey and San Francisco will use a similar survey so comparison of the results will be possible. San Mateo County's workplan for the Partnership for the Public's Health is one of the best in existence. San Mateo County has been asked to play a leadership role in the development and implementation of this project throughout the region.

The MCC will lend assistance to the CHC by writing letters in support of grant requests which will be made later this spring. CHC will keep us informed of their progress and ask us for the letters when needed.

2. Council Retreat Planning Session. April made these suggestions as topics for the MCC Retreat on March 24:

Discussion of how the MCC might best

1. Maintain our intense involvement with the LCP Review
2. Work to assist in the development and implementation of standards for the MidCoast Design Review Committee
3. Review the MCC Bylaws
4. Continue the involvement of the Development Issues Committee in shaping County policy
5. Focus on at least one non-land use oriented issue: Coastside youth or available health care are examples
6. Ask each Committee Chair to develop the top priorities for that committee
7. Renew our commitment to sponsoring a Candidates Night

Joe Gore asked when Supervisor Gordon will be present. This has not yet been determined. He requested that half of the time spent with Rich be allocated to questions from Council members.

Ric requested that during the Supervisor's visit the topic of the County Visioning Project be discussed. Chuck added that a discussion of a proposed cooperative planning effort with the City of Half Moon Bay be discussed with Supervisor Gordon. ~~Chuck also wanted the Council to discuss the proposed Boys and Girls Club in Half Moon Bay.~~ He was not specific about the exact context in which this would be discussed. Chuck also requested that the Council review the standing committees and discuss possible changes to the Chairmanship of each committee. Paul suggested that the Chair review agendas from past retreats and add any other items which she deemed necessary.

Ric moved to accept these items for preliminary inclusion in the Retreat Agenda. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Paul reported that the Sheriff's Substation in Moss Beach has been secured for the Retreat, March 24, 11:00am until 3:00 pm. Councilmembers were advised to bring food and beverages as no lunch break will be taken.

3. MidCoast Local Coastal Program Review Update and Discussion of MidCoast Design Review Committee. Chuck reported that he had not heard how many residents and architects have applied for positions on the Committee. He will contact Kim Langel at the County Manager's office.

Last week he was part of field trip with Delphine and Alison Sand, interns working with Project Planner George Bergman on habitat mapping and calculation of buildout rate. It has been suggested that George talk to the City of Half Moon Bay about the City's approach to the calculation of buildout numbers and their expansion of the definition of which species identify the presence of a wetland. Natural habitat in general should be considered worthy of some sort of protection. George still anticipates that public meetings covering the Review will begin sometime in June or July, 2001.

Kathryn-Slater Carter displayed USGS and other maps from retired USGC employee Ken Lajoie. Ken has a process by which the use of aerial photography can be helpful in determining sensitive habitats when considered in an historical context. He is willing to assist the County with the use of such maps to aid in determining the sources of flooding. Ric moved that the MCC write a letter to the County urging them to contact the City of Half Moon Bay regarding habitat mapping procedures and researching the City's definition of wetlands. In addition, the County is encouraged to accept the assistance of Ken Lajoie and his aerial mapping techniques.

### **Council Project Updates**

Joe Gore announced that the Public Works Committee will bring forward a recommendation to the Council regarding undergrounding utility wires.

Future Agenda  
March 14, 2001

Consent Agenda  
1. Thank you letters re: Volunteer Appreciation Party.

Regular Agenda  
1. Coastside Horse Council wishes to address the MCC prior to the release of the draft Horsekeeping Ordinance.  
2. El Granada Median Strip Update and Discussion.  
3. LCP Review/Architectural Review Committee Update

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas