

## **Draft Minutes of the 08/08/01 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Laura Stein at 7:46 pm. All members were present.

### **Public Comment and Announcements**

There were no comments from the public. April announced the Caltrans presentations on initial tunnel portal designs. The meetings are scheduled for August 13 in Pacifica, August 21 in Half Moon Bay and August 22 at the MidCoast Community Council meeting.

Laura announced that she, Supervisor Gordon, Mayor Deborah Ruddock of Half Moon Bay and Mayor Jim Vreeland of Pacifica met to discuss regional approaches to planning. It was suggested that each Council review the ABAG Subregional Planning document and make recommendations about which sections should be implemented and the priority order in which such implementations should take place. It was discussed that each jurisdiction develop a liason with Caltrans to facilitate communication and public participation in transportation projects. The four officials referenced above will meet again in October 2001 to continue their discussions.

Laura referenced a letter from El Granada resident Steve Terry who has concerns with the Mirada Surf property and possible attempts to maximize development potential on the sites. Paul announced the filing dates for those wishing to run for elective office.

### **Board of Supervisors Report**

Pk Diffenbaugh announced that a subcommittee of the Board, consisting of Supervisors Gordon and Church are studying well issues in the MidCoast and throughout the County. The scope of work for the MidCoast groundwater study is still being developed. A Citizens Advisory Committee on well issues will be formed in the near future and there will most likely be an MCC member asked to serve on the committee. Because of redistricting, the city of Belmont will no longer be a part of Supervisorial District 3 and Redwood Shores will be added to District 3. Laura asked about any changes in the X-Terra Games route but PK was unaware of any.

### **Committee Reports**

Due to the lateness of the hour, Committee reports were continued until the end of the Regular Agenda items.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of July 11 Minutes
2. Approval of Development Issues Subcommittee's letter to Terry Burnes

Paul moved to adopt the Consent Agenda items, Chuck seconded and the motions passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Presentation by Dean Peterson, Director of SMCo Environmental Health Division regarding the use of a global positioning system to determine the location of septic system throughout the Coastside. Within a month, all property owners with septic systems will be contacted by the County to arrange for a site visit and location plotting. This is \*not\* a septic system inspection. There is a tri annual septic inspection program in place which is running somewhat behind schedule. The goal is to inspect all septic systems in the County every three years, check for failing systems and see that the necessary repairs are made. There are approximately 3200 septic systems

in the County, with 3000 of those on the Coast. Of the 903 systems that have been inspected during the past two years, only 21 or 2% have been found to be failing. Forty gray water systems were discovered and eliminated. The County provides free well testing on properties with septic systems. Of over 300 samples taken, 33% were found to have bacterial contamination. After system disinfections, the samples were clean. This suggests that the pumping system and not the water itself was contaminated.

Audience members asked various questions regarding gray water systems -- the County does not allow them due to the possibility of fecal contamination --, leech lines -- space must be available on the parcel for the expansion of secondary leech lines if the primary lines fail -- and sharing of the data collected with the local sanitary districts -- Dean urged the district administrators to call his office to arrange for information sharing.

There were more questions and answers about wells and the water situation in the MidCoast currently. The Council thanked Dean for his visit and invited him to return soon.

Laura called for a break at 9:40pm. Joe Gore left at this time. The meeting was reconvened at 9:50 pm.

2. Council involvement as a Cultural Planning Partner in an effort organized by the SM Co Arts Council. Paul had reported on this at a previous meeting. April reported that Kathleen Bristol of Moss Beach is interested in being an MCC representative in this effort. Kathleen is a visual artist, jewelry maker and art teacher. Paul moved to indicate to the Arts Council that we are interested in participating in this effort, thank Kathy for her interest, put her in contact with other MidCoast artists who attended the first Cultural Planning meeting and direct April to work with Kathy to fill out the required forms and make the required contacts. April seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. MidCoast Local Coastal Program Update. There was no report.

### **Committee Reports**

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Park and Recreation: There was no quorum. The next meeting will be on September 10 and it will possibly be another public workshop for the MidCoast Park and Recreation Needs Assessment.

Planning and Zoning: The last meeting was on 08/01/01 and it was brief. A permit application log was received by the Committee from Planner Lily Toy. This has been requested for quite some time and Chuck expressed his thanks to Lily and Planning for compiling this and making it available. A version of this data including mapping will be available soon. In Planning Commission highlights, the Stable Ordinance was again reviewed and the Gibson substandard lot proposal was approved by the Commission. Other important items: the Board of Supervisors will hear the 2nd and Farallone Mahon appeal on August 14 and the Coastal Commission will hear public comment on their proposed one year extension for the review of zoning changes on the Moss Beach Highlands property at their August 9 meeting. Chuck received a letter from realtor Bill Mahar regarding the Gibson proposal. Chuck will meet with Supervisor Gordon, Terry Burnes and Director of Public Works Neal Cullen to develop a plan for implementing improvements to drainage systems in the MidCoast.

### **Future Agenda**

September 12 and 26 Candidates' Nights

No items for August 22 at this time besides the Caltrans presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas.