

## Minutes of the 10/12/01 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Chair Laura Stein. Members Vargas, Perkovic and Lohman were present. Members Kozak and Gore were absent.

### Public Comment

Lt. John Quinlan thanked Paul for his participation in the Teddy Bear Clinic on September 23, 2001. Paul was the hardest working volunteer of the day. Lt. Quinlan also announced that on Tuesday, October 23, there will be a public meeting on the Sheriff's Outcome Based Budget Process. The meeting will begin and 6:00 at the North Coast Sheriff's Substation at Hwy 1 and California Ave., Moss Beach.

### Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: \$291.00 balance in checking account.

Parks and Recreation Committee: There was no quorum for the October 8 meeting, even though it had been rescheduled from October 1 to allow for greater attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for November 5. Chair Stein asked that Paul compile a list of current Committee members complete with recent attendance information.

Planning and Zoning Committee: There was no report.

### Announcements:

Ric reported that the last in the series of meetings on water quality will be held on October 16 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm at the Montara Lighthouse. The Monterey Bay Marine Reserve Management Plan Review will be held on December 3 at the Save Our Shores office, next to the El Granada Post Office, from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.

Laura reviewed some letters recently received by the Council. One was from Planning Administrator Terry Burnes, regarding the Coronado traffic light project. We did not receive a copy of the letter to Caltrans referenced. April will follow up to secure a copy. The Peninsula Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition requested a copy of the comments from the MCC regarding the Hwy 92 widening project and Skyline interchange. Laura asked Ric to follow up on this. There will be a meeting of the MidCoast Design Review Committee on October 11 at 3:00 pm at the North Coast Sheriff's Substation in Moss Beach. For more information contact the planner in charge, Farhad Mortazavi, at 363-1831.

### Board of Supervisors Report

Coastal liason for Supervisor Gordon, PK Diffenbaugh, announced that the Supervisor has convened a meeting of County government, labor, airport and business leaders to discuss the economic impacts of the events of September 11 and the resulting drop in tourism. Any Coastside businesses that have been impacted by these events should contact PK at 599-1016 to be included in these discussions. An appeal of the approval for a project on 7th St. in Montara has been postponed. Check with PK to confirm the new hearing date. The County has hired a consultant to work on Board and Commission agendas. There may be an opportunity

for the County to be reimbursed as much as \$100 for each agenda submitted. PK has requested MCC agendas from 1997 to the present. Approximately 18 months of agendas have all ready been given to him. Paul will send as many others as he has in his computer files. PK announced that the remaining length of the term being served by the current District 3 Planning Commissioner is still unclear. He will research this.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ric moved to accept the Consent Agenda items, with corrections to the Minutes, and Paul seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Council recommendations re: ABAG's Coastside Subregional Planning Project. After reviewing comments from the discussion at the October 10 meeting, the Council voted to organize their recommendations as follows:

The organizing principal of this discussion is the importance of improving Countywide awareness of the Coastside's unique character, irreplaceable resources and special needs. In order of importance, these are the Council's recommendations:

1. The Midcoast needs a regional transportation plan which includes a master plan for Hwy 1 as well as a traffic management plan within local communities. The Council requests that staff time be devoted to this endeavor. A parallel trail along Hwy 1 for non-motorized vehicles, an investigation of the feasibility of a park and ride lot at the Half Moon Bay Airport and the organization of carpools for public and private school students should be included. In addition, there was strong support for the completion of the sensitive habitat mapping project which is currently underway and the creation of mapping which includes open space.
2. The Local Coastal Plan Review should address land use revisions necessary to alleviate traffic congestion and preserve coastal resources. Items to be investigated include the possibility of rezoning some residential land and the specification of parcels which should not be rezoned for commercial development.
3. We urge the development of specific proposals which address the construction and completion of the Coastside Trail and the creation of neighborhood parks and pocket parks in areas that are steep and hilly. We support a review of beach access and support facilities to establish priorities for the development of future coastal recreational facilities. The current Midcoast Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment is a potential vehicle to address these issues. Improved coastal recreation facilities can positively affect tourism and economic vitality within the region
4. We support the improvement of communication and coordination between local governments and State agencies to meet the goals outlined above.
5. Other issues of interest from the study are: the potential involvement of Samceda in helping to provide information on the availability of high speed internet services to encourage telecommuting and the need to evenly weight transportation solutions between ride sharing/commute alternatives and land use policy revisions.

6. Economic Vitality remains an item of importance but is not of immediate concern at this time. The HMB/Coastside Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau is working on an Economic Sustainability plan. Varying points of view should be expressed as this process moves forward. The need for additional office space within the region should be assessed.

This concluded the discussion of this item. Ric moved to accept the ordering of the recommendations, Paul seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A letter will be drafted to Supervisor Gordon with copies to the cities of Half Moon Bay and Pacifica, Project Planner George Bergman and Gary Lockman, Parks and Recreation Division Superintendent.

2. Council Review and Comment on the County's Department of Public Works proposal of process for consideration and prioritization of road and drainage projects in the Midcoast. After reviewing the DPW recommendations, the Council voted to draft a letter to Neil Cullen, DPW Director, including these points:

- \* applaud the inclusion of the MCC as a primary agency in this process
- \* urge that Special Districts be consulted early in the process to identify any major problems or excessive costs that can impact project completion
- \* strongly encourage the DPW to do outreach within the community so that residents are aware of the prioritization of projects and the costs and procedures involved
- \* provide enlarged maps of proposed project areas and clear communication regarding financing and construction details

Ric moved, Paul seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Letter to the Board of Supervisors, thanking them for their decision to acquire the Mirada Surf property for a community park. Laura reviewed comments from El Granada resident Steve Terry who was concerned that the community had not received adequate notification of their deliberation regarding the potential purchase of the property.

PK commented that Supervisor Gordon had individually met with the owners of the property to explore the possibility of County acquisition. The owners asked that these meetings be kept confidential. No tentative agreements were made until just before the scheduled Board meeting. Agenda information was placed on the County website as soon as it was finalized.

Kathryn Slater-Carter urged that the letter be sent as drafted. She stressed that the Board personnel as well as the head of some County divisions have recently changed and a more open and cooperative attitude has been developing. She shares Steve's concerns but understands that the Board's action was intended to open exploration of the purchase, not close a final deal. She suggested that Steve's concerns be addressed in a separate communication. John Plock agreed with Kathryn's comments.

Paul moved that the letter of thanks be sent as drafted and Laura seconded the motion. It passed with three yes votes and one no vote from Ric. It was decided that Steve's concerns will be discussed at the October 24 meeting.

4. Midcoast Local Coastal Plan Review Update. The process continues with no current update.

## Future Agenda

1. Continuing discussion of drainage issues.
2. Discussion of procedural issues regarding timely notification of citizens when Board will rule on items of local concern.
3. Discussion of Measure C, the Community College Bond

PK will investigate the cost of mailing the agenda out to 100 residents in advance of each MCC meeting. He will determine the County's willingness to reinstate this practice and what the cost to the Council will be.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas.