

## Minutes of the 11/14/01 Meeting of the MidCoast Community Council

The meeting was called to order by Chair Laura Stein at 7:35 pm. Members present were Chuck Kozak, April Vargas, Ric Lohman and Paul Perkovic. Joe Gore was absent.

### Public Comment

Lt. Quinlan announced the 8th Annual Youth Summit on November 16 at 1:30 pm at the IDES Hall on Main St. in Half Moon Bay. Ken Lundie, Commissioner of the San Mateo County Harbor District, announced that District meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. One meeting a month is held at the CCWD offices in the 700 block of Main St. in Half Moon Bay. The issue of the RV lot at Surfer's Beach will be heard at the February meeting in Half Moon Bay. The Commissioners voted 4 to 1 to change the current occupancy ordinance of the lot. Currently, guests can stay a maximum of 14 days in a row or 30 days per year. The change will allow stays of 90 consecutive days. There is currently a public comment period lasting 30 days. The District can be contacted at: 1 Johnson Pier, P.O. Box 39, El Granada, CA 94018.

April announced the Economic Sustainability workshop on November 15 at 7:00 pm at the Adcock Center in Half Moon Bay.

Paul thanked the community for the 80+% yes vote on Measure V. Montara Sanitary District will hold a special meeting on November 16 at 3:00 pm at the District office, located at 8888 Cabrillo Hwy, Montara.

Laura announced a meeting regarding the undergrounding of utilities on Mirada Road between Medio and the Alameda in Miramar. The meeting will be held at 400 County Center in Redwood City at 9:15 am on November 20.

### Board of Supervisors Report

PK Diffenbaugh announced that residents can subscribe to the Board of Supervisors Agenda email list by sending a message to: [join-bos-agenda@listserver.co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:join-bos-agenda@listserver.co.sanmateo.ca.us). As far as the issue of which newspaper carries County announcements, he reported that the Court determines the "general circulation" newspaper in the area, not the Board of Supervisors. The publisher and a columnist of the Fang newspaper group lobbied the Board for the County's business and the publisher, Ted Fang, is a San Mateo County resident. The San Mateo County Times no longer has a local owner. All coastal announcements are sent to the Half Moon Bay Review as advisories -- not paid advertisements -- so the Review may choose not to run them. Supervisor Gordon is writing a memo to the County Manager asking for competitive bids from different newspapers for the County's business and inquiring about the possibility of paying for announcements in the Review which would run 10 days in advance of the events being noticed.

In answer to a question from the last meeting, PK explained that 98% of the Board's agenda is generated from staff and Department heads. Election results will be certified on November 20 and new MCC members will formally take office at noon on December 7. The negotiations for the purchase of Mirada Surf are ongoing. There is no follow-up meeting of HMB and Pacifica

Mayors and the Council Chair. Supervisor Gordon is awaiting the Council recommendations regarding the A BAG Regional planning study before another meeting is scheduled.

April agreed to send the email Board Agenda request address to the Midcoast list. To determine when terms of office for Special District Directors begin, contact Linda Tulett at County Elections, 650-312-5222.

PK will investigate how much of the available funds for undergrounding utilities will be used on the Mirada project, referenced above.

Ric introduced an emergency agenda item regarding a letter of endorsement for a beach clean-up grant from Save Our Shores. Perk moved that the item be added to the agenda Ric seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

Because the time was after 8:00 pm, the Committee Reports were moved to the end of the Regular Agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

The MCC reception item was moved to the Regular Agenda. The remaining Consent item was moved for approval by Ric, seconded by Chuck and passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Presentation by Midcoast Television outlining the proposed sale of the local cable system to TCI St. Louis, doing business locally as AT&T Broadband. Any acquisition agreement must first be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Connie Malach, President of Midcoast Television, introduced Beaux Brown, their newest camera operator and thanked Jim Marsh for his four years of service to MCTV. She then brought up her concerns about the sale of USA Media to AT&T Broadband. The Board of Supervisors must approve the sale before it can become final. Michael Day, legal counsel for MCTV was also present to answer questions as was Kathi Noe, of AT&T Broadband.

MCTV was established in 1973 and is a 501-c(3) non-profit corporation. The station has always broadcasted on Channel 6 and wants to continue to do so. MCTV would like additional studio space to produce on-site programs, MCTV wants to ensure that it will share in any benefits acquired during the Peninsula-wide PEG access channels' contract negotiations with AT&T Broadband scheduled before MCTV's current contract will expire. In addition, MCTV requests live audio and video feeds from two locations on the Coastside to produce live filming of public meetings. These four requests have not yet been granted by AT&T Broadband, after several attempts at negotiations.

Kathi Noe, Director of Governmental Affairs for AT&T Broadband, was present and stated that AT&T Broadband is committed to making live feed from the Adcock Center a reality. She said that no rate decisions will be made until after the sale is complete and they operate the system.

Audience members asked about the fate of @home internet cable service. Kathi stated that AT&T will retain the @home service. There were concerns about the elimination of the senior rate discount and the availability of qualified personnel to address service outages. In some areas of the MidCoast, @home is the only internet provider.

Paul reiterated what an important community service MCTV has always been and strongly supported their four requests. He suggested that in addition, any rate increases not exceed the Consumer Price Index increases in a given year. He moved that the Council write a letter in support of MCTV's position to the Board, with a copy to Walt Callahan, of San Mateo County Public Works Department. Ric seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation by San Mateo County Sheriff's Department's Lt. John Quinlan on organizing Neighborhood Watch and Disaster Preparedness programs in the MidCoast Communities.

The Neighborhood Watch Program has been established for ten years. There are six neighborhoods that are organized. The Deputies can get the program started but it must be sustained within neighborhoods. One resident can become the Block Captain and invite neighbors to his/her home to meet. Julia McKeon of the Coastside Health Committee emphasized that health begins at home and is involved with the program in her neighborhood.

Deputy John Aquila is available to describe the program to interested neighbors. He can be reached at 650-573-2846. The purpose of the program is not solely crime prevention but bringing people together and building trust among neighbors. Presentations can be made on specific topics of interest. The average size of each group is one block. Being the Block Captain is a big responsibility. Safe houses for children to be used during disasters can be organized by organized block groups. Naming an Assistant Block Captain and maintaining interest in local neighborhood issues can help ensure the longevity of the group.

3. Discussion of project proposal at Ave. Alhambra at Coronado in El Granada for a use permit to allow residential construction, Certificate of Compliance Type B and a Coastal Development Permit to allow three test wells and one residential well in the COSC zoning district of the Burnham Strip area of El Granada. PLN 1999-00082, APN 047-251-100.

Chuck distributed a variety of documents pertinent to this item. At issue is the residential construction proposal, the wells, and the legality of the lot. Planning and Zoning recommended that residential development be denied on the parcel. Ric sought denial of the entire project. COSC land requires a use permit for residential use, the parcel is non-conforming, the ownership of the property is in question and the proposed placement of the building on the lot is questionable.

The Planning Commission disagreed with the Zoning Hearing Officer's finding that the proposal was compatible with surrounding land uses. There are additional questions about the possibility of salt water intrusion into the wells and a question about findings from a study of water sources in the El Granada area.

Leonard Woren of El Granada suggested that the County supply funding for an independent counsel's opinion on the lot legality issues. The view corridor will be affected and 70% of the lot will be covered by the proposed structure. Chuck moved that the Council write a letter to the

Board including all of the points mentioned during the discussion. Ric seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. MidCoast Local Coastal Program Review Update. Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was continued to the next meeting.

5. Council support of grant for beach cleanup sought by Save Our Shores. Ric moved that the Council send a letter in support of the grant proposal. Chuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Former Consent Agenda item, regarding the MCC-sponsored reception for members of the County planning staff, members of the Planning and Zoning Committee and members of the Architectural Review Committee. The date set for this event is December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company in Princeton. It is by invitation only and the Council approves an expenditure of up to \$50 for this event. Chuck made the motion to set the date, location, and expenditure limit. Ric seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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#### **Future Agenda**

##### December 12 Meeting

1. Installation of Officers and appointment of Committee Chairs.
2. Committee Reports from the past two meetings.
- 3 .LCP Review Update

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary April Vargas.