

COASTSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 1990

EL GRANADA SCHOOL

Mike Day chaired the meeting and called the group to order.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Nancy Maule reported on the need for a secretary and announced that Mel Domatz had concented to be Treasurer. She listed the suggestions for names for the group and an informal vote was taken with Mid Coast Community Council winning.

Coastside Community Council -
Mid Coastside Community Council -
Moss Beach, El Grnanada, Montara, Princeton Community
Council - 2
Pilar Point Community Council -11
Mid Coast Community Council - 26
CCC
None of the Above

Nancy also expressed her desire for the Steering Committee to produce by-laws governing the operations.

LEGISLATIVE AND RESEARCH: Sonali McElroy announced the need for more volunteers and distributed a written description listing the tasks and functions of the committee. (list attached).

PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP: Laslo Vespremi exhibited the newsletter and explained that the purpose is to inform and provide an opportunity for citizens to voice oppinions, to make local media aware of our progress and concerns. There is a plan to continue on a bi-monthly basis. It costs \$240 for 4000 copies. Please phone Laslo who's number is listed on the newsletter if you want to contribute writings and articles. Those present congratulated Laslo on-a good job and gave him a hand. (newsletter attached).

FUNDRAISING: Judy Macias mentioned that she had recruited some enthusiastic new members, Karen and Jim Keen and her own husband, Mois. She announced that current contributions are not tax deductible until we obtain a 501c3. She is currently fundraising for the newsletter, postage, and meeting location fees. Her committee passed out envelopes and announced that checks are to be made out to Mid Coast Community Council and if we mail them our P.O. Box is 207, El Granada, 94018, Attention Dolmatz.

ORGANIZATION: Cythia koepf introduced guest speakers from the Pescadero Community Council, Oak Russell and Meredith Reynolds. Oak mentioned that the by-laws are important and that after researching various ways to determine who votes for council

members selected the registered voter criteria. They have 6 representatives from Pescadero, and 2 from each of three smaller areas. The candidate not getting elected by district and receiving the most votes is the at large member making 13 the total.

Meredith reported that they started on passion, tempered and saved by wisdom and learned to be frugal and patient. They also began as a Municipal Advisory Council. Problems she mentioned were the difficulty and necessity of compromise; that the designated speaker before the Board of Supervisors can only speak on issues approved by the Council; apathy; and if one is not happy with the way things are going wait for an election because things do change. She pointed out that they raise funds by donation, events, a public phone and xerox machine at the Post Office.

Mike Day handed out Organization Committee handouts to obtain some feedback and opinions to help the committee determine certain directions to pursue. Helen English of Princeton requested to be taken out of order on the agenda, which was approved.

Helen English discussed concern that the Council claims to represent Princeton, and felt they did not represent the Princeton Advisory Council which had been working for 3 years with the Board of Supervisors on the Princeton Redevelopment plan. She took exception to our involvement at this late date and stated that the letter in the Review did not represent their view. Wayne Mosley, Bob Carter and Mike Williams spoke to the same issue, expressing concern that they had been working on this for years, and now a new group steps in proposing to hold up the plan. Larry deYoung, author of the letter explained that they were told the Princeton Advisory Council no longer was functioning or they would have been notified and invited to the meetings. Also he explained that all we were requesting was for the Board of Supervisors to hold their meetings on this issue on the Coastside so more of us could participate. It was decided that Princeton Advisory Council would come to the January 25 Steering Committee to discuss this issue further. Danny Moses apologized to the group, stating that we did not intend to claim to represent them with no dialogue or discussion.

ORGAINIZATION CONTINUED: Mike called attention to the handouts and conducted a discussion with the following informal votes.

1. ORGANIZATION OPTIONS

- A. Incorporate as a non-profit- either as a 501c3 and 501c4 - this option received the most votes
- B. Form a Municipal Advisory Council - this is possible in conjunction with both A. and C. and this option received the second most votes.
- C. Remain an informal unincorporated group - few votes

2. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONING

- A. Council votes on issues which must be on the agenda, unless 2/3 of them vote to consider a item not on the agenda.
- B. 1/3 or more of the council (significan minority) can appeal a council decision and bring to the community at large by:
 - 1. town meeting and vote (most votes)
 - 2. referendum

The group wanted recall as part of the by-laws as well. Surveys were suggested as ways to provide information and guidance to the council.

3. COMMUNITY GROUP INVOLVMENT

- A. Neighborhood groups
- B. Single issue groups
- C. Other groups
- D. They all would have delegate status and be non-voting

The group favored this and added that the Princeton group indicates the need to aggressively identify and invite all existing groups and to publicize even more extensively.

4. PRINCEIPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

- A. Majority of the council elected from districts - not at large.
- B. Precinct boundries make sense for the election process
Cynthia displayed the precinct map.
- C. Representatives must live in the district they are elected from.
- D. At large council members can live in any district.
- E. Possibilities - the three the Organization Committee felt were best from eight discussed.

The group liked two representatives from each of the 4 areas best. Their second choice was by population with some at large and 1 from Princeton, 6 from El Granada, 4 from Moss Beach and 3 from Montara. Last choice was 4 at large and 1 from each precinct.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Hobbs announced Coastside 2000 to be held at the Half Moon Bay Library 7:30 p.m. on January 29. Issues like Big Green Initiative, safe food, global warming, off shore drilling etc will be presented.

Larry deYoung passed the fire hat for Concerned Citizens fight against the Harbor Village proposal. They are appealing to the Coastal Commission and to the court at the same time. The CCC hearing should happen in February and if that is lost the EIR contestment should be heard in court sometime in June. If the CCC appeal is lost construction could start but they battle is

still on. The cost of this battle could be \$15,000.

Mike Day announced that the county is conducting a County Agricultural Lands Study which could take some lands out of Agricultural designation and put them in other categories. This could subvert the intent of Measure A, passed by the county voters.

Viola Schuetrum announced a Sanitary Board meeting to be held with the Board of Supervisors.

We were encouraged to write our congressman supporting HR3751 which will prevent offshore drilling and provide permanent protection of our coastside.

Bill Kehoe moved that the Treasurer and either the Vice Chairman or the Chairman of the steering committee sign all checks and that the Steering Committee authorize all payments. The motion was seconded by Bill Mahar and passed unanimously.

Dennis O'Leary moved that the Steering Committee not take political action nor represent the Mid Coast Community Council unless there be a vote at an at-large meeting or until there is an election to determine council members. The motion was seconded by Bill Kehoe and passed unanimously.

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**COASTSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESEARCH/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
TOWN MEETING: JANUARY 17, 1990**

Purpose: To serve as support staff to the Community by exploring issues and reporting findings so that the Community can make informed decisions about governance.

Preliminary Tasks:

- Developing a map of proposed developments and highlighting stages and details of each development
- Exploring representation/Election of Coastside issues in San Mateo County
- Analyzing and summarizing reports
- Getting speakers and other resources to assist our efforts
- Collecting data on the Community
- Performing financial analysis on the governance alternatives
- Researching enacted legislative changes as well as upcoming legislation that impact the Community
- Any other tasks that the Community is interested in exploring

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Call 728-0530 or 273-3399, ask for Sonali