

Midcoast Community Council Issues & Actions 2012 - 2013



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Parks & Trails - 2013

- Fitzgerald Marine Reserve - MCC presentation – Feb.
- Rancho Corral de Tierra update by Christine Carey - Apr.
- County Parks forum hosted by MCC - Apr. (~50 at special venue, positive press)
- Devil's Slide Trail design - County Parks Dept held 2 Coastside hearings in Aug; trail to open Mar '14.
- Moss Beach Park community outpouring at MCC - Aug.
- MBP County acquisition - MCC letter in support - Dec.
- CA Coastal Trail - MCC request for designated walkable coastline trail on bluff, off Airport St - Nov.
- County returned to stand-alone Parks Dept in fall, with commitment of new sales tax revenue.

Harbor / Shoreline

Harbor District – MCC presentations/letters

- Development history/plans - presentation - Sept '12
- Shoreline erosion/dredging - presentation/letters - June '13
- District discontinued meeting videos – letter - Aug '13
- Dredging strategy - letter - Sept '13

Harbor District/Army Corps public meeting on Surfers' Beach erosion study, Nov '13 – Any project would be limited scale & not before 2017. Beach nourishment would only last ~6 yrs.

Regional Sediment Management Plan – Supervisor wrote in support of HMB inclusion in Santa Cruz Littoral Cell RSMP for 2014 – opportunity for pilot beach nourishment program at Surfers' Beach.

County/Caltrans Surfers' Beach erosion protection (Cosco Busan funded planning) – MCC requested rep on agency workgroup – Oct (granted).

Hwy 1 Action Plan - 2012

- Hwy 1 Study – joint MCC/County forum to present Phase 2 concept plans – Feb.
- Hwy 1 Phase 2 Study comments – Mar.
- Devil’s Slide Task Force - 2 MCC reps invited to join.
- Hwy 1 TA grant app support June – \$1.5M for design/permitting.
- Action Plan comments – Jul & Nov.
- Design phase public participation - letters (Oct/Nov)
- County proposal for public process for design phase - Jan 2013.

Hwy 1 Action Plan - 2013

- Midcoast Parking Study – MCC reps at multi-agency meeting. Report expected from National Park Service early 2014.
- Crossings/Medians/Left-turns TA planning project – MCC request for inclusion of lighthouse crossing (granted).
- Sam's left turn – MCC comment to Planning not acknowledged, left out of staff report; assured this won't happen again.
- Improving communication with Caltrans – MCC reps at Aug County/Caltrans meeting.
- Encroaching vegetation & advertising in ROW is best addressed via Caltrans District 4 website.
- Transportation Mgmt Plan funding – support letters (County approved funding Dec.) – work to coincide with Princeton Plan.
- Parallel Trail – MCC prioritized southern segment for Measure A funding; letter in support of application for planning/permitting.

Planning/Zoning - Airport

- HMB ALUCP (Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan) update – MCC request for rep on Project Advisory Team – May '12 (granted).
- Airport Layout Plan and ALUCP updates - introductory staff presentation at MCC - June '12.
- ALUCP update – preliminary draft presented at MCC & public workshop - May '13. Final draft available on project website.
- ALUCP on track for final plan adoption 2014 – key piece of Princeton Plan.

Planning/Zoning - Princeton

MCC advocacy, comment, participation:

- Shoreline erosion presentation & letter Apr '12
- M-1 industrial zoning presentation Apr '12
- County included both items in Scope of Work May '12
- Scope of Work comments Jul '12
- Shoreline development overview presentation Aug '12
- MCC rep on consultant interview team Jan '13
- MCC rep on Steering Committee 2013/14
- Plan Princeton consultant presentation at MCC Aug '13
- County: Plan Princeton Vision Workshop Sep '13, >200 attendees

Planning/Zoning – Design Review

- Coastside Design Review Committee (CDRC) - push to fill vacancies & streamline process.
- CDRC candidate interviews – MCC rep appointed – Apr '12.
- CDRC– member attributes guidelines adopted Apr '12.
- Results as of Dec 2013: 4 critical vacancies filled, others advertised.

Planning Permit Applications

- Princeton Boatyard Development PLN2005-00349 appeal to PC. MCC presentation/letter 8/22/12 on revised project. Dec 2012 PC hearing continued to date uncertain. Property for sale 2013.
- La Costanera Restaurant PLN2006-00494: MCC letter 12/12/12. Neg/Dec delayed since early 2013 for further studies. Beach floodlighting (long-standing CCC violation) removed as result of citizen effort, Change.org petition.
- 8th St Landslide repair PLN2012-00276: MCC letter 9/26/12. Permit granted with condition prohibiting tree planting in open ocean highway view south of residence, per MCC request. (Encroaching hedge remains – no nexus to project.)
- Big Wave Project North Parcel Alternative PLN2013-00451: Early preview presentation/Q&A by applicant 11/13/13. Application not yet deemed complete. MCC webpage will maintain document repository.

Montara Coastal Access/Views

from County streets & rights-of-way

- 7th St fence letter - May '12.
- MCC presentation re 4th-7th St. - Oct '12.
- Co. Counsel & Deputy Mgr attend MCC - Dec '12, Mar '13.
- Letter to BoS - Apr '13.
- County replaced Seacliff fence with guardrail - June '13.
- Citizen effort: Change.org petition garnered 370 signatures.
- Legal basis presentation sent to Co. Counsel & BoS - Oct '13.
- County approved new penalties for unpermitted ROW encroachments to take effect Jan '14.

Letters - miscellaneous

- Priority Development Area (PDA) object to designation for Midcoast (abandoned for Rural Community Investment Areas).
- Plastic sandbags - degrade/pollute (DPW cleaned up some bags; no word on future policy).
- SamTrans bus service plan – MCC concern with Midcoast service reduction (new plan into effect Jan '14).
- Hop Dogma liquor license certificate of necessity (approved)
- GSD reorganization – letter to LAFCo in support.
- Coastside Fire Protection District meeting conflict (no change).
- Supervisorial District lines – keep intact Coastside area of interest (results as requested).
- Restaurant beach flood lighting (Use Permit violation - lights removed).

MCC Policies/Procedures

Funding Procedure Change:

- At MCC request, County \$3,000/yr allocation changed from reimbursement basis with unspent balance lost, to full fiscal year advance funding with carry-over of unspent balance.

Policies adopted:

- Rosenberg's Rules of Order
- MCC Policies/Procedures 2012
- Website & Facebook Page policies 2012

Meetings - 2013

- Location moved to Granada Sanitary District
- Time moved up half hour to 7:00 pm

Outreach miscellaneous

New Website

- News blog, home page focus topics, calendar, issues pages, archives go back to MCC founding in 1990.
- Template allows fairly non-tech person to admin.
- Faster server; RSS subscription.

Facebook Page

Candidate Forums

- 2012: School District, Supervisor 4th District
- 2013: Fire Board, MWSD, MCC, GSD

Emergency preparedness

- Red Cross presentation May '13
- CEAP (Coastside Emergency Action Program) – MCC rep.