

# Midcoast Community Council

*An Elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Granada Sanitary District (GSD) Offices

### **Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

- Present: Incumbent councilmembers Stein and Ketcham; retiring councilmembers Bob Kline, Len Erickson, and Bill Kehoe; new councilmembers Olson, Johnson, Janoe, and Deinzer  
Government officials Supervisor Don Horsley, Aide Nicholas Calderón, Katrina Rill (Aide to Congresswoman Jackie Speier)  
-- Four members of the public
- Absent: Haggerty

### **1. Public Comment**

- Neil Merrilees: Addressed Moss Beach Park issue and noted final resolution with County acceptance of the park. Offered appreciation and bottles of champagne for each retiring and continuing councilmember.
- Leonard Woren: Glad to see full council with seven members. Would like larger font size on MCC correspondence.
- Katrina Rill, aide to Congresswoman Jackie Speier: Thanks and certificates for outgoing councilmembers.
- Laura Stein: Announced Coastside Design Review Committee (CDRC) openings for Montara community rep alternate and architect alternate.

### **2. Consent Agenda** Approved 5-0

- a. Approved minutes from November 13, 2013, MCC meeting.
- b. Approved MCC Treasurer's Report for December 11, 2013.

### **3. Board of Supervisors' Report** – Nicholas Calderón

- Moss Beach Park: The Board of Supervisors (BoS) has accepted the deed to the park.
- Transportation Management Plan: The BoS approved \$600K for funding. The plan will be done in parallel with PlanPrinceton for completion at the same time.
- Parallel Trail: Nicholas attended a Transportation Authority (TA) workshop today regarding the Measure A funding application.
- Surfers' Beach: Project is progressing. County is communicating with CalTrans and Coastal Commission to continue to move the ball forward.

### **4. Regular Agenda**

#### **a. Recognition of outgoing councilmembers, installation of new councilmembers, and election of council officers**

- Retiring councilmembers Kline, Erickson, and Kehoe made comments, including advice to new members and thanks to community and colleagues for support.
- Supervisor Don Horsley swore in new councilmembers Olson, Johnson, Janoe, and Deinzer.
- Councilmember Ketcham elected Chair; councilmember Olson elected Vice Chair, councilmember Johnson elected Secretary; councilmember Stein elected Treasurer. All votes unanimous 6-0.

#### **b. Selection of community representative for County-sponsored agency workgroup dealing with Surfers' Beach Erosion Protection.**

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- Neil Merrilees, Moss Beach: Explained his involvement in this issue over the past six years. Noted that the community should have input on this project and looks forward to the process.
- Supervisor Don Horsley: Sand from harbor could be used for a short-term beach replenishment solution but that doesn't solve the problem with Highway 1. Notes that "some degree of progress" is being made with CalTrans and the Coastal Commission. Said that anticipated sea level rise of three feet in next hundred years needs to be considered.
- Leonard Woren, El Granada: This is a complicated situation that requires a short-term solution (but not rip-rap). The only viable short-term solution is moving the sand from the inner harbor to Surfer's Beach. The only viable long-term solution is to remove the outer breakwater. Whoever represents the community needs to remember that a multipronged solution is needed.
- Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach: The desired outcome of this agenda item is the appointment of a single representative, however, the council should consider designating an alternate as well.
- Lisa Ketcham: Suggested Neil Merrilees as community representative.
- Laura Stein: Motion to appoint Neil as community representative.
- Joel Janoe: Seconded.
- Erin Deinzer: Has the Surfrider Foundation been contacted about this issue?
- Don Horsley: No, but they have attended conferences.
- Councilmembers voted 6-0 to appoint Neil Merrilees as community representative.
- Neil Merrilees: Accepted appointment. Mentioned he is a member of the Surfrider Foundation and will communicate with them.
- Lisa Ketcham: Appointed Chris Johnson as alternate representative.
- Don Horsley: Alternate representative a good idea and is welcome to come to all meetings along with primary representative.

**c. Letter of support for County application for Measure A Bike and Pedestrian Program funding for planning/permitting of southern segment of Midcoast Highway 1 Parallel Trail.**

- Nicholas Calderón: Proposed change to second paragraph of letter. From ". . . fund the planning, environmental, and design of the Midcoast Highway . . ." to ". . . fund the planning and permitting of the Midcoast Highway . . ."
- Lisa Ketcham: Change made.
- Carl May, Moss Beach: Doesn't like the proposed change to the letter. The nature of the trail is the problem and wants input on the nature of this project before it becomes a done deal. Stressed that local concerns need to be addressed, including appropriate spurs and access points for the trail. Prefers the original language of the letter.
- Nicholas Calderón: "Planning and permitting" is standard county language.
- Leonard Woren, El Granada: Agreed with Carl's comments about the trail but not about the letter language. Agreed with MCC's letter of support. Wants Midcoast section of trail to avoid mistakes made along the Half Moon Bay section of the trail, including trail crossings at street intersections and stop signs.
- Council voted 6-0 to approve the draft letter with Nicholas' changes.

**d. Request for designation of 35-ft south-side mid-block segment of Prospect Street in Princeton as a no-parking zone.**

- Joel Janoe: Requested clarification about where parking is currently available on Prospect Street now.

- Lisa Ketcham: Clarified location of available parking using picture of Prospect Street.
- Dave Olson: Has there been any feedback about this issue from the community?
- Lisa Ketcham: No.
- Len Erickson, El Granada: The problem is evident, but only when people park there. This issue deserves attention but he has sent pictures to DPW to alert them to the issue and they have been nonresponsive.
- Leonard Woren, El Granada: Agrees it is an issue but is concerned about impact on local businesses, specifically Pardini Produce. Long-term solution is to move 35-foot section of sidewalk and curb so that it is inline with the recessed section of curb, thus widening the road and keeping the 35 feet worth of parking space.
- Joel Janoe: Asked Leonard to clarify where the sidewalk would be moved to.
- Leonard Woren, El Granada: Inline with the recessed section of curb.
- Don Horsley: Moving the sidewalk is a big deal. A red curb is much easier, but a County Ordinance is needed in order to paint the curb red. Must go to DPW for input and request that it be designated a "No Parking area" and entered as such into the County Ordinance code.
- Laura Stein: She and daughter were almost in an accident at this intersection because of the narrowness of the road at the point of the 35-ft section in question.
- Chris Johnson: Adding to the importance of this issue is that Big Wave project engineer Scott Holmes noted in the last MCC meeting that the traffic plan for Big Wave expects all traffic to funnel through the Prospect/North Capistrano intersection.
- Joel Janoe: Will the removal of the two parking spaces be an issue for businesses in the area?
- Dave Olson: Before MCC sends letter to DPW, somebody should talk to Pardini Produce. MCC should also encourage DPW to stripe a bike lane on Prospect Street.
- Erin Deinzer: Is the County liable right now if somebody gets into an accident there?
- Don Horsley: No. These are legal parking spaces.
- Chris Johnson: It is very important that we make contact with all adjacent businesses, tell them what the MCC is thinking about doing, and get their input as a community outreach exercise and a way to build goodwill within the community.
- Lisa Ketcham: Postponed consideration of request to DPW until a later meeting so that somebody can make contact with local businesses.
- Joel Janoe: Volunteered to contact local businesses.

## **5. Council Activity**

- Chris Johnson attended the PlanPrinceton meeting hosted by Supervisor Don Horsley and Kendall Flint at the Half Moon Bay Brewery in Princeton on December 5, 2013.
- Lisa Ketcham attended "Meeting the Challenge of Sea Level Rise in San Mateo County" presentation hosted by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assemblyman Rich Gordon, and Supervisor Dave Pine at the College of San Mateo Theater in San Mateo on December 9, 2013. Watch for updates, related info on the MCC website.

## **6. Future Agendas**

- 1/8/14: Color of tactile paving strips at pedestrian curb ramps; Prospect Street no-

parking segment (continued item).

--2/1/14 (Saturday): Annual Council retreat; Supervisor Horsley to attend at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:** 8:50 p.m.