

# Midcoast Community Council

An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar

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Claire Toutant, Chair  
Len Erickson, Vice Chair  
Barbra Mathewson, Treasurer  
Dave Olson, Secretary  
Dan Haggerty  
Michelle Weil

## **Special Meeting on January 12, 2019, Administrative & Planning Retreat**

### **Call to Order (9:35 AM)**

Councilmembers present: Toutant, Erickson, Mathewson, Olson, Haggerty, Weil

Agenda Change: Moved Claire, second Dave, reorder agenda to Budget after Public Comment, Board report after Budget, approve 6-0

### **1. Public Comment & Announcements:**

No public comment

**2. Budget** - MCC receives an annual County appropriation of \$3,000 to be used for meetings, records, equipment, public outreach, and for the good of the community. Current balance: \$4,963.42

#### **a. Pre-approve recurring expenses for 2019**

Add \$100 for food in addition to 2018; include all 2018 items

*Action:* Moved Barbra, 2nd Dave - approved 6-0

#### **b. Discuss major expenditures for 2019**

No planned large expenditures.

### **3. Board of Supervisors' Report and Reports from other Government Officials**

Crystal Springs Dam open again, Sawyer Camp Trail extension as well

Don talked with Jerry Hill about the roundabout at Cypress about funding and followup to Caltrans letter. They will have another meeting to discuss.

Parallel trail completion a priority; need another 1.5M to complete north to Coronado.

Will work with Harbor District on beach replenishment for Mirada Road, extending Surfers Beach. Might result in not needing the sheetpile wall. Also will need project to replace pedestrian bridge across Medio Creek.

Dan mentioned railing at bottom of Surfers Beach stairs has been damaged.

The County is watching the Seton bankruptcy; county has hired special attorney.

Fire danger. Evacuation issues with parts of coast up in the hills. County working with Fire Safe Council, early warning system, fuel removal, Parks department for Quarry Park firebreaks and fire-road cleanup.

County may start lot retirement program on some lots in the hills that are high danger or that might block access.

County may make some building code changes for improved fire resistance

Len asked about El Granada medians, and wanted County to ask CalFire to look at them for fire safety.

Dave asked that Parks also consider Fitzgerald for fire safety.

Don mentioned using herbicides to keep eucalyptus from re-sprouting.

Dan asked that County look at thinning eucalyptus and put down wood chips

Michelle asked about possibly undergrounding powerlines. Don replied no current plans due to the expense.

Don suggested asking CalFire to come to MCC for a discussion on the issues that councilmembers raised.

Highway 1 - Len asked about letter from Caltrans (by district director); he talked to several Caltrans employees. Len asked where funding comes from (other sources than SHOPP). Talked about Connect the Coastside, and can we get it finished. Len said Jean Finney from Caltrans will come out, but needs letter from County.

Don said he can't do anything about Connect the Coastside directly, but he will talk to Steve again.

Cypress Point - Barbra asked if any updates; Don said nothing recent, but County wants more work done on traffic issues. Barbra asked about whether MidPen Housing would be part of discussion about Calif Ave roundabout; Don said yes.

Dolores from Resist Density summarized their position; particularly with respect to density and safety.

Some discussion about more general concerns.

Princeton Plan - Dave brought up that it needs to be completed; in context of getting better Planning. Don said some things like businesses in wrong places are being handled by code enforcement.

Len asked about new fire station and possible Obispo road improvements near the new fire station. Concerned about pedestrians. Don wasn't sure what plans were in place. Claire suggested future agenda item.

**4. Councilmember Opening Comments** - Goals and issues for the Council for 2019, and areas of special interest or concern.

*Dan:* Highway 1 issues, particularly investigating electronic left turn limitation signs based on traffic, etc.

*Len:* Highway 1 - Pursue actions with County and Caltrans contacts. Determine community consensus. Followup on Plan Princeton and Quarry Park Master Plan - where does it stand?

*Dave:* roundabouts, parks, planning (enforcement, updates)

*Michelle:* traffic issues - local airport noise - improving community communications and involvement.

*Barbra:* Community involvement, bylaw revisions, code compliance. Finish Plan Princeton

*Claire:* More presentations, 2019 parks forum, getting larger audiences for presentations, especially from outside presenters. More agenda items from community. More strategic followup on past MCC actions.

**5. MCC 2019 Priorities** - Review 2018 actions, evaluate for effectiveness, and determine priorities for 2019. Discuss role of agendas as directing council focus.

Names listed are councilmembers acting as contacts and actively working on issues. Does not constitute a committee, no special authority.

Michelle suggested determining community consensus by meetings and forums. There was agreement, and that it should result in specific agenda items.

Agreed to drop completed items and sub-items from 2019 version.

*Drop* candidate forums (no 2019 elections), study sessions, Seton, homeless, and SAM force main

### *Highway 1*

Connect the Coastside: Len wants MCC to drive a community consensus, particularly for Moss Beach, so we can then get Caltrans and County to move forward.

Contacts: Len, Dave, Dan.

Dave continues as delegate to TSC for Connect the Coastside. Len new alternate.

Crossings; discussion, but no changes. - Dan, Michelle

Parallel Trail (not just southern)

Discussion about whether we should consider other segments.

Lisa suggested leave open, such as Burnham strip section, that is, not just southern segment

Contacts: Michelle, Len, Dan

### *Planning and Zoning*

#### *Plan Princeton*

TSC member: Barbra, with Dave as alternate.

Lisa provided Planning Commission perspective: members get agenda reports about a week ahead, things can be buried in staff report. Helpful to PC members if mail with issues arrives in week prior to meeting on issue.

#### *Planning Permit Applications*

Discussion on council notifications. Agreed on change for contacts to notify whole council on every received submittal that arrives via individual email or hardcopy

Contacts: Dave, Claire

#### *Code Compliance*

Barbra specific focus on trees at Beach House and RV park

Contacts: Barbra, Dave

#### *Zoning updates*

Lisa mentioned there will be an update on long term planning dept priorities at an upcoming

Contacts: Michelle lead, Dave

## *Shoreline*

### *Sea Level Rise*

County starting phase 2

Lisa mentioned that she asked for a study session at a future SMC PC meeting

Contacts: Claire, Michelle

### *Pillar Point Harbor*

Add Mirada Rd beach replenishment

Contacts: Barbra, Dan

### *Coastal Access/Views*

Ongoing issues, but specifics done. Add Montara cypress trees at Lisa's suggestion as active.

Contacts: Barbra, Dan

## *Park & Recreation*

### *Parks forum*

Contacts: Claire, Len

### *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve*

Bluff road repairs done for now. Some followup for future work and improving end result

Contacts: Michelle, Claire

### *Community Center*

Includes discussion with school district

Contacts: Len, Michelle

### *Coastal trail*

Completing in Midcoast

Airport, bluff, crossings Hwy 1, Montara

Bathroom (surfers beach)

Signs

Contacts: Dan, Len, Michelle

### *Ohlone-Portola Trail*

Contact: Dave

### *Quarry Park / Mirada Surf master plan*

Contacts: Len (lead), Claire, Dan

## *Miscellaneous*

*Airport Noise* (in general, not just SFO).

Contacts: Barbra, Michelle

*Emergency Preparedness*

Add Fire, especially evacuation routes

Add Tsunami

New OES person for the coast is Brian Molver

Contact: Barbra

*Adopt-A-Highway*

Contact: Barbra

**6. Policies and Procedures** - Review for understanding and agreement, discuss changes, clarify councilmember responsibilities.

No changes.

Claire encourages everyone to sponsor agenda items

Discussion about writing council letters, how to write so they are approved and effective

Media contacts - discussion about having agenda item owner post about the agenda

Investigate setting up Nextdoor government account (Michelle)

**7. Councilmember Task Assignments** - 2019 assignments for a) other government bodies and meetings, and b) Council tasks

*Committee Assignment Changes* (others remain the same)

Princeton Plan: Barbra

Quarry Park: Len

CDRC, including applicants: Claire

*Task Assignment Changes* (others remain the same)

PO mail pickup: Claire

Post agendas

Paper copy at Post Offices: El Granada: Len, Moss Beach & Montara: Barbra

Google group agenda list - Claire

MCC website: Claire

Nextdoor and Facebook: Michelle

*Following Government Bodies Changes* (others remain the same)

Board of Supervisors: Dave

SMC Planning Commission & Zoning Hearings: Dave, Claire

CDRC: Claire

Parks: Len

GCSD: Len

Drop HMB BPAC

SAM: Claire, Barbra

CCWD Dave, Barbra

CFPD: Barbra, Len

Cabrillo Unified School District: Len, Claire, Michelle

RCD: Claire, Dave Harbor Dist: Barbra, Dan

Pacifica City Council: Len

C/CAG: Open

LAFCo: Dave

Coastal Commission: Dave, Michelle

**Adjournment** (2:00 PM)