

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on May 11, 2016, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:06 PM

Councilmembers present: Chris Johnson, Lisa Ketcham, Dan Haggerty, Dave Olson, Claire Toutant. Absent: Erin Deinzer, Laura Stein

Government: Kellyx Nelson (RCD), Ellie Dallman (Supervisor Horsley's Aide)

15 members of the public

1. Report from Board of Supervisors – Ellie Dallman

Beached 28' sailboat at Seal Cove on Apr 28: After unsuccessful effort to re-launch the damaged boat to move it to Pillar Point Harbor, volunteers and public agency people hauled the wreckage up the stairs to waiting dump trucks over the weekend. There was no fuel on board as the engine was electric.

Peninsula Clean Energy Program (PCE): BoS approved loan funding for PCE startup costs and loan for bank financing. PCE is alternative electricity provider with at least 50% to come from renewables. PG&E customers will automatically be enrolled but can opt out – notification by mail 90 days in advance of change over. Learn more at peninsulacleanenergy.com or contact County Office of Sustainability.

Process for road improvements: On May 9 Supervisor Horsley facilitated a meeting requested by residents of Date and Cedar Streets with County Planning/DPW to discuss the process for road improvements in their area, either to remain privately maintained or to be brought up to county standards, including requirements to mitigate drainage and impervious surfaces. Joe LoCoco in DPW would have more details.

2. Public Comment & Announcements

Bike Safety Rodeo (Dan) at Cunha Middle School Sat, May 14, 10-1

MidPen Housing (Chris read statement): "MidPen appreciates the active community engagement around the 11-acre site in Moss Beach. At our community Open House in March we received lots of valuable input. We are currently evaluating this feedback, and will share a summary of the input with the community shortly. We are also concurrently starting design concepts for the property that reflect this community input and look forward to sharing our ideas with the community at a second Open House, slated for late June/early July. We appreciate your patience as we work to develop a sensitive and thoughtful proposal for the site that is compatible with the existing neighborhood and conserves a significant portion of the site as permanent open space."

Coastside Sea Rise & Erosion Forum (Lisa) May 24, 6pm, Douglas Beach House, 311 Mirada Rd, Miramar

Leonard Woren, El Granada: Invasive jubata grass issue needs broad public education.

Marcia Yeates, Moss Beach: Resist Density is opposed to MidPen affordable housing in Moss Beach -- wants no development on that site. <http://www.resistdensity.org>

3. Consent Agenda: approved 5-0

a. Approve Minutes for April 13, 2016

b. Pulled from consent: Approve letter to Caltrans Roadside Vegetation Manager requesting preservation of ocean views from Highway 1.

- c. Approve letter to County and Caltrans in support of efforts to eradicate invasive jubata/ pampas grass in the Midcoast.
- d. Approve letter of support for San Mateo County Transportation Authority Local Shuttle Program grant application to fund the Coastside Beach Shuttle Program.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:30) **San Mateo County Resource Conservation District** – informational item.
 RCD Executive Director Kellyx Nelson gave overview presentation of the services and programs the RCD offers to serve people, nature, and agriculture in the County and how it works to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources. Slide presentation attached.
 TJ Glauthier, President of Board: RCD is happy to have volunteers, associate members.
 Leonard Woren: encouraged people to volunteer for water sampling for First Flush (first significant rain of season) & Snap Shot Day (annually in May).
- b. (8:00) **Roundabout Feasibility at Cypress and Highway 1** (Ketcham/Olson) – Big Wave project approval conditions require signalization or roundabout at Cypress. Big Wave traffic consultant Sandis concludes that Cypress roundabout with bypass lane does not fit in the location.
 Lisa: Draft letter follows up roundabout comments in April 13 MCC letter on Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan (CTMP) and responds to Big Wave traffic consultant (Sandis) memo that concluded roundabout with bypass lane would not fit at Cypress. Cypress intersection project is imminent due to Big Wave development.
 Dave: Caltrans is putting in more and more roundabouts throughout the state including one in Fort Bragg on Hwy 1.
 Len Erickson, El Granada: is having ongoing discussion with friend who is traffic engineer and familiar with the Midcoast. We need a professional to look at it with a positive perspective. Agrees with MCC action and innovative use of funds.
 Leonard Woren, El Granada: supports the letter. MCC should insist on unbiased evaluation of roundabout. Widen Cypress for dedicated right turn lane.
 Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach: supports the letter; important to keep pushing for roundabout, traffic calming, Moss Beach circulation plan.
 Carl May, Moss Beach: Roundabout is better than traffic signal, but delay any project as long as possible.
 James Gartrell, Montara: Need dedicated left turn lane at eastbound Cypress.
Motion (Dan): Approve MCC comments as written on the process to determine feasibility of a roundabout at Cypress and Highway 1. Approved 5-0
Motion (Dave): Authorize use of MCC funds, up to a maximum of \$5,000, to participate in a more in-depth Cypress roundabout feasibility analysis by the County. Approved 5-0.
- c. (8:55 – item removed from consent agenda) **Approve letter requesting that Caltrans improve and preserve public ocean views** from Highway 1 by removing shrubs and young trees from the right-of-way that will grow to block views.
 Lisa introduced the draft letter and mentioned on-line citizen petition regarding views of Point Montara – emphasized the letter is about shrubs and young small trees only, in Caltrans ROW only. MCC has worked consistently on opening public coastal access and views from county rights-of-way (at Seacliff, 7th St. in Montara, and Beach Way in Moss Beach). In 2012 MCC tried unsuccessfully to get the view-blocking hedge in Caltrans ROW just north of 9th St removed as part of 8th St landslide repair permits but were told there was no nexus with existing hedge. MCC and community were involved

in protecting views of Point Montara when houses west of the highway were built. Amenable to continuing the item and revising the letter, but would like to hear from people tonight to get a sense of how to proceed.

Adrian Mallinger, Montara: supports protecting public views of Point Montara, as was done when houses west of highway were built and required to be one-story.

Enoch Wang, attorney representing James Gartrell of 200 14th St.: Client wants to keep the trees in Caltrans ROW and is in contact with Landscape Architect at Caltrans.

Requests continuance to future meeting so they can prepare a presentation.

James Gartrell, 200 14th St, just below the trees: Please continue the item so he can prepare. He did not plant the trees but wants them to remain. Is willing to keep them pruned to preserve views from uphill homes east of highway, but considers a scenic view from the highway distracting to drivers and dangerous for pedestrians. Claims the road embankment has moved 2 ft into his property and trees help hold the soil. Claims 3 of the trees are over 50 years old and heritage trees. Trees will die if they continue to be topped -- have been consistently vandalized.

John Qaquandah, Montara: supports protecting public views, speaking for other neighbors and 33 families who have so far signed the petition. The trees were staked originally and are just starting to peak over the highway. There are other ways to get privacy besides massive trees. Disagrees about hill sliding -- retaining wall is in place. Road embankment is completely vegetated with ice plant.

Leonard Woren: is strong supporter of preserving trees with exception when they block public coastal views. Stop "death by 1,000 cuts".

Carl May, Moss Beach: Coastal Act and LCP have policies to protect view between Hwy 1 and ocean. Recommends delay and revise letter.

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach: Re James' offer to trim trees, what happens when he moves on? Trees won't hold slope -- may fall on house.

Dave: Trees in question in Caltrans ROW are not 50 years old. LCP Policy 7.50 refers only to Champion Monterey Cypress as a heritage tree, not all Monterey cypress.

Caltrans has been doing expensive repairs of erosion at 8th and 10th, and won't be removing trees that would cause more problems. Supports the letter.

Claire supports tabling for some time. Might make sense to take a more encompassing position about protecting views, not just Caltrans ROW.

Motion (Lisa): Continue the item to May 25 meeting. Approved 5-0.

5. (9:50) Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended

HMB City Council meeting May 3: Dave reported they amended the contract on bluff erosion to avoid armoring at the Coastal Trail south of Seymour. Taking up ordinance on no smoking in public again. Approved re designed fire training tower.

La Costanera restaurant patios: Dave attended Apr 26 BoS appeal hearing – item continued for 6 months to see if restaurant could address all outstanding violations. Lisa reported on April 25 the CCC issued a "Notice of Intent to Commence Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Civil Penalties Proceedings" against the property owner, Amidi Group, for long-standing and repeated violations of the coastal access provisions of the Coastal Act due to unpermitted development and non-compliance with the terms of their Coastal Development Permit.

6. Future Agendas:

May 25 – Subdivision Regulations Update- County presentation

Continued item on protecting public coastal views from Hwy 1

Consent: Request update/clarity of tsunami evacuation route & signs

Adjourn –9:55 PM