

<p><b>Midcoast Community Council</b>  <i>An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar</i>          PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038  <a href="http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org">http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org</a></p>	<p>Michelle Weil, Chair          Claire Toutant, Vice Chair          Len Erickson, Secretary          Dave Olson, Treasurer          Gregg Dieguez          Jill Grant          Dan Haggerty</p>
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## ***Minutes for Meeting of January 27, 2021***

**Call to Order (7pm)**

All Council Members present. 84 others present. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance of State and County COVID-related orders.

**1. Board of Supervisors' Report**

Lena Silberman reported that the State ended the Regional Stay at Home order for the Bay Area and other regions Monday, and we are back in the purple tier of the State's pandemic framework. We continue to experience large numbers of COVID cases and the public should remain focused on utilizing protective behaviors such as handwashing, social distancing, wearing face coverings and avoiding gatherings. About 6% of the eligible population has at least one vaccination. Vaccine supplies are in short supply.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors yesterday matched a \$1 million commitment from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to help local businesses hit by the pandemic, under the Restaurant, Brewery and Winery Relief Program.

Nicholas Calderon, San Mateo County Parks Director, will be presenting a comprehensive list of all possible Fuel Load Reduction projects to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on February 23rd. This will help inform best next steps for the SMC Fuel Load Reduction Steering Committee.

Redistricting will again be done with an advisory Committee, with the details still to be determined

Bob Nisbet, City Manager of Half Moon Bay reported that the City of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County and the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce are hosting a virtual open house event on Thursday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. that will focus on recovery. The entire Coastside is welcome to attend. There will be breakout rooms used for small discussions.

Harvey Rarback emphasized that the meeting on recovery is for the entire coast, not just HMB.

**(7:30) 2. Public Comment & Announcements**

Michelle Dragony – The recent CFPB meeting addressed lighting problems at Fire Station 41 in El Granada.

**(7:31) 3. Consent Agenda**

Dave moved to remove Items 3a and 3b, Minutes for Jan. 13 and Jan. 23 from today's consent agenda to a future date uncertain, 2nd Len Erickson. Approved 7-0

Claire Toutant moved to approve item 3c, MCC Task list 2nd Len Erickson. Approved 7-0

**(7:33) 4. Regular Agenda**

**a. Draft of Child Care Ordinance**

Camille Leung of the County Planning and Building Department gave a presentation on the draft ordinance making changes to zoning rules for childcare program (0- 4 years). The goal is to speed up and simplify permitting, to try and increase the number of child care facilities, because there are more children requiring care than available spaces.

In response to councilmember questions, Camille clarified that this is unincorporated county only, and that most child care permits are now ministerial due to changes in state law (the new ordinance would bring the county into compliance with those changes). Up to 14 children in a residential facility no longer requires any permits.

**(8pm) Public Questions**

Cid Young asked if the ordinance includes adult family homes or just childcare?

Camille answered that it's just childcare. It does not relate to adult care facilities.

Katherine Slater Carter was concerned that if no permits are required, or are ministerial, that the neighbors won't have a chance to comment or even find out in advance.

Camille answered that is correct, but that an administrative review can still be done by the county at renewals, and that the code compliance process can be used if there are problems.

Dan asked why the county would change the ordinance, instead of subsidizing new day care,

Camille answered that it matches changes in state law, and that the county is trying to make it easier to convert single family homes on large parcels to day care.

Sarah said that she is the coordinator for the San Mateo County Childcare partnership Council, and that she has been working with the county on this new ordinance for a few years. It helps clarify what is needed for new child care providers, and make it easier for them to navigate the planning process.

**(8:15) b. Connect the Coastside Final Administrative Draft**

Joe LaClair presented an overview of the project history and discussion of the input taken in 2020 and the changes and updates that are reflected in this draft were presented.

**(8:40) Council questions**

Gregg asked the council how it would proceed on comments on the draft. Michelle answered that there would be several more meetings on this, including approving a draft letter, likely in March.

Len asked how the Caltrans crosswalk in Moss Beach affected Connect the Coastside, and whether it would go to the Coastal Commission after being completed.

Joe answered that it was unclear what interaction would occur with the Coastal Commission at this point, but that county staff and Coastal Commission staff would be discussing it in detail.

**(8:45) Public Comment**

Cid Young asked about funding. Chanda answered that nothing is funded at the moment. The document will provide a framework for future funding, through grants and other means.

Chris Johnson said that he had understood this to be a long term planning document, but he sees things planned for the next 5 years. Joe answered that near term projects are listed due to repeated community comment and requests. Chris further complained about Caltrans' process and planning. Chanda said that as a result of community and MCC comments, the county is having regular meetings now with Caltrans.

Kathryn Slater-Carter requested that the county have a meeting with the general managers of MWSD, GCSD, and SAM, because there are public utility easements that are going to be under many of the projects. Katy replied that it is a good suggestion to check in with the special districts. The county has presented to MWSD in the past. Kathryn asked why the buildout numbers have changed from the 2013 LCP. Chanda answered that the table we have is using a more conservative version of the build out forecast because its maximum versus constrained.

JQ said that maximum build out is if you develop every single lot, and that's obviously not going to happen. Katy answered that the development numbers for the constrained forecast are there and that was added after the original build up forecast was done because we heard

from the community that they wanted to understand what a more realistic forecast would be to 2040, as well as maximum.

**(9:10) Public comment closed, back to council for discussion on process.**

Len requested more detail on priorities for the 5 year horizon, specifically to list priorities for each of the Midcoast Communities.

Dave said that the document shows that the county staff has done an excellent job of adapting to conflicting requests and priorities.

Claire asked for clarification on whether the specific projects might change significantly, and Chanda agreed that yes, they might.

Dan was concerned that this was a very long and wearing process, and he hasn't been happy with the process.

Jill agreed with Len that she would like a more detailed list of project priorities.

Gregg has a lot of ideas and suggestions to share with the council and the community. He's concerned that Covid may have changed a lot of traffic issues.

Michelle appreciated the work, and thanked everybody involved, and is looking forward to future meetings.

**(9:20) c. El Granada Fire Station Lighting**

Dan and Jill presented status and their findings.

There was strong and considerable, supportive comment and detailed discussion.

**(9:30) Public Comment**

Email comment from Matthew Clark, who first brought the issue to the Council, says that he read the letter and that it's excellent. He thinks that although attaching the conditions is good quoting the relevant sections might've been better.

Cherie lives at the corner of Santa Ana and Coronado, directly in view of the fire station and feels that it is the same living across from the shopping center. It's changed our nighttime view entirely. I'm very appreciative of all the comments that you shared tonight

Peter would like to thank Jill for bringing up the EIR from the beginning because that's something that I've referred to also. The lighting does not comply with the requirement to use warm colors, and should shield the scenic corridor from glare. He feels that the Fire Department is not following the regulations, and should be made to follow them.

Katherine Slater Carter agrees with the points, and feels that we must stop this now to avoid turning our area into another El Camino Real. It currently is lit like a used car lot.

Chris Johnson is an El Granada resident and is speaking as a private citizen. He finds the lighting completely offensive. The county planner asked for the lighting specifications repeatedly, but the fire department and their contractor did not deliver them. Thinks the walkway lighting does not serve any useful purpose.

Michelle Dragony. I think Jonathan Cox is on top of it and I recommend that you guys contact him tomorrow and see if he's telling the truth. I think he is. He seemed very convincing in the fire board meeting. You guys are great.

Steve Terry said he might be echoing a little bit of earlier statements but I want to emphasize that 20 years, and helped work on the lighting standards 20 years ago. He feels that work is compromised by this project. He suggested that the Council work with the planner Summer Burlison to go through the conditions of approval one by one.

Kimberly Williams is a Midcoast resident and agrees with all of the comments made already. Specifically she said that the lighting that Chris mentioned about the poles not coming down is very concerning, because they do need to be reduced in height. She thinks this is an oversight problem by the county, and would like that reflected in the letter.

Mark Welsh also wants the tall poles shorted, because it is like a spotlight shining down. and did it anyway. This is what's happening here as well. We're seeing this over and over again with the county.

Lisa Ketcham. Just a couple things. Steve Terri remarked that a lot of work was done in 2018 designing the development standards and it was halted. She was deeply involved to help CDRC get started and this is a key reason to have purview over non-residential projects. The county shut the effort down and said that they don't have the bandwidth to update the zoning now. If CDRC had purview, there would have been a public hearing, including the detailed lighting plan. She suggested that we work with the planner, since the project isn't finalized, and ask for the pole heights to be reduced.

Jill said that she has been talking to Summer and she's been very responsive but she's having a difficult time also getting CFPD to address the lighting.

Katherine Slater Carter said she thinks everyone should also send a letter to the fire department to show how substantial the protest is and get your friends to do it.

Peter and his neighbors attempted to request minimal impact to our homes on a variety of issues from the new fire station and we were totally ignored.

(10pm) **MCC Discussion and Vote.**

Gregg moved to approve the letter, 2nd Dan Haggerty

Dave. I generally approve the letter but there are some things in there that I believe need to be changed. I want to offer an amendment with a number of small changes. The MCC cannot make a determination that something is not compliant. We do not have that power so that wording has to be changed. There's a sentence I'd like to add at the end that I think will make it stronger. The addressee list needs to have a specific name in the fire department either fire chief or the fire board or something you can't just say Coastside Fire Protection District. Not a fan of saying something is not true. I think we should just say correct. The sentence I want to add at the end is that we further suggest the only necessary safety lighting be on continuously after dark and then other lights are illuminated automatically or manually as required.

Michelle. Now that you stated that as we go around for comments from the council please state whether you were in agreement with Dave's amendment.

Claire. I support Dave's amendment or potential amendment. I wonder if we should add a sentence about the process that the CRDC is trying to pursue about reviewing non-residential properties since it relates to this and is an ongoing issue. Other than that I thought the letter was good and clear. My preference on these things is to make them short.

Len. I think it's a very good letter and I don't have anything further to add to the discussion. And I agree with the amendments.

Greg. I know how clunky it is to try to amend letters so I would favor Dave's amendments but no others at this time even though I appreciate Claire's sentiments. Problems that have been discussed here possibly deserve another letter because the CDRC obviously needs to be empowered.

I would go with the letter with Dave's amendments but I think there needs to be some follow up because this just should not happen.

Dan is OK with the amendments

Jill. I am OK with everything except the last sentence. The old fire station had one light by the front door. It had a tiny little light that illuminated the door and that's it so I don't think they need any safety lighting on at night. I am concerned that if we add that last sentence they'll just say well everything is safety and we need those poles. We need everything. It's kind of like giving them an out and I don't want to give them that but the rest of the changes I'm fine with.

Dave. I want to say that nowhere in the letter I have do you ask them to remove any lights or turn any lights off and that's why I added this.

Motion to amend the letter – Dave Olson, second - Gregg Dieguez

Amendment passes – 4-3 (No votes Jill Grant, Dan Haggerty, Claire Toutant - disagreement with last sentence.

Letter approved as amended 7-0

(10:18) **5. Council Activity**

Len had two contacts with DPW and One Shore about the Medio Bridge project. He also had two community requests that he forwarded to Caltrans

(10:20) **6. Future Agendas**

February 10 – Medio Bridge, County Parks (Nicholas Calderon), Winter Newsletter

February 24 – Connect the Coastside

**Adjournment (10:22)**

Moved Dave, passed 7-0