

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on February 27, 2013, at GSD

Call to Order. 7:00 pm

Present: all 6 councilmembers

Government: Nicholas Calderón

3 members of the public

1. **Board of Supervisors' Report** – Nicholas Calderón

Dream Machines 2-day event approved by BoS for April 27/28, 2013. No Demolition Derby, monster truck rides, or motorcycle races per FAA restrictions.

Donuts with Don March 15 at Moss Beach Sheriff substation 10-noon

County Parks Strategic Draft Plan – open for public comment, link on County website.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve - re presentation at 2/13 MCC meeting – Supervisor would like County Parks to present to MCC on all Midcoast parks projects in April. Would like to work with MCC on good turnout - a meeting just on parks.

Coastal Trail – on Friday 3/1, Supervisor Horsley will walk local section of CCT with several MCC members, to gain familiarity with the route.

2. **Public Comment**

Rancho Corral de Tierra drop-in volunteer day March 2, 9-noon.

Harbor District Annual Strategic Planning Workshop Wed, March 6, 9-3 at HMB Yacht Club.

County Parks Strategic Draft Plan public hearing at Parks Commission with Horsley/Pine attending - Thurs, March 7, 2:30pm, BoS Chambers, RWC. Link to draft plan on MCC website.

3. **Consent Agenda:** approved 6-0

Approval of Minutes for February 13, 2013

4. **Regular Agenda**

a. **MCC Treasurer Action Items** 7:10

I. Elect new MCC Treasurer

Lisa nominated Len. Bob nominated Dan. Dan declined nomination.

Len approved as Treasurer 5-0-1 (Bill abstained)

II. Approve acceptance of annual MCC \$3,000 appropriation from County

III. Approve draft Treasurer Procedures

Len proposed combine II & III.

Discussion: Correct date for County check issuance (January 16); add applicable Bylaws section numbers; use same category names as approved in County Manager 2/11/13 email; clarify with County the need for original cancelled checks in record keeping.

Len ask Council to accept startup of Treasurer procedures with deposit of check into bank account, update Treasurer Procedures as discussed, and bring back to Council on 3/27. Passed 6-0.

b. **MCC Regular Meeting Place Change to Granada Sanitary District** (Stein) - 7:40

Desired Outcome: Council will vote on changing its regular meeting place from Seton Hospital to Granada Sanitary District (GSD) meeting room, including approval of GSD meeting room policies.

Discussion of pros/cons, especially Seton's impaired live meeting audibility due to room acoustics/disturbances, and poor TV sound recording quality compounded by inadequate microphone, compared to GSD's excellent acoustics and TV audio equipment permanently set up, versus somewhat smaller seating capacity.

Email from April Vargas: supports the move to GSD.

Email from (name not given): against the move.

Leonard Woren: supports the move.

Dave Olson: supports the move.

Lisa moved to change the regular MCC meeting place to Granada Sanitary District meeting room at 504 Ave. Alhambra, El Granada, Len second.

Dan amended for 3-month trial period. Amendment failed 2-4 (Bob, Len, Laura, Lisa opposed).

Original motion passed 4-2 (Dan, Bill opposed)

c. MCC Meeting Start Time Change to 7:00PM (Ketcham) - 8:05

Lisa: MCC started meeting regularly at 7pm last fall due to cut-off time at Seton. High attendance meetings with Deputy Director of Planning Steve Monowitz start at 7pm due to his long drive home to Santa Cruz. Consistent start time important to avoid confusion.

Leonard Woren: wants 7:30 start time

Carl May: Personally doesn't care, but commuter population should be considered.

Lisa moved to change the regular MCC meeting start time to 7pm. Dan second.

Motion passed 4-2 (Len, Bill opposed)

d. Cancellation of MCC March 13, 2013, Regular Meeting. – 8:15

Council decided not to vote. Chair is authorized to cancel meeting closer to meeting date if there still are no agenda items.

5. Council Activity - 8:30

Midcoast Parking Study 2/25 meeting (Laura, Bill, Len): Supervisor Horsley convened reps from GGNRA, County Parks, State Parks, CalTrans, MCC. Study scope expanded to entire Midcoast, from Pedro Pt to HMB. Volunteers will count existing spaces; consultant will forecast future parking needs. GGNRA/ County to contribute funds. SamTrans to assist with providing buses to trailheads. Next meeting in 6 weeks. State Parks applying for funds from Cosco Busan for North Montara Beach Access Project.

Lisa: MCC comment on Hwy 1 Phase 2 Study asked for further study on parking: "Concerns are that scenic views and natural areas will be diminished or destroyed, that intensive parking events are only intermittent, and that we should be encouraging alternate modes of travel."

Midcoast Parklands (Len) meeting 2/20 to look at being umbrella for Friends type groups, adjusting Bylaws w/o Quarry Park; Lisa attended for Laura; no actions taken.

Devil's Slide Task Force (Lisa): meeting 2/20. Southern-most automatic message sign most likely will be eliminated. Stop light at pedestrian crossing is wired into automatic emergency response system. When tunnel closed in emergency, motorists can make U-turn at stop light. Sign at tunnel portal would remain. Both Green Valley Trail and Devil's Slide Trail are expected to open in 2014.

Montara Coast (Lisa) Follow-up meeting on Montara coastal access/views from County streets/ROW, postponed to 3/27. In December County Counsel said undeveloped streets such as coastal ends of 4th/5th were never accepted by County, and public had no right of access. MCC researched Farallone City subdivision and Board resolutions in minutes of 5/20/1907 and 3/2/1908 where the County DID accept the streets "on behalf of the public as dedicated to public use".

8th St Landslide Restoration (Lisa): Negative Declaration (project environmental document) contains Mitigation measures which address most of MCC concerns raised last fall.

One issue NOT addressed was request for removal of private landscaping from level roadside area 10 feet out from fogline for pedestrian safety. County says no nexus of hedge to project so can't require it be removed. Project planner suggested MCC contact Caltrans directly since they issue permit for all encroachments directly to property owner. Have had no reply from Caltrans to our email request. Asked Supervisor Horsley to help in contacting Caltrans - said he would ask Jim Porter DPW Director to look into it.

On coastal access, project planner's response to MCC states, "Existing public access from Hwy 1 to the bluff and beach exist in the adjacent 8th and 9th St corridors." This is important because 8th and 9th are undeveloped ROW, just as 4th and 5th, which we discussed with County Counsel in Dec. Here the Planning Dept is supporting our case that these ROW are dedicated to public use and cannot be closed off by neighboring property owners.

Emergency Response Meeting (Bill): attended Coastside Emergency Action Program (CEAP). Red Cross ran meeting; new County OES chief attended. Group wants to be more formalized – working on Bylaws. Working with NorCal Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) - identify volunteer organizations with needed resources/skills for early response - contractors, ham radio operators, etc. MCC should continue to track this.

6. Committee Reports - none

7. Future Agendas

3/13 – no items - cancel?

3/20 – Special meeting - Fire Board candidate forum at Seton. Not firm - responses not returned from candidates for 3/14 at Ted Adcock, or 3/20 at Seton. Suggestion to request PCT re-run 9/12/12 meeting with Cal Fire debate

3/27 – Montara coastal access/views (Jensen); CCT report (45min); Treasurer procedures

4/10 – SamTrans revised draft service change; GGNRA update 20 min.

4/24 – County Parks – full meeting

Carl May and Leonard Woren: MCC should consider El Granada 9-unit condo appeal at CCC

Adjournment – 9:10