

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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Minutes for Meeting of August 26, 2020

Call to Order (7pm)

All Councilmembers present. 16 others present. Conducted remotely via Zoom in compliance of orders restricting in-person meetings.

1. Board of Supervisors' Report and Reports from Other Government Representatives.

Carrie Dallman of Supervisor Horsley's office—CZU August Lightening Complex fires have burned 80,000 acres in San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties and are 19% contained. Contributions can be made to Red Cross or Puente.

--There is one more month for the Census. County is doing well; Coast less well, although enumerators are in the area.

--Current County COVID emphasis is on rapidity of testing and deployment of contract tracers.

--Barbra—how is MCC financial information filed with the County?

--Dan—worried about eucalyptus fire danger

--Michelle—wants more information about Midcoast census compliance

--Len—is fire mitigation ongoing at Quarry Park?

Carrie promised to return information on all these questions.

Lisa Ketcham of County Planning Commission—decisions made on 2 issues the MCC has advocated about for years:

--Missing landscape buffer at Moss Beach Chevron—PC rejected applicant proposal for a small buffer and required reduction of size of access to the facility and increase in buffer area without increasing permeable coverage. Due to the slow progress on this project, Director Monowitz has further encouraged compliance, requiring that the buffer be on the Chevron property, preserving ROW for future bike/pedestrian routes

--Proposed residence on Arbor Lane Moss Beach—County-approved CDP (2018) was appealed to CCC by CGF on grounds identified by MCC, including inadequate bluff-top setbacks and use of deep-drilled pier foundation for erosion control. Appeal upheld by CCC, who required a new assessment, larger setbacks, and deed-restrictions against bluff-top armoring. Agenda item 8 on the 8/14/2020 CCC meeting report gives guidance on policies surrounding blufftop development, setbacks and armoring.

Harvey Rarback of Half Moon Bay City Council--City beaches will be closed for fire safety this weekend; possible coordination with County and State.

--FEMA reimbursement is available for the shelter at HMBHS

--Local Land Use Plan was presented to the planning commission. Future presentations will be at a 9/8 study session and 9/29 City Council presentation

--Financial assistance for COVID-related housing stabilization continues

- A mural supporting Black Lives Matter is planned
- City Council candidates are identified, including the first Hispanic candidate
- Barbra—how are beach closures enforced?—There are limited resources for this
- Chris Johnson—Parks remain committed to construction of Quarry Park pump track, but it will likely be delayed until 6/21 due to COVID. It will require less than an acre and \$100,000. The task force will continue to meet and will submit a design to the public. Skills and flow designs are being contemplated.
- Dan—Will it be fenced or otherwise have related infrastructure? –Plans are for adjacent picnic benches. Design will dictate any need for fencing.

2. Public Comment & Announcements

Dave—Fire is 21% contained and the evacuation at UCSC is lifted. He thanks all the emergency personnel working on the fire, and all those who have helped the evacuees.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes for August 12. Moved Dave, Second Barbra, passed 6-0.

4. Regular Agenda

a. Coastside SR1 Activity

State Route 1 Traffic Operational Improvement Project documents briefly presented. Len described the context of that meeting and said that there would also be a meeting with the County, Caltrans and MCC reps (Len, Dave and Michelle) on 9/9 to discuss SR1 concerns, including the Virginia crosswalk and the proposed Miramar crosswalk. DPW and Caltrans will meet 8/28 on the encroachment permit sought for the Medio Bridge detour.

--Dan—What are Don's concerns? Wants continuing information.

--Motion to accept Caltrans offer of public meeting on this was made by Claire, seconded by Barbra.

--Claire—Caltrans Traffic Operational Project seems to be consistent with MCC requests made after 2019 tunnel closure for Caltrans' ability to monitor traffic and to communicate important information in real time.

--Dan—wants minimal visual impact. Disturbed by project. Feels he was given no information. --Directed to website and other resources

--Michelle—want public meeting

--Chris—wants to talk about crosswalks as a priority because there has been so little Caltrans responsiveness to the problems with the current crosswalk

--SpaceOdysseys—agrees with Chris

--Dolores—had trouble getting adequate response from Caltrans to public records request on crosswalk

--Marcia Yates and Gregg Dieguez—agree with Chris

--Claire—Lack of civility and coherent expressions of position weaken the image and impact of the MCC. If we can't state our positions without shouting, meeting with Caltrans could make things worse.

--Gregg—generally agrees with Claire but also asked for continued pressure on the issues.

--Dan—objects to meeting on 9/9. Wants to use the culvert under SR 1 at Miramar instead of a crosswalk. Wants schematic drawings of proposed changes

--Chris—We shouldn't act like rabid dogs, but we should be treated with respect and have real problems

--Dolores—we have to find a way to get attention

--Dave—The County has tried hard to resolve problems with Caltrans and they have not been responsive. Their chain of communications chain may have also interfered

with negotiations. A meeting among officials is a hard-won first step in getting problems addressed. At least Caltrans is seeking feedback on the Miramar crosswalk, which hadn't occurred in the past.

--Dan—agrees people shouldn't shout but says he heard nobody doing this. Passion isn't wrong.

--Motion to request meeting with Caltrans about Improvement Project passed 4-2, Dave and Claire voting against.

b. Connect the Coastside Study Session Update

Len noted the document of County responses to questions raised at the CTC community meetings. Responses were made by members of the County Planning Department.

c. Midcoast Newsletter

Michelle, Len and Carrie are working to produce a draft for an issue in early Fall. A discussion attempted to find a time for Dan to participate in the effort.

d. Candidate Forums

Len presented a list of election slates (Harbor District 4, CUSD districts in El Granada and Alsace Lorraine, MCC) and dates that League of Women Voters may be available to lead forums. Michelle moved and Barbra seconded that we pursue these forums. Dave proposed an amendment and Claire seconded that they be held in September. A discussion ensued about whether to include the School Board election in the Alsace Lorraine district, which is not on the Midcoast.

--Chris and Dan and Spaceodyssey—should include Alsace Lorraine, since their representative will affect schools on the Midcoast.

--Krystlyn Geidt—Chamber of Commerce, Brews and Views and the Review plan forums, adding HMB City Council race, in October and is in favor of MCC/LWV forum in September.

Motion and amendment passed 6-0

5. Council Activity

Dan walked through the culvert under Highway One in Miramar and had positive feelings about it.

6. Future Agendas

CTC

Policy on story poles

Issues related to fire risk and management

Candidate forums

Adjournment 8:50