

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 September 23rd, 2020

Call to Order (7:05pm)

All Council Members present. Total attendance 44, including 22 members of the public. Meeting held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-related restrictions.

1. Board of Supervisors Report and Reports from other Governmental Bodies

Lena Silberman of Supervisor Don Horsley's Office--

--Census continues, with low participation in Pescadero

--The County has advanced to the "red" tier of COVID restrictions, allowing more openings. Testing is being increased

—CZU fire is 100% contained. County is working with the Resource Conservation District to reduce future risks.

—Annual allotment of funds for MCC operation has been approved and will be issued

—There will be a Board of Supervisors study session on vegetation management on 10/14 at 9 am

—Comment period for Caltrans Traffic Improvement Project is extended to 10/11

—Len—There will be a public meeting on Caltrans impacts on SR1 on 10/6 or 8

—Dan—A 9am meeting is inconvenient for many

—Gregg Dieguez—Asked for a report on County funds allocations.—This was clarified that the report was only on the authorization of MCC funding.

Harvey Rarback reported for the City of Half Moon Bay

—The Public Safety subcommittee referred the case of the shooting of resident Sandra Herman to the Attorney General for review.

—City Council to consider Land Use Plan for LCP update at 6pm 9/30

—Caltrans will present Traffic Improvement Plan to City Council 10/6

Barbara Dye of Grenada Community Service District reported that a review of plans for the park at the Burnham Strip would be held 9/24

2. Public Comment & Announcements

Ed Larenas--concerned about 1pm Harbor District meetings being inaccessible for many

Liang--BoS should require Special District meetings be held in evening

Dave--videos of candidate forums are available.

3. Consent tabled due to inaccurate dating

4.a Building Defensible Space and Vegetation Management for Fire Risk Mitigation

Barbra--There are usually 3 fire engines and 1 ambulance available and there has been no update on evacuation planning, which was funded by \$75,000 in 3/19, which

should be a priority before large developments or CTC approval. Encourage joining CERT.

Dan--personal history of fire concerns colors his current worries about it.

Presentation by Kate LeGros, urban forester.

Barbra--how to prevent erosion after cutting trees?--leave root in ground. New planting.

Dan--Use of compost?--Growth of new planting encouraged by tilling before planting, use of bio-char and micronutrients, and irrigation for a few years.

Kimberly Williams--How to reduce risk of using plastic to discourage regrow from stumps?--Follow up in a year and remove if possible . Tarp is too permeable. Chemical treatment is the last alternative to stump grinding and plastic covers.

Michael P--County land is within 100 feet of his house. In the CZU fire, road closures complicated evacuation.

Dan--early regrowth can be broken off. Could sheet metal be used instead of plastic?---Probably not

Len--Kellyx of RCD will be at next MCC meeting

Gregg-- factors other than vegetation contribute to fire risk. Multiple agencies involved

Claire--appreciates practical scientific approach

Michelle Dragony--is there a market for eucalyptus products?

Dave--No commercial market for this species of eucalyptus

Dolores Silva--Fire risks, including grove north of the tunnel, have implications for development.

Dan--Multiple agencies are involved

b. Connect the Coastside

Presentation of CTC Outreach Summary by Katie Faulkner and Chandra Singh

Projected approval of CTC by BoS 4/21

Joe LaClair--summary comments

Dan--Why didn't you include public comments? Why not include underpasses?

Claire--Did Joe say that completing CTC will allow changes in lot development cap?
--No. That remains in t LCP

Dave--Are there time limits on lot retirement or merger?--Currently lot mergers will be voluntary with incentives for one year, after which they will be mandatory.

Barbra--Why consider the overpass in Montara if the 16th St bus stop is eliminated?--Existing Bus stop at 14th northbound is not eliminated, just the proposed new stop at 16th, Reference to potential overpass relates to abandoned WWII structure.

Dolores--Concerns about development cap application/exceptions in Cypress Point development.

Gregg--Complicating issues of COVID, sea level rise, evacuation routes, visitor traffic should be considered before CTC

Dan--Why is this so confusing? Why does Caltrans keep having new ideas? Why do they propose a crosswalk in Miramar when there is already a culvert people can walk through?--There is an active effort to improve coordination between Caltrans, the County and others

Barbra--CTC should coordinate with OES, CalFire and others. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan should be updated.---The office of Sustainability is tasked with including fire, disease and other risks in an overall approach

Dolores--Is buildout compatible with evacuation?--integration of planning aspects in key

Marcia Yeates--Evacuation planning is important

Dan--there are wildlife underpasses near Truckee

c. Connect the Coastsides..Public Comment.

Len has an extensive list of comments made by the public and a list of 5-year priorities but wants to talk about them at a later time.

d. Midcoast Newsletter

Presentation of draft first-issue newsletter by Michelle

Dave--update CZU fire article, update information on Medio Bridge bypass, eliminate list of MCC priorities, which have not been approved by MCC

Claire and Barbra--cite comments by Lisa Ketcham including explaining pump track and correcting dates. Support removing priority list and renaming to indicating more of a community focus

Dan--A balance of potentially conflicting interests is important and this takes a lot of effort.

Dan/Len--discussion of perceived problems with process

Dan/Michelle--discussion of the degree to which Dan has been able to participate in newsletter planning

Claire/Michelle--Font may be made easier to read, but font choices are limited

Barbra--wants more uniquely local stories. Newsletter focus can be modified in the future.

Motion to approve publication of newsletter with edits cited made by Dave and seconded by Barbra. Approved 5-1, Dan voting no.

5. Council Activities

Dave gave informal update of MCC activities to MWSD

10/14 agenda to include review of CTC comments, Active Transportation report and RCD report.

A discussion ensued about whether to agendize Special District meeting times at the next meeting. Due to the upcoming election, the sense of the Council was to defer the topic.

Adjournment 9:30