

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 28, 2019

Call to Order (7:00)

Councilmembers present: Toutant, Olson, Mathewson, Haggerty, Weil, Powell.

1. Board of Supervisors' Report

Ellie Dallman: Quarry Park Fuel Reduction Project. In progress, about 20 of 100 acres completed. Moss Beach Playground has started with tot lot closed. Further closure soon, completion scheduled for early 2020. Survey for Arts Commission (last date Aug 31). OES has a fixit clinic in Pacifica on October 5th. Crosswalk in Moss Beach installed by Caltrans, signs to go up soon.

Bob Nesbitt, HMB City Manager: Summer End Music Festival Sep 21st in Carter Park. Other concerns in Mac Dutra Plaza between now and the 21st. New quarterly newsletter "Coastside Wave" on emergency preparedness will go out to all Coastside residents (Pescadero to Montara). Election Night out on Sept 24th 5-8pm. Focus is on younger voters. Dinner, raffle prizes, etc.

Nancy Marsh, GCSO PAC: Survey coming out on Burnham Park amenities and park activities, etc. Should arrive 2nd week of September. Also online, bilingual. Report out at October PAC meeting. Public event mid-October on results, etc. Formed Pump Track task force to develop shovel-ready proposal for Quarry Park to be ready after Master Plan approved.

2. Public Comment & Announcements (7:05)

No public comments

Barbra: 15th annual Disaster Preparedness Day at Fairgrounds on Sept 21st

Dave: Caltrain meetings and presentation

Claire: Seton buyer. Event at Seton this Saturday

RCD First Flush. Training on Sept 10.

Climate Ready *Building Health, Economic, and Social Resiliency to Climate Change*, September 25, 9am-12.

HMB Land Use Plan final draft is ready for public input

Clean up day on Sept 21.

3. Consent Agenda (7:20)

- a. Approve Minutes for regular meeting 7/24/19 and retreat 8/5/19
- Move Barbra, second Dan. Passes 6-0

4. Regular Agenda – The Council may take action on the following items:

a. (7:20) Recognition of National Night Out events (Weil)

Very successful, raffle price to Laura from Montara.

b. (7:30) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District update on Measure AA

Stephan Jaskulak (CFO of MROSD).

Presentation on progress in 5 years since Measure AA passed.

Coastside became part of MROSD in 2004, land acquisition started on coast in 2006.

Added agricultural preservation as part of mission for coastal section.

Portions of many preserves open to bikes and dogs, one off-leash dog area at Pulgas Ridge

La Honda Creek and Mindogo Hill most recent coastside areas opened to public.

Measure AA approved \$300M bond in 2014 after 25 top priority actions determined with public input. \$16M invested in coastal portion of MROSD to date for preserve ration, restoration, and opening of new areas.

\$141 M allocated to projects to date (not all yet spent).

Coastside residents start paying \$16/\$1M of valuation for bonds starting in 2019.

Regional trails including Bay to Sea are under development now.

Coastal outreach to various cities, PMAC, MCC, etc. Mailer going out to Coastside residents in September.

c. (7:50) Consider letter to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission regarding closure of Montara Mountain South Peak (Toutant/Mathewson/Olson)

SMC Planning Commission voted today to find that the project was not in compliance with the San Mateo County General Plan.

Sean Handel from Moss Beach has been on peak hundreds of times, has been involved since closure. Has posted on Nextdoor, started petition, attended SFPUC meeting on project, and the commission will do more outreach to the community. May reopen some access. A planner on the project said the butterflies are actually not on the peak, but off to east side.

Bob Nesbitt (as private citizen) spoke in favor of opening more trails in watershed, perhaps as mitigation.

Jake from Montara has been on peak over 60 times over more than 25 years and has never seen any signs that peak was closed. Mentioned that with several thousand square feet of vegetation being cleared is not consistent with claims of butter habitat protection.

Move Barbra, second Michelle to approve letter, minor amendment to add Steve Monowitz to recipients, pass 6-0

d. (8:10) Consider letter to Caltrans regarding upgrades to highway crossing in Moss Beach

Public comment:

Chris Johnson, very upset about lack of notification and communication with the community, especially installing a crosswalk that does not meet Caltrans own standards.

Marcia Yates, wants MCC to request removal of crosswalk until a full plan is in place.

Bill Kehoe talked about 25 years of trying to get a safe crossing, and upset at the makeshift crosswalk that was installed. Cited law (CVC 21950) about pedestrian right of way. We need to get traffic to slow down in this area.

After much discussion on changes to strengthen the letter, delegated final edit of letter to committee of Claire, Michelle, and Barbra.

Moved Dave, second Tamar, passed 6-0

5. Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended

Barbra met with C/CAG Waste Management group, final draft next week.

Dave reported on Ohlone-Portola Heritage Trail, final Interpretative committee meeting. Events are scheduled in Pacifica at Sanchez Adobe in September and October, HMB History Association at Fish&Fleet on Sept 15th.

6. Future Agendas

Internet connection for MCC Office (Barbra, unscheduled)

SMC Harbor District lot next to El Granada Post Office, community input (Dan)

9/11 – Composting, Coastal Trail

9/25 – Chamber of Commerce Business Update

Adjournment (9:35)