

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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vacancy

Minutes for Special Meeting of April 1, 2020

Call to Order (7:10pm)

All Councilmembers present. 14 other attendees.

This is the first MCC meeting held remotely. It was held on the platform FreeConferenceCall. This is due to the shelter-in-place order for control of the corona virus and in compliance with partial relaxation of Brown Act requirements. Len and Dave explained that one of the goals of this meeting was to verify that this platform is adequate for holding an MCC meeting. The meeting is being recorded and will be available on line.

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

Supervisor Don Horsley reviewed the status of Seton and Seton Coastside Hospitals, including county contributions, the possibility of a buyer, the contracting of beds by the state for corona virus patients and role HPSM might play in continued operation of Seton Coastside.

He also gave an overview of the County's response to the corona crisis. He is optimistic that the worst case scenario may be dampened by continuing social distancing, but notes that the County's supply of intense care beds is limited. The County is monitoring clients it has identified as high-risk, including those in congregate living situations. There is a ban on residential evictions and consideration of a similar ban for small business. A field hospital is located at the Expo Center and hotel space has been acquired to assist with hospital overflow and the management of homeless persons. San Mateo Strong is coordinating a range of support for social and economic safety net needs for individuals and small businesses. Volunteers are appreciated.

Carrie Dallman, aide to Supervisor Horsley, sent a link for a survey of community preferences for Tunitas Beach Park (<https://smcoparks.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aa918747e75a04a806898df20&id=aa8acf9b66&e=cf7500a25>).

Harvey Rarback of Half Moon Bay City Council noted that current guidelines restrict recreational travel to miles from home and he hopes that this action, as well as closure of park and beach access, will result in elimination of unsafe numbers of visitors to the Coast.

2. Public Comment & Announcements

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes for February 25. Moved Barbra, seconded Claire. Passed 6-0

4. Regular Agenda

a. (7:35) Review of of Procedures and Process for Interviews of Applicants for Open MCC Position

Each of the three current applicants for the position (Ed Love, Andra Anderson, and Catarina Williams) introduced themselves and answered questions geared toward ensuring that the technology allowed for adequate communication. The nominating process was described as allowing for opening statements by candidates of up to 4 minutes, followed by a round robin series of questions from Councilmembers. It was discussed that there could be some flexibility in tailoring questions to individual candidates.

b. (7:45) Update by council members of topics of community interest

Brief comments were made by each councilmember about status of items the Council is following.

Michelle said that the community survey co-sponsored by MCC, Common Knowledge, and County Office of Sustainability will be available next week, with no end date at this time, to allow the project to progress while allowing for flexibility in the current crisis. It will be available on several platforms. Questions have been consolidated and being offered in both English and Spanish. Ed Love asked to have the project's scope clarified.

Claire repeated the process the MCC uses in responding to Planning Department referrals and referred to the detailed log the Council keeps on this information.

Len noted that the Planning Commission still plans to address the proposed LCP amendment at its second April meeting and that the MCC would address this and Connect the Coastside matters at the April 8 meeting.

Dan wanted to ensure that the video and audio qualities of the meeting format were adequate and that there was no impediment to people joining it and that agendas were sufficiently publicized. Michelle noted that she had some difficulty joining from the app.

Dave thought the format was generally workable but wanted to work on Q and A details and background noise.

Thanks were expressed to Dave and Michelle for their work in developing this format.

5. (8:10) Council Activity

Barbra noted that the dedication of the Moss Beach Park was postponed indefinitely.

Dave reported that the Planning Commission asked for a larger planter for traffic control at the Moss Beach Chevron than the applicant had suggested. The applicant was responsive to this and it will be revisited likely in the summer. The Planning Commission also did not approve variances for height and parking related to a proposed house on Sunshine Valley Road.

6. Future Agendas

April 8: Nomination of candidate for open MCC position. Issues regarding Cypress Point and CTC

Adjournment (8:13)