

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at GSD

Call to Order. 7:00 pm

Present: all Councilmembers

Government officials: Martha Poyatos, LAFCo

11 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors' Report –

Nicholas absent; written report from Supervisor Horsley read by Laura:

Moss Beach Park back taxes paid today by Sam's Chowder House via a donation to Coastsides Boys & Girls Club. Cancellation of sale is final. County is working closely with legal owner, Coastsides Preservation and Recreation Inc. to incorporate Moss Beach Park.

Supervisory Redistricting meeting - Wed, 9/11, at Cunha School library, 6:30-8:30.

BoS budget hearings Sept 16-18 – voting on approval of Measure A funding recommendations (Coastsides Response Coordinator, Countywide Bicycle Coordinator, Library Summer Reading Programs, School Safety Officers).

Surfer's Beach meeting Sept 9 with Don, Caltrans, CCC & County staff, to discuss how to fix erosion and beach access. Agreement on 3 priorities: safe vertical access to beach, 400 ft segment of CCT, and shoreline protection for Hwy 1.

Coffee w/Kevin (Mullin) & Donuts w/Don on Friday Sept 20 at Sheriff substation, Moss Beach.

Neil Merrilees, County Parks Commissioner for District 3:

Moss Beach Park (MBP) update. Thanked MCC for 8/28 meeting - were here for people in crisis, with Nicholas attending, message went directly to Don. Thanked community members who spoke on 8/28. Everybody jumped in, across political lines, to save MBP. At 9/4 meeting at Farallone View, Don was unequivocal that he would work to get the County to absorb MBP, something discussed for a decade, but good possibility it will happen now.

CP&R Board has reformed for now (Neil is Chair) in order to retake ownership of park. First vote was to decide preferred choice is for County to take over MBP. Board member Deb MacKimmie is bookkeeper and is looking into financial records. Bank account lapsed. Old liability policy lapsed in 2011 - working to restart - perhaps in a day or so. No longer have non-profit status so not in good position now to accept donations. CP&R Bylaws state 7 Board members: Neil, Bruce MacKimmie, Deb MacKimmie, Erik Watts, Todd Bazzil, Kirsten Barron, Tim Pond.

County ownership considered best option – up & running, has resources, rangers on coast. GSD does not now have parks powers and MBP is not in GSD jurisdiction. MWSD might be welcome backup but it's not clear if they currently have authorization from LAFCo for parks powers. Non-profit (such as Midcoast Park Lands) might run into same problems of volunteer attrition that CP&R had. County is getting pressure from other unincorporated communities that want children's parks. For relatively small County expenditure, could be win/win for everyone.

2. (7:30) Public Comment

Chris Johnson, MCC candidate introduction

Dave Olson, MCC candidate introduction

Jim Harvey, MWSD candidate introduction

Leonard Woren, regular GSD meeting date 9/19 will be Town Hall meeting at special venue.

Lisa: **Plan Princeton Visioning Workshop** Thurs, Sept 12, 6:30-8:30pm, Oceano Hotel.

3. Consent Agenda: approved 6-0

a. Approve Minutes for August 28, 2013

b. ~~Approve Treasurer's Report for September 10, 2013~~ – removed – no written report

c. Approve draft Coastsides Emergency Action Program (CEAP) Executive Committee Acceptance Letter

d. Approve draft memo to SMC Planning Department regarding roof-mounted floodlights shining out over the ocean at Moss Beach Distillery and Miramar Beach Restaurant.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. **Special Districts and Parks Powers.** Q&A with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Executive Officer, Martha Poyatos:

LAFCo for each county is mandated by State of CA to have jurisdiction over the boundaries of cities and special districts, changes in their organization (annexations, consolidations, incorporation, dissolution, activation of powers), and to establish spheres of influence. LAFCo has discretionary authority to approve or deny applications to change organization or boundaries, but does not have unilateral authority to consolidate districts. San Mateo County LAFCo is an independent commission with its own budget, has 2 County Supervisors (Horsley & Tissier), 2 city council members, 2 special district members, and 1 public member, serving 4-yr terms.

Granada Sanitary District (GSD) is applying to convert to Community Services District (CSD) to add parks & recreation powers to their existing powers of sewer and franchise garbage. If LAFCo approves the application, the CSD will then have to be approved in a district election. LAFCo has the discretion to establish the existing GSD board as the board of the CSD, which is what would likely happen, given timing of GSD elections (Board this fall, CSD next spring). Community is best served by maintaining continuity with board that brought forward the proposal. The issue of what specifically the CSD will provide is intended to be vetted before the LAFCo hearing. This pre-application phase is the opportunity for the district to get feedback from the community and if necessary amplify what is in the application. In approving the proposal, LAFCo can require more clarity on what the CSD will provide and that outcomes are supported by the community. Effective date for CSD is a condition of approval – probably the start of fiscal quarter or fiscal year.

MWSD does not currently have power to provide Parks/Rec – must apply to LAFCo for activation of water district latent powers for parks. Written protest from 25-50% of registered voters triggers election requirement for activation of latent powers. Greater than 50% protest kills the application.

Enterprise districts receive a share of property taxes (as an unintended consequence of Prop 13), though most of their income is from fees for service. Forming a CSD provides opportunity to use property taxes for parks and make up the budget difference by increased enterprise (sewer) fees. GSD application will be considered by what is known right now. It will not consider a future change in county policy for community parks, such as proposed in relation to Moss Beach Park. Existing Midcoast Parks Mitigation Fund comes from development fees – new development paying for new infrastructure. There is not currently a designated fund of property taxes to operate and maintain community parks in unincorporated areas.

Leonard Woren: State legislature has long sought to take property tax away from enterprise districts. Sooner or later they will succeed and GSD will have to raise sewer rates to make up for the loss so we might as well get something from that, which is local parks. GSD has lowest sewer rates on Coastside.

- b. (8:30) **Pillar Point Harbor Strategy for Dredging, Erosion Control, and Dredged Material Reuse** (Ketcham). Consideration of draft letter to Harbor Commission.

Lisa gave background information for the letter.

Public speakers in support of proposed letter: Leonard Woren, Neil Merrilees, Fran Pollard, and Gael Erickson

Neil Merrilees: Romeo Pier is pressure-treated wood requiring expensive special disposal. Suggest MCC invite CCC staff for site visit.

Len: Suggest Don attend MCC meeting to talk about Harbor District issues.

Motion: Approve the draft letter to the Harbor Commission. Approved 6-0.

- c. (8:55) **Cabrillo Unified School District (CUSD) Strategic Plan Development – Focus Group members.** Select two MCC members to participate in CUSD Focus Group on Friday, September 27 from 1:00 – 3:30pm at the District office boardroom.

Laura proposed that she and Len attend, since she has child in district school and Len teaches after-school programs.

Laura and Len nominated to attend the School District Strategic Plan Focus Group on Sept 27 on behalf of MCC. Approved 6-0.

d. (9:00) **County Supervisorial District Lines** (Kehoe).

Consideration of draft letter to District Lines Advisory Committee.

Lisa proposed adding phrases clarifying that the existing Coastside District to remain intact extends to Highway 280, and that any necessary adjustments occur east of 280.

Public speakers in support of letter: Fran Pollard, Leonard Woren, Dave Olson, Chris Johnson.

Correspondence received in support of letter: April Vargas.

Motion: Approve draft comments, as amended, to the County District Lines Advisory Committee.

Approved 6-0.

5. (9:25) Council Activity –

Laura: reported correspondence with resident on Sunshine Valley Rd re speeding.

Lisa: attended Princeton Steering Committee kickoff meeting 8/27. There are 13 members.

Bill: Coastside Emergency Action Program (CEAP) meets first Friday of each month, 9:30-10:30AM in HMB. Working on building local resource list for help during major emergency.

6. Committee Reports –

Len: Annual MCC Treasurer Report turned in and accepted by County. County will send form for acceptance of this year's check.

7. Future Agendas -

9/25 – candidate forum for MWSD

10/1 (special meeting) – candidate forum for MCC

10/9 – candidate forum for GSD

Adjournment – 9:30 pm