

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 Special Meeting of December 4, 2019

Call to Order (5:05)

All Councilmembers present

1. Board of Supervisors' Report

No report

2. Public Comment & Announcements

No public comment

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

a. (5:10) Proposed 50-space RV Park

Tamar moved, Len second to approve letter.

Discussion followed.

Len presented the letter discussing the points.

Public Comment

Marsha Yates - asked why Moss Landing RV park was included. Len said he was trying to show harbors and other coastal areas with RV parks. Raised issue of short term stays vs long term residency.

Bob Schmidt - EG near harbor, coastside resident for 50 years. He favors the RV park, surprised that most comments were negative. Feels that the trees mostly block the highway views of the RV park. Harbor District parking lot likely to go away (on Dec 18 Harbor District agenda). Likes the facilities of proposed RV park. Feels it will improve finances of local businesses.

Back to Council

Barbra pointed out some typos, and wording issues. Capistrano Rd (name several spots, wording on page 5 requested twice in sentence). while she is opposed to the project, she is not in favor of this letter, feels that it's confusing, and doesn't add anything to our 5 earlier letters. Doesn't see need for another letter.

Dave feels the letter is very confusing, adds nothing new, sounds like it might replace our earlier comments. Doesn't understand why Monowitz letter is included. Won't vote for it. Sending just the public comments is not likely to be helpful, because most of them already went to the planner and/or planning commission, and those that didn't probably won't be forwarded to the Planning Commissioners because they are second-hand.

Michelle finds letter confusing, not seeing anything new from earlier letters. Attempt to define harbor gateway in this letter seems wrong, may detract from earlier letters. Sees value in the extracted public comments being sent to the Planning Commission. Harbor District RV park issue might be worth an agenda item in the future.

Claire feels that this may detract from our earlier letters and reduce our credibility. Feels that letter is not crisp. Agrees some issues raised in this letter might be worth having as future agenda items.

Len said he was trying to avoid repeating earlier letters, could reference them, but was trying to be more comprehensive on the view issue. Originally had just comments, but felt that the gateway concept was key, and so made it a focus. Struggled in trying to keep it brief but comprehensive. Feels there is value in forwarding community comments.

Tamar said it was hard to try to cover a complex set of issues in a short letter, and understands concerns about reducing effect of earlier letters.

Dan feels that there is an attempt to clear some of the harbor areas to allow for building expansions, and defend it by the presence of a new RV park to replace the current parking in the harbor district parking lot. He thinks the harbor gateway concept is still subjective, but important to protect. Hopes proposed RV park land could be kept for temporary short term parking and events. Wanted more expression on the idea of the gateway, but agrees letter could cause confusion.

After extensive discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Tamar, and no action was taken.

Adjournment (6:15)