

# 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 November 18, 2020***

### **Call to Order (7:00pm)**

Meeting held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-related restrictions. All council members present, as well as 15 governmental persons and 13 members of the public

### **1. Updates from Governmental Bodies**

---Lena Silberman of Supervisor Horsley's office. COVID: County restrictions have increased in move to Red tier and may increase further. Compliance team active in helping observe cautions. Potential County purchase of 2 motels in HMB can help with quarantines RCD: Chipping program popular. 10,000 juvenile salmon introduced as part of a creek erosion control project. New liaison to the County on vegetation issues is Erica Harris. Questioned by Gregg Dieguez about County planning on vegetation issues.

---Harvey Rarback of HMB City Council. County purchase of motels will also shelter the homeless. Timeline for purchase is tight .

---Lisa Ketcham of SMC Planning Commission. 2 MidCoast items on next PC agenda: Harbor Village RV and Moss Beach Chevron landscape buffer.

---Chris Johnson with Bike Pump. Community input meeting on 11/12 drew 55 people and helped clarify planning. Course remains focused on skills-building. Construction to start in April, with summer completion. County will maintain it and no additional parking area is currently planned. Clarified to Cid Young that GCSD contribution comes from money allocated for parks, not utility-related funds

---Chris Johnson of CDCR--approved or recommended for approval 1 house in Montara, 1 in ElGranada and 2 in Moss Beach

### **2. Public Comment & Announcements**

---Beverly Garrity. Wants liaison with CDRC and MCC

---Dave. 89% County turnout in recent elections. MCC seats to be filled by Dan Haggerty, Gregg Dieguez and Jill Grant.

---Dolores Silva. Resist Density is renamed Midcoast ECO, with a focus on advocacy regarding projects and proposals. Cid asked about MCC site links connecting to the new ECO site.

---Gregg. Recognizes Barbra's service on the MCC.

**3.Consent** Approval of 10/28 minutes moved Dave, seconded Barbra, passed 6-0

### **4.a Adding RRFB to the Virginia Ave crosswalk in Moss Beach**

Presentation by Ken Xu, Chief, Electrical Design Operations, Caltrans

Dave. Are lights always on?--No, on demand only

Barbra. Why are there ADA adaptations on the east side only?--Not needed on the west side, but they will look again. Can speed limit be lowered?--legal restrictions on speed limits below 85 percentile speed of current vehicles.

Claire. Are 2 streetlights needed, as proposed?--The existing light belongs to the County and could be removed, according to Caltrans standards

Dan. Asks for examples of crosswalks on 50 mph highways. Wants lighting focus on pedestrian rather than the street

Len. This is an advisement to us, not a proposal

Chris. Questions overall planning of this project and its relationship to larger County plans.--Differentiates specific fixes like this from long-range planning

Cid. Thanks for the presentation. Wants acceleration lane at Cypress

Kimberly Williams. Wants dark-skis compliance. Speed limits shouldn't be determined by current vehicle speeds,

Dolores. Location is not convenient or safe.

Krystlyn Giedt. Project seems unilateral--Caltrans is in process of trying to shift from focus on vehicle orientation to include other transportation needs

Claire. Observes increasing use of crosswalk. Notes success of Davenport in Santa Cruz County in decreasing SR1 speed.

Dan. Will people use crosswalk sensibly? Wants more studies--We all need to learn to be responsible,

Barbra. Wants Caltrans to continue to work with MCC

Michelle. Appreciates Caltrans presence and responding to questions, especially in light of historic lack of cooperation.

#### **4.b (8:36) Caltrans SR1 Traffic Operational Systems Improvement Project--additional considerations.**

Presentation by Michelle following up 10/28 MCC letter to Caltrans and noting letter to MCC from Caltrans agreeing to what was requested in the letter

Claire. Good to have Caltrans response in writing. Notes interest in MCC decisions by HMB City Council.

Dave. Skeptical about agreement, but chooses to trust at this time

Barbra. Skeptical but positive

Dan. Concerned about sign size. Disapproves

Len. Size and appearance can still be negotiated. Caltrans operation group is shifting to more community relations

Chris. Tone of the MCC letter is firm, clear. Good to have both sides put position in writing

Kimberly. Mechanism to ensure Caltrans compliance? Wants comprehensive planning

Gregg. Also advocates broader plans. Notes need for better wireless connectivity

Michelle Dragony. Major source of emergency information is SMCAAlerts along with CERT

Cid. SMCAAlerts insufficient. Redundancy is needed

Approval of MCC letter as presented moved Barbra, seconded Len

Barbra. Agree SMCAAlerts not adequate alone

Claire. Sources of emergency information need to be coordinated. Also notes need for barriers on SR1 on Devil's Slide.

Michelle. Caltrans seeking more information in order to put in barriers

Dan. Sees project as attack on community

Dave. Notes spirit of compromise on the issue

Motion approved 5-1. Dan opposed

#### **4.c. Emergency Evacuation**

Presentation by Jonathan Cox, Deputy Chief, CalFire San Mateo County on zonehaven project.

Emergency information available by address at [myzone@zonehaven.com](mailto:myzone@zonehaven.com). The tool also helps coordination of first responding agencies and models needs in advance.

Coordinates with WAZE, SMCAAlerts, noting that no 2 disasters have the same needs.

Temporary refuges may augment out-of-area evacuation.

Dave. Happy with his experience monitoring zonehaven in recent fires.

Barbra. Great presentation

Dan. Wants more attention to physical infrastructure

Len. Are agreements in place for temporary refuge?--Ad hoc at this point

Claire. Good start on framework flexible enough to address unpredictable events

Michelle. How will information be disseminated?

Gregg. Need to update and test electronic capacity

Cid. Is there an evacuation plan?--Information sent to El Granada last year

Dan. Wants specific recommendations given to other agencies by zonehaven.--this is beyond their scope

Jill Grant. Are there other major evacuation routes to leave the area?--no

Len. Don Horsley will have more information on task force in December

#### **5. Council Activity**

Len. Active Transportation--he sent comments, as it wasn't possible to schedule them to come to MCC.

CTC--he will meet with Joe LaClair this week

Dave. Harbor District--West Trail restoration continues

El Granada fire station grand opening

#### **6. Future Agendas**

12/9--Medio Bridge, swearing in new members, election of officers

Discussion of holding special meeting to comment on CTC

**Adjournment** 9:57 pm