

Midcoast Community Council

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

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on November 14, 2012

Call to Order. 7:05

Present: All councilmembers

Officials: Nicholas Calderón, CHP Captain Mike Maskarich

8 members of the public.

1. Board of Supervisors Report – Nicholas Calderón

MCC vacancy application period reopened.

Sent requested accident statistics to Laura.

In Feb. County will be ready to submit for Measure A funding for Parallel Trail. Will have community discussion on which segment to apply for.

CHP Captain Mike Maskarich: Since 2011, 14 fatal accidents on Coastside – double the number for 2 years prior - not just on Hwy 1, range of causes. Trying to secure funding for more officers on Coastside for enforcement and public education, to have strong visible presence, serve as public resource. Re recent episodes of flashing signal on lower 92, he takes responsibility for that – CHP officer turned signal to flashing red, caused monumental backup for eastbound traffic. Happened twice. Only time signal should go to flashing red is from power outage. Asks for community help – call 911 if you see flashing signal – it is an appropriate emergency. Officer is needed to direct traffic if signal not working. Send him email anytime – it goes to his Blackberry - can refer to appropriate party. MMaskarich@chp.ca.gov

Len: Hwy 1 Action Plan - bicycle safety on shoulders

Dan: Some parts of Hwy 1 have no bike room.

Mike: Autos have to share the road in those cases. Lots of bike accidents on roads with no shoulder.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Dark time of year - reflector tape on bikes so motorists can see them. Stainless box along 92 near Hilltop in center divider around Hilltop - sun reflected and blinded her for about 5 seconds. Needs to be made non-reflective.

Peggy Emory: At Sam's Restaurant with parking on hwy, people walking in roadway in dark clothing.

Leonard Woren: Why are people allowed to park on side of state highway?

2. Public Comment

Len: PCT fundraiser this weekend, asking for participation/support: 3 people to main phones Sat. 6:45-8pm. Len plans to go. Asks for volunteers. Bill will try.

Lisa: MCC website reminder - meeting documents posted, MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org. - homepage where current meeting post is on left, at or near top. Links to supporting documents such as background material, draft letters to be discussed, slide presentations, to review before the meeting, or follow along at home if you're watching the video.

Carl May: Wants prominent links to Coastal Act, and LCP.

Lisa: Steve Monowitz says complete 2012 LCP will be available hopefully by year-end to link to.

Karen Anderson read from HMB Review opinion piece on Coastside Fire District secrecy re expenditure details – redacted from public records request.

Leonard Woren: GSD wet weather project dedication, 2-4pm Friday. RV lot trees blocking views are out of control. Wants MCC letter to Harbor District.

3. Consent Agenda – approved 5-0 (Bob abstain, was absent)

Approval of Minutes for 10/24/2012

4. Regular Agenda

a. **Final Review of Hwy 1 Action Plan** and approve comment letter

Len: Committee (Len/Bill/Lisa) met, sent questions to Steve; today Steve sent final draft Staff Report, and a couple small changes to Action Plan in response to Monday's questions/comments.

Carl May: Coastal Act & LCP specific language not incorporated in Action Plan. County doesn't seem to review or consider its LCP. LCP Component 10 on shoreline access vs Dardenelle Trail -

ignored. Lighthouse crossing – holding our safe crossing hostage to trail plan completion. Parallel Trail alternative alignments – are these feeders or the Parallel Trail itself? Needs to be most direct route or people won't use it. Note that CCT includes border of unpaved surface makes assumption that it will be paved. LCP – minimum development standard. Surfers Beach 400 ft danger fine like it is – project too expensive.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: agree with Carl. Assumptions built into language. Fear what they will do with Parallel Trail.

Peggy Emory: Roundabouts still alive & well in proposal - serious safety issue.

Leonard Woren: Agree with Carl/Kathryn about everything except roundabouts.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: County staff report not available for public in advance – can't discuss tonight.

Leonard Woren: Describe what few words are changed in Action Plan to Staff Report version.

Nicholas: Funding received to do medians/crossings first. Board will approve doc. Sup Horsley fully committed to public process, will attend, have consultants, public outreach, public meetings. These are concepts - as basis for detail design. Will work with MCC on project funding application.

Len: Lighthouse was excluded from TA grant, noted to Steve, but comment not taken. No comment from Steve on stakeholder committee requested by MCC.

Nicholas: Lighthouse was not in TA grant app. Surfers Beach mid-block was. Improvements at Capistrano & Coronado were not included.

Carl May: MCC draft letters say little about anything except committee. If that is only MCC letter, needs paragraph saying much of this is unsettled in community, MCC unable to endorse Action Plan because of these unsettled points.

Len: Nicholas has feedback role. Problems with Action Plan are result of lack of stakeholder committee in forming it.

Laura: How does Steve's approach compare to Len's?

Len: Examples of lighthouse, tunnel crossing - results show we can't wait for County to report back. We must be proactive.

Leonard Woren: understand what Len is saying. Having MCC committee is right way to do it.

Kathryn Slater-Carter: Ask Captain Mike Maskarich for where to put safe crossing. Look at where people are walking and riding and plan that. Copy MCC comments to CCC.

Dan: Concerned he doesn't see the word "concept" used in Phase 2 Plan. Finding a lot of details in reading it that he doesn't agree with.

Lisa: The post-Phase 1 steering committee that didn't happen was for the purpose of developing an Action Plan. The Action Plan is now poised for approval. The MCC and the public have commented extensively during this process, almost a year for the Phase 2 Study and 5 months for the Action Plan. The bulk of our comments have been incorporated into it. I don't see a need for any further comment at this time.

Len: Moves approval of the draft letter dated 11/20 with wording modification re MCC committee acknowledgment.

Dan: The letter should say that we do not necessarily agree with details in the Phase 2 Study. (suggestion not taken)

Letter as modified by Len approved 5-1 (Dan opposed).

b. Need for MCC Hwy 1 Circulation/Parking Committee (Len) – Determine if there is a need and how to proceed. -- Tabled for lack of time.

c. (9pm) SamTrans Coastside Bus Route Changes (Laura) – review of proposed changes in SamTrans draft service plan. Approve comment letter to SamTrans.

Laura: SamTrans site has details of service plan changes. Ridership is dropping, Tomorrow is last day to comment. Final draft in Jan. - opportunity to comment on that. Reviewed changes. connection at Strawflower. Review comment letter. Coastside transportation committee funded by grant, next mtg in Jan.

Lisa moved approve Laura's letter as amended by Laura's suggestion to request greater inclusion of children and their parents in decisions.

Leonard: Add point that when late night bus runs mostly empty, don't cut. People won't take last bus, because they might miss it.

Bill: Areas with better bus service have better ridership. Good to bring SamTrans out here. Probably too late to change letter.

Letter approved 6-0

5. Council Activity

10/24/12 Devil's Slide Coastal Access Task Force Meeting (Bill)

Bill distributed new "Devil's Slide Coast" flyers. Coastal Commission wrote that changeable message signs need CDP and don't have one.

11/5/12 Site Meeting, 8th St. Landslide Restoration Project (Lisa)

Meeting organized by applicant's consultant, attended by his geology, engineering, and biological sub-consultants, Diana Shu from County Public Works, County Planner for project, and MCC project workgroup (Lisa, Laura, Dave Olson, Botanist Toni Corelli). Discussed biological assessment differences (ours & theirs), viewed equipment access, project envelope. Erosion/geological history report explained several deep side channels of bluff erosion in 8th St area west of Hwy due to many decades of stormwater runoff neglect culminating in 2008 landslide threatening house and hwy. Judge found Caltrans at fault. MCC wants existing roadside hedge removed to leave 10 ft clear from fogline for adequate bike/ped access along hwy. Applicant won't do it – says it's not part of project. County reluctant to step up. MCC wrote Caltrans directly asking them not to grant encroachment permit for existing roadside hedge.

Separate note: Diana Shu (DPW) said Caltrans can revoke encroachment permits at any time. Wonder what is County policy on revoking encroachment permits (re 7th St fence).

11/14/12 Planning Commission Fitzgerald Marine Reserve parking lot visit (Bill)

2 commissioners there, many County staff, ~20 public members concerned with impacts.

11/14/12 HMB Airport ALUCP Project Advisory Team meeting (Lisa)

Kick-off meeting this afternoon at Pillar Ridge clubhouse, which overlooks the airport. MCC website has Airport Issues Page where all related documents and updates will be posted, and a link to project website created by consultant, Coffman Associates.

6. Committee Reports –

Lisa (website committee) – getting good input comments on MCC Facebook page. We should consider setting up comments function on website.

7. Future Agendas

11/28 – FMR, preparation for Montara Coast 12/12 item, GSD meeting place, liaison with HMB City Council

12/12 – MCC officer elections, Montara Coast w/Peggy Jensen, State Parks Mgr

8. Adjournment (9:34)