

# Midcoast Community Council

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

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## Approved Minutes: Meeting on August 28, 2013, at GSD

**Call to Order.** 7:00 pm

Present: all Councilmembers

~60 members of the public

### 1. **Board of Supervisors' Report** – Nicholas Calderón

**Hwy 1 Parallel Trail funding opportunities** – TA Measure A will open in next couple months.

**Caltrans meeting** 8/26, chaired by Supervisor Don Horsley at Senator Jerry Hill's office re improving communications between Caltrans, County, and Midcoast. Laura, Lisa, & Bill attended for MCC.

**Moss Beach Park tax sale:** Don out of town at state-wide conference all this week. He is being kept up to date on the situation by phone. County is doing due diligence re tax sale -- understand the issue is time sensitive and very important. Looking into why this happened and, if anything, what the County can do to help save the park.

### 2. **Public Comment**

**Moss Beach Park sold at County tax auction:** 30 members of the public (and accompanying children) gave impassioned testimony about the need to save their community park, which was financed and built by community volunteers in 2004 on land owned by a local non-profit, which was recently sold at County tax auction without anyone on the Midcoast being aware of it (please see video to fully comprehend this exceptional community meeting): Neil Merrilees (County Parks Commissioner), Michael Medlin, Mark Verlander, Debby MacKimmie, Bruce MacKimmie, Eric Watts, Audrey Patchett, Mary Kate Meyerhoffer, Anne Green, Ben Forchini, Kris Hammerstrom, Kate Handel, Roberta Vespremi, Chris Johnson, Kirsten Barron, Kathryn Slater-Carter (Board of Directors MWSD), Lisa Gilmour & her 2 boys, Storm Russell w/2 sons, Traci Yerby, Julia Ferdinand, Chris Ekeberg, Patty Lauritzen & child (Board of Directors of Coastside Mothers Club), Barbara Capers, Dylan Ragozin, Leonard Woren, Jim Harvey (Board of Directors MWSD), Cid Young, Robert deLorimier, Ken Howell, Sandra Ryan & her 3 kids.

Nicholas: Thanked the crowd for coming, wrote down everything said, sees the passion and importance, will discuss with Supervisor Horsley by phone. Met with County Counsel several times that day and again tomorrow. Until we know details, can't give more info on next steps. Nicholas is point of contact. Hopefully will have news by next Tues or before.

Dan: asks that Don watch the video of public comment

Lisa: will post updates on MCC home page under "Focus Topics"

Motion (Bill): Add Moss Beach Park to agenda as urgency item, which didn't come to Council's attention until after agenda was posted and is of great urgency to handle before next meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion (Len): Approve one-sentence letter to Board of Supervisors: "We believe preservation of Moss Beach Park is a matter of highest urgency on the Midcoast." Motion passed 6-0.

Motion (Lisa): Approve ad hoc committee to follow up with County on matters relating to preservation of Moss Beach Park and to keep the community informed. Motion passed 6-0. Committee members: Len Erickson and Neil Merrilees.

Lisa: **Devil's Slide Trail Plans public meeting** Thurs 8/29, 7pm at Cypress Meadows, Moss Beach.  
**Plan Princeton Visioning Workshop** Thurs, Sept 12, 6:30-8:30pm, Oceano Hotel.

[10-minute BREAK]

Dan: DPW is installing federally-mandated **yellow truncated cone detectable warning pads** for the visually impaired in Midcoast sidewalks. They are controversial because of more difficulty for other users. His concern is yellow color. There are other options such as black – just need contrast to area around it. Will report back as he learns more.

- 3. Consent Agenda:** approved 6-0
- a. Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2013
  - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for August 28, 2013
  - c. Approval of draft letter to Harbor Commission regarding their decision to discontinue video recording of their meetings
  - d. Approval of draft letter to Coastside Fire Protection District regarding meeting conflicts

**4. Regular Agenda**

- a. (removed from agenda) **Farallone View and El Granada Elementary School site improvement plans and funding.** (Erickson)
  
- c. (8:55) **Granada Sanitary District's (GSD) Proposal to Reorganize as a Community Services District with the Addition of Parks and Recreation Powers.** GSD General Manager Chuck Duffy presented the proposal.  
Bill: Financials are not specific, also concerned about Balkanization of Midcoast.  
6 members of public spoke in favor of the MCC letter and GSD application: Kathryn Slater-Carter, Dave Olson, Jim Harvey, Fran Pollard, Ben Forchini, Carl May.

Motion (Dan): Approve the letter to LAFCo in support of the GSD application to acquire parks powers through reorganization as a Community Services District. Approved 5-0-1 (Bill abstain).

- b. (9:40) **Midcoast Highway 1 Safety Improvement Projects.** (Calderón) Public process timeline for evaluating design alternatives for crossings, left turns, and medians.  
Nicholas reported on his memo (included in record).  
Leonard Woren: alternatives don't allow input on crossing locations; Surfers Beach issue is parking location.

**5. Council Activity** – none reported

**6. Committee Reports** - none

**7. Future Agendas** -

- 9/10 (Tuesday - date change to avoid conflict with District Lines Advisory Committee meeting) Moss Beach Park, Farallone View playfields
- 9/25 – candidate forum for MWSD
- 10/1 (special meeting) – candidate forum for MCC
- 10/9 – candidate forum for GSD

**Adjournment** – 10:00pm