

<p>Midcoast Community Council <i>An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar</i> PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038 http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org</p>	<p>Michelle Weil, Chair Claire Toutant, Vice Chair Len Erickson, Treasurer Dave Olson, Secretary Gregg Dieguez Jill Grant Dan Haggerty</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of May 12, 2021

Call to Order (7:05pm)

All Council Members present. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance of State and County COVID-related orders.

1. Board of Supervisors' Report

Lena Silberman reported that as of today the county is in the yellow zone, so expanded capacity for most businesses. Covid vaccinations are now widely available, through many venues. Mirada Bridge will be heard at the Coastal Commission meeting on Friday May 14. Supervisor Horsley's office is reviewing the Comcast franchise agreement and requesting that Comcast report their compliance status with the agreement. The RCD and SMC Parks applied for funding through the Coastal Conservancy to support the prioritized projects, and the Conservancy is likely to provide funds. The Fuel Load Reduction Ad Hoc Committee met and reviewed the priority list, with results to be sent to the County Manager's office for funding requests via Measure K.

Claire asked Lena about apparent lower vaccination rates on Midcoast compared to HMB and Pacifica. Gregg mentioned local El Granada vaccinations.

Gregg asked about the grant from the Conservancy for fuel reduction in Quarry Park, in terms of what it covers, and what might be covered in followon grants. Michelle said that the answer from Tina is the shaded fuel breaks along fire road, then the southern and western park boundary. The \$4M followon is for the whole county.

Harvey Rarback reported on policing policies. Already approved dedicated phone lines for comments on policing complaints or compliments. Also instituting a program to have deputies meet with members of the public, and after covid have a ride-along program. Also \$75K seed funding on how to improve mental health services. Upcoming meeting will discuss interactions between deputies and the public.

Len asked if this would cover the Midcoast, or just HMB. Harvey encouraged MCC to set up something separate between the county and the Sheriff's office.

Claire mentioned that Capt Lopez has been at the MCC in the past, and we could invite him back again.

Kathryn Slater-Carter reported that the SAM budget was passed on Monday. Attended a zoom call at SAM on new technology that stops odors and helps break up oils and grease. Reported 2nd phase of wet water storage tank project is being finished up.

(7:30) 2. Public Comment & Announcement

No public comments.

(7:43) 3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes for January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve minutes for January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c. Approve minutes for February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- d. Approve minutes for March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting - Pulled because not ready
- e. Approve minutes for April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting - Pulled by Len's request

March 10 pulled because not ready.

April 28 pulled at Len's request. To be heard at end of regular agenda

Moved Len to approve 3a,b,c, 2nd Gregg. Passes 7-0

(7:45) 4a. Regular Agenda - El Granada Fire Station Lighting

Dan gave a presentation on the lighting, with Jill presenting on some of the slides.

Jill summarized the letter that has been written, and why it was written. The big concern is the lack of lighting cut sheets, and that the area is a primarily residential area, and should preserve the characteristics. The Fire District is using safety as a reason to not change the lighting. There don't appear to be current standards for fire station lighting. There are less bright and less blue lights that meet the fire department safety requirements.

(7:55) Council clarification questions

Gregg referenced a letter by Chris Johnson asking for more specific mitigation measures.

Dan didn't feel that was the right approach.

Claire asked if there are snags that may have developed, or new information that we should consider. Jill answered no.

Len asked if CFPD and the county planner had been invited to tonight's meeting, as a matter of courtesy, echoing a chat comment.

Dan answered that he and Jill had met with Supervisor Horsley and his staff, CFPD Board President Gary Burke, and Chief Cox, giving a shorter version of tonight's presentation. He said that they kept falling back on safety. Jill apologized for not inviting CFPD tonight.

Claire said that she was asking about things like Dan's report earlier in the meeting.

(8:05) Public Comment

Kathryn Slater-Carter thanked the council for their work on this. She agrees that CFPD and planning staff should be invited. She is worried that CFPD might install similar lighting on their other stations. She would like to see this work turned into a new county standard.

Lisa Ketcham suggested adding Jonathan Cox to the letter address list, and that tonight's presentation be attached to the letter. She reported on the Jan 27 CFPD board meeting where Deputy Chief Cox briefly mentioned complaints from neighbors and looking at dimmers as a solution. The MCC letter was never mentioned at a Fire Board meeting. She noted that all the Directors of our local fire district board live in the Midcoast.

Dan read Kimberly Heinz email saying that she supports the letter and that it is important to find a solution that is a mutual benefit to all.

Dave summarized Matthew Clark's phone call saying that he fully supported the letter as it stands.

Chris Johnson wants to see more specific mitigation items in the MCC letter. He supports the letter.

Kimberly William agrees with Chris, and she fully supports the letter.

Dolores Silva thanked Jill & Dan and agreed with the letter.

(8:15) Public Comment closed

Dave said he generally supports the letter, but also wants to see more specific mitigation methods in the letter, and that he has numerous amendments.

Gregg wants the letter approved tonight in some form.

Michelle agrees with Gregg, she'd like it finished tonight.

Dan had some amendments to reflect some new information that he got today, with regard to color temperature, CRI, etc. Dan moved, Jill 2nd. Amendment passes 7-0

Jill moved that we add tonight's presentation to the end of the letter, 2nd Dave. Amendment passes 7-0

Dave proposed a number of wording changes, deletions, and reordering, 2nd Michelle, amendment passes 7-0

Approve letter as amended 7-0

4b. (8:14) Eucalyptus Tree Removal Permitting

Gregg started by saying that he is upset by the slow nature of the permitting process, and no improvements. He's really anxious to remove barriers to permits to remove eucalyptus.

Claire said this requests something simple, and that the council agreed it was worthwhile going for something simple and easy to implement. The letter says that the county has made this process harder than neighboring jurisdictions, such as Pacifica, HMB, and Woodside. The county estimates 1-2 months, but it's been taking twice that long recently.

Len raised the issue that a CDP is required to remove trees, so that has to be changed as well.

Lisa Ketcham clarified that one of the goals of the tree ordinance update was to set up a same-day significant tree removal permit process for certain tree species

including eucalyptus. CDPs are required for groves that are removed (seems to be defined as more than 3 trees). The fire department supports removing eucalyptus within 100 feet of homes. Lisa pointed out that the grove issue is an LCP issue, so no easy way around that. The RCD has been working over the last 15 months on a Public Works Plan to streamline the CDP process for removal of eucalyptus and the draft plan is now available for review.

Gregg asked if the idea of changing the LCP at the Coastal Commission was happening, and Lisa said she hadn't heard anything of that, and did not think it would be that easy.

Claire asked if this letter is still worth sending, given the RCD draft. Lisa said that CFPD board has written a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for their current efforts to streamline fuel reduction, including streamlining the process for eucalyptus removal, she thinks it would be appropriate for MCC to do something similar.

Lisa further reported that Director Monowitz said today at the Planning Commission meeting that CalFire was going to be working with the Planning Department on this issue.

(9pm) Public Comment

Kathryn Slater-Carter said there have been past cases of mudslides after removing trees, and that needs to be considered, especially since El Granada has been subject to mudslides in the past. All the environmental consequences need to be examined. She said it might be better to rewrite this letter and have it at a future meeting.

Lisa Ketcham hopes that the MCC will ask the CFPD to agendaize this for one of their board meetings.

(9:07) Back to council

Michelle asked Claire and Gregg if they want to revise the letter, or postpone it to a future meeting, given what we've heard tonight.

Gregg said that the community is really upset about eucalyptus removal, and that we need a letter requesting a more efficient and speedy process.

Claire agrees with Gregg. We have a high fire hazard, and we need a better solution.

Michelle is OK with sending this letter as it is, even if the recommendations aren't ideal. Maybe we should work more closely with the county to streamline and publicize the process.

Dan said that we are in a very early fire season this year, and that we should do everything possible to speed things up, and to cover some of the costs for the homeowner.

Jill would like to see a longer letter, mentioning the lack of precipitation this year, but she is largely OK with it. She said that the fire district has a list of replacement plants.

(9:20) Dave suggested that we add a paragraph supporting the County effort, similar to the CFPD.

Dave moved, Gregg 2nd amended the letter as discussed with 4 changes.

Dave moved that we approve the letter as amended. Passes 7-0

(9:25) 4c Zoom Account Renewal

Needs to be renewed for \$127.42. Asks for motion to approve up to \$175 to renew our zoom license for another year.

Will discuss in-person and other changes at a future meeting.

Michelle moves, Jill 2nds, passes 7-0

(9:28) Minutes of April 28, 2021 (pulled from Consent)

Len asked for a summary email similar to the Board of Supervisors within 36 hours of the meeting. Doesn't ask for discussion tonight, but thinks we should at a future meeting.

Gregg particularly would like any assignments out early.

Len moves approval, Claire 2nd. Passes 7-0

(9:35) 5. Council Activity

Michelle mentioned Gregg's updated documents

Gregg presented the Wildfire issues update, with brief status

Len attended the Firesafe council today, focused on the County as a whole. He mentioned the RCD effort, and the 2010 Community Wildfire Protection Plan. He mentioned other parties involved, particularly on the coast.

Michelle reported an update from Sheena at RCD on chipping events in Montara on May 17, and El Granada May 18-20.

Gregg summarized his LHMP Gaps document. The coast is now well involved. Len is helping with Caltrans and Cabrillo School District. Numerous issues for CalFire, and added communications systems. Hopes to write this up as a funding eligible project list for the coast.

(9:50) 6. Future Agendas

May 28th – Reimagine SamTrans, SAM Lawsuit, Summer Newsletter

May need letter on RCD Panorama

Virginia Ave crosswalk

Caltrans evacuation route related to eucalyptus letter

(10:00) Adjournment

Moved Len, 2nd Michelle, Passes 7-0