

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Approved Minutes: Meeting on February 22, 2012

Call to Order. 7:30 All councilmembers present.

1. Board of Supervisors Report - Nicholas Calderon (7:32)

- Design Review recruitment ad on MCC website
- 2/29/12 Hwy1 Traffic & Mobility Study meeting at Farallone View school, report on website, opportunity for public to participate

2. Community Forum (7:35)

Sabrina Brennan: Priority Development Area (PDA) designation for Midcoast will be decided by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) on March 15 without first vetting it through the public. Public comment deadline is February 29. MCC should have done more to inform public of complex topic.

Mike Ferreira: Rural PDA is oxymoron -- bureaucratic process to try to get money. Expects Bay Area Sierra Club chapters will oppose it. MCC in difficult spot – PDA important to you, but you were not consulted. Question needs to be asked, how can you do your job to advise the Board of Supervisors if you are not given the opportunity to be involved. If rural PDA designation is essential to the implementation of the Hwy 1 Mobility Study, is it worth it?

Lisa: If public wants to comment to ABAG on Midcoast PDA send sooner the better to: Ken Kirkey at KennethK@abag.ca.gov and Jackie Reinhart at JackieR@abag.ca.gov

Lisa: Vacancy on LAFCo for an Alternate Public Member: San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is an independent commission that makes decisions on boundaries and organization of cities and special districts in the County. LAFCo meets on the third Wed of odd-numbered months at 2:30 pm in RWC. To serve as an Alternate Public Member, a person must be a resident of SM County and may not be employed by a city, county, special or school district within the county. The term is 4 years ending in May 2014. Deadline to apply is April 9. Applications and information from Director Martha Poyatos at 650-363-4224.

David Vespremi: resigned from Midcoast Council

3. Approval of Agenda

- Move Hwy1 committee report up before Hwy1 regular agenda item.
- Reorder regular agenda as follows: Hwy 1 meeting, GGNRA committee, Devil's Slide, website committee

4. Consent Agenda – All approved 6-0

- a. Minutes – February 8, 2012
- b. Coastside Design Review Committee Openings for Website and media posting.
- c. Midcoast Projects/Issues 2012 (working draft 2/12/12)

5. Regular Agenda

Hwy 1 Safety & Mobility Study Community Meeting – 7:50

Laura committee report: final meeting arrangements: Farallone View School, 2/29/12, 6:30-9:00 pm, presentation start at 7:00pm. Snacks provided by County. MCC Chair will sit at table with presenters and control speaker slips and time limits, will introduce councilmembers at beginning of meeting. Councilmembers will sit with audience and comment as individuals. There will be 15 minutes allowed specifically for questions on the Study. One hour for public comment (with speaker slips) at podium. For people who don't want to speak or feel their concerns were not addressed, slips of paper will be provided and a box to leave them for County. No deadline yet for written public comments, nor Board of Supervisors date.

Dan: posters up around town, hard copies of study at local cafes, 2 road signs on Hwy 1

Len: email meeting notifications went to various local groups

Bill: Council confirm meeting details: podium, MCC speaker slips (Bob printed)

Nicholas: written comments received by County will be copied to MCC.

Confirmation of the ad hoc committee: MCC GGNRA RCdT Neighbors– Kehoe (8:13) Committee will continue to work with community members and GGNRA Representatives on Trail Head locations, Fire & Safety issues and Dog Management issues. Desired Outcome: Approve the ad hoc committee to pursue its stated objectives and deliverables (see GGNRA RCdT Committee Statement) then disbanded upon completion.

Bill: About 20 people met Feb 6, unanimous vote, want to continue to work with MCC through Board of Supervisors for good result with GGNRA.

Lisa: read prepared statement (attached), recognizes NCCA and Bill for work and success on public forums and direct connections for NCCA with NPS on Rancho neighbors' issues, but does not see this group as MCC committee according to MCC Bylaws Section 4.05. MCC has helped other neighborhood groups (EGNAG, Pillar Ridge HOA) via sponsoring public forums and mentoring, without formal committee.

Dan: not sure NCCA group fully understands how being MCC committee will limit or benefit them; suggest table the issue until that is more clearly understood.

Len: What is role of neighborhood committee in terms of association with MCC? Re dog policy, is the group's goal to advocate one way or another, or merely bring attention to it? Can see multiple committees regarding GGNRA including neighborhood and those taking central position. Neighborhood committee would be type of committee that hasn't existed before.

Laura: Neighborhood association represents their own interests, which is fine. But the MCC must represent the whole community. Remembers the issue with Pillar Ridge HOA where April sponsored their issue and the Council decided whether to support it. Rather than this neighborhood group being an MCC committee, Bill could attend their meetings and sponsor their issues to the Council so we are involved in decision making. Has major issue with council's ability to deal with dog issue. GGNRA dealing with a lot of controversy around dog management. The problem with this group as a committee is that the Council is only hearing one side of the issues. Does not support this group as MCC committee.

Bill: NCCA is just name of google group. Better to have MCC committees with regular meeting times than scattered groups around community. Larger turnout at GGRA committee meetings than MCC meetings. Should encourage all groups to work this way. Re dog policy, the MCC role is to have public forum; have had one or two already, opinions fairly equally divided. Just because we can't solve issue doesn't mean we shouldn't be sounding board, and get it to the right level of government. We can use our position to go to County and get more leverage, which is one of the reasons why they want to be a committee. MCC committee, not NCCA, set up meetings with NPS, both at Seton and in SF. We need a special meeting on role of committees. Council is only 7 members – need committees with more community members involved and doing the work.

Merideth Lamont: Surprised by GGNRA Dec 2010 announcement of trailhead in residential neighborhood – not a special interest – nobody would want that in their neighborhood. MCC meetings are hard to hear, frustrating to listen to councilmembers talk. Dog issue could be left aside. GGNRA is in the Midcoast, affects us. Dealing with fire issue because live next to Rancho, but it is important to everybody. Nice thing about committee is that we all get a chance to have input and listen to others. At MCC we just listen to you. Nobody comes. NCCA has no personal agenda – we are community members that want the best for the Midcoast.

Leeanne(?): Very appreciative of Bill's help and anyone else who would take the time to meet with us because we were just spinning our wheels on these issues. Issues aren't specific to certain group. Hard to get informed, many people don't know what's going on. If not an MCC committee, tell us how to do it.

Bob: MCC forms committees and then tries to drum up people to get involved. Here's a group ready formed wanting help.

Lisa: All for encouraging groups, having public forums so groups can present their issues, which have been excellent, but could have happened without the group being MCC committee. Concerned that NCCA forms their own positions to take directly to NPS without MCC approval; sometimes meets in private homes; members have demonstrated and blocked trailhead access to Native Plant Society Field Trip that brought 8 cars on a Sunday afternoon.

Nicholas: Suggests GGNRA standing committee for this long-term broad issue. Supervisor Horsley played central role in getting meeting in SF and Rancho fire safety field meeting, and is committed to these issues, especially public safety. Suggests looking outside how this committee is framed right now.

Len move to table discussion, but have group represented on website – 6-0 item tabled.

Devil's Slide Task Force Meeting March 7 – Erickson (8:55)

- i. Review community involvement concerning the Devil's Slide Task Force (presentation attached).
Desired Outcome: Choose 2 councilmembers to attend March DS Task Force meeting. Bill & Len 6-0
- ii. Review Devil's Slide Crossing information
Desired Outcome: Decide whether to re-affirm concern about the crossing and have further discussion with additional information at a future meeting.

Lisa: Hwy 1 Mobility Study is recommending raised median as safe crossing treatment – would like to see uniform treatment for crossings up & down Midcoast. If there is opportunity to mention this at DS meeting, would like to ask for that at tunnel crossing. There is room for pedestrian refuge in middle of road. Personally, would use that to cross one lane at a time rather than triggering pedestrian signal. This is something that could actually happen with current plan.

Bill: Good idea, will slip it in if opportunity arises.

Carl May: What community input are 2 MCC members taking to DS Task Force? Task Force has much greater jurisdiction than mess at tunnel opening. Millions of dollars going to be spent on DS trail improvements on old roadbed. Bird blinds at some locations to prevent disturbance of nesting birds being accepted without question – no data. No reason to spend public money on trail. Doesn't MCC want public input on that? Will be dog issues on DS trail.

Nicholas: Task Force meetings are discussions, interagency progress updates. Over/undercrossings too expensive. Certain decisions have been made – should not expect a completely separate project could happen. Best to write Supervisor with concerns – if he agrees, would have more influence at Task Force.

Dan: Would like to see ADA at-grade crossing but why no trail up and over tunnel?

Nicholas: It was discussed but Caltrans had safety concerns, rock slides. Bird blinds part of contract with Gulf of Farallones.

Confirmation of the ad hoc committee: MCC Website – Erickson (9:30) Address issues involving the current website and establish a project to replace the current website with one based on a standard template from Wordpress. Desired Outcome: Approve the ad hoc committee to pursue its stated objectives and deliverables (see Website Committee Statement) then disbanded upon completion.

Laura move approve MCC Website ad hoc committee: approved 6-0

6. Council Activity (9:40)

Meetings attended – Bill attended C/CAG – RFP for consultant to do HMB Airport land use plan. Supervisor Dave Pine said moving faster because holding up Midcoast planning. Need to ask Supervisor Horsley for update.

7. Committee Reports and Continuing Business (Hwy 1 committee report moved into Regular agenda)

8. Future Agendas (9:50)

2/29/12: Bill will send out notice of Special Meeting. Laura disagrees, says it is just jointly hosted, not special meeting. Problem is public comment period was not considered in meeting format with county.

3/14/12: RCD First Flush Report, Hwy1 Study

9. Adjournment (10:00)