

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Approved Minutes: Meeting on April 8, 2015, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:02 PM

Councilmembers present: Olson, Ketcham, Haggerty, Stein, Deinzer. Absent: Johnson
19 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors' Report - Nicholas Calderón

Connect the Coastside: Public Workshop next Wed, 4/15, 6:30 PM, Cypress Meadows

Plan Princeton: Open House Sat 1-3 PM, Yacht Club – Preferred Plan, different stations

Surfers Beach Erosion Protection Project: Caltrans is not sure if the box culvert repair can be included because funding has not yet been obtained. Erosion protection permit is expected on May CCC agenda.

Princeton parking: County will bring item to MCC in near future to discuss signage for no nighttime parking in effort to deal with many vehicles/trailers parked in certain areas for a long time.

Parallel Trail southern segment: County wants to amend approach to design process.

Phase 1 will be alternative analysis (best alignment to avoid sensitive habitat, whether best to route trail to west side of highway). Phase 2 will be environmental design.

Short-term rentals: Planning Commission workshop date pushed back from 4/22 to May.

LED Streetlights – fixture specs are color temp 2200 Kelvin (amber - between low and high pressure sodium fixtures). Sample installation any week now. Nicholas will let us know to whom to submit comments.

Reports from other Government Officials

Midcoast Highway 1 Crossings/Center Turn Lanes & Medians: Lisa reported the online survey (www.smcspeakout.com) on design alternatives has been adjusted so comments can be made on each location without choosing an alternative. If you already submitted a survey, you can click Change Your Survey to start over. Comment period ends April 15.

MCC election year change: Dave thanked Nicholas for working with Supervisor Horsley for BoS approval of MCC election year to even-numbered years at their last meeting.

CHP Captain Mike Maskarich: First quarter of this year brought slight uptick in collisions – unsafe turning movements, DUI. CHP strives to have a presence to deter unsafe driving. --Erin asked for info on Neighborhood Watch: Contact local Sheriff for assistance.

2. (7:23) Public Comment/ Announcements

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach: Princeton lack of sidewalks and parking patterns forces pedestrians into the street. Rather than throw in night-time no-parking signs now, better to wait for more comprehensive solution with Plan Princeton. Disappointed Preferred Plan had no one-way street circulation.

Karen deMoor, Moss Beach: Big Wave Project is out of scale with the community. Wellness Center has merits, but is only small portion of scheme for oversized commercial development, bringing huge increase in traffic. Urge decision makers to reconsider, scale it back. Thank you for your efforts on this.

Carol Keller, Moss Beach, concerned with Big Wave Project, especially regarding water supply. Concerned about MWSD claim that there is enough ground water. Is the County scaling back projects in line with mandated drought conservation?

Leonard Woren, El Granada: Concerned about the aquifer -- Is the County still allowing new houses on well water? Nicholas said he would look into it.

3. Consent Agenda: approved 5-0.

a. Approve Minutes for March 25, 2015

4. Regular Agenda

a. (7:35) Connect the Coastside. Presentation (attached) on transportation alternatives along Highway 1 and 92 by DKS consultants Bill Loudon and Josh Pilachowski.
--Most LOS impacts are not addressed even by most expensive alternatives. Will need to consider easing LOS standards and methods to reduce buildout numbers.
--Evaluation of land use alternatives will be separate report by Dyett & Bhatia at future MCC meeting – will include evaluation of programs for development fees, substandard lot mergers, open space set aside, and lot retirement.

Lisa – Comments submitted by Lisa/Laura to TAC in March but not yet addressed:

- Impacts of widening to 4 lanes between villages – Need aerial photo of road footprint, extent/cost of sensitive habitat mitigation, analysis of effect on bike lanes, trail routes, crossing difficulty. Segment from 9th to Vallemar is alternately described as 9th to Carlos, with cost underestimated by half.
- Cypress roundabout should be analyzed for double lane before discounting.
- Hwy 1 Safety/Mobility Study concepts for Moss Beach were ignored, replaced with two traffic signals (California & Cypress). No traffic calming or village entry definition, other than 2 to 1-lane merge ritual at each end of town. Consider near-term low-cost conversion of 2 left-turn pockets to left-merge pockets onto highway southbound at Vermont and northbound at California.
- Lighthouse/16th – as requested by MCC repeatedly, formalize connection of 16th St to Carlos for Hwy 1 access, allowing closure of 16th St highway access. Convert left turn pocket southbound at 16th to northbound left-merge pocket from lighthouse.

Erin – Was Big Wave Project included in Buildout analysis? (A: Yes) Are traffic impacts during construction considered? (A: That would come later in process.)

Laura – Explain what it means to relax Level of Service (LOS) standards.

--A: Redefining what a deficiency is. State is looking into eliminating LOS as criteria for impact in CEQA analysis, suggesting that other measures be used. LOS standards in Local Coastal Plans (LCP) are separate issue – would require LCP amendment to change. If you have a situation where traffic is already past the standard, the ability to judge the effect of future projects is lost.

Dan – Focus on congestion reduction tools, transit improvement, not capacity increase.

Dave – California is difficult for signal due to 5-way intersection. People prefer sloped curbs for sidewalks.

Fran Pollard, El Granada – Don't want to see a lot of traffic signals, wants short narrow islands for safe crossings. Don't widen highway to 4 lanes. Place moratorium on large development until drought ends.

Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach – Widening to 4 lanes north & south of Moss Beach will have cars speeding into town – opposite of traffic calming. Flawed crossings design process confused people on raised medians with road widening, giving bad data on survey results. Complicated document -- Need more public input; break it down into digestible chunks. Easing LOS is a game to increase development.

Leonard Woren, El Granada – Land use issue is the most important. Rezoning all residential to reduce house size will reduce buildout. Adding lane capacity will be sucked up by current demand. Signals always increase congestion. Redefining LOS standards so E or F is acceptable is straight out of Orwell's 1984.

Carl May, Moss Beach – County plans are imposed on us. Consider the benefits of no project. Reduce buildout. These are not improvements – they are urban development. Runoff from hardscaping is already a problem. We are barely breaking even now on the water supply. Don't widen the highway to 4 lanes in the Midcoast. Even though inside the urban/rural boundary, the proposed segments are scenic rural areas.

Carol Keller, Moss Beach – Amazed at bottleneck merge from 2 to 1 lane in HMB – shocked that would be done in Moss Beach. Take the concept of "build it and they will come" to transit, like express buses to BART. Need to be more progressive in our planning. Why aren't we working on this now?

Jim Berkey, Montara: One workshop on Apr 15 not enough – suggest having more.

--A: There will be another public meeting in Aug/Sept. ConnectTheCoastside.com is ongoing place for providing input.

b. (9:00) Devil's Slide Ride – Sirenetta Leoni and Diane Conti (CEO of Parca) provided info on the July 18 ride and impacts on Hwy 1 traffic along the route. Handout attached.

c. (9:14) PLN2014-00490 proposed house on 15th & East in Montara.

Presentation by neighbor Patricia Lynn, representing neighborhood group to save Montara Creek open space. 15th St is undeveloped "paper" street with no houses. Speakers in support of modified draft MCC comments to County project planner:

Adrian Mallinger, Montara
Leonard Woren, El Granada
Jim Berkey, Montara
Bill Kehoe, Moss Beach

Motion: Approve amended draft MCC letter to County Planning Dept.

Approved: 4-0-1 (Erin abstain)

d. (10:08) 2-Stage Safe Crossing design alternative. Presentation by Dan Haggerty on angled median crossing refuge islands, proposing MCC approve draft letter to County to delay and reconsider design alternatives for Hwy 1 crossings, medians, left turn lanes.

Lisa: Draft letter was placed on agenda at last minute Sunday and includes only one councilmember's issue and assumptions, whereas we all have spent considerable time on this issue, and submitted our own comments as individuals. If we decide to comment as a council, we should first review the survey results and comments submitted, and then consider the full set of issues.

Bill Kehoe – doesn't agree with Dan's solution, but public workshop process was unsatisfactory – needed more group discussion -- too many locations for one meeting. 30 attendees is not a large sample. Many did not vote given only A or B choice. MCC needs to comment in a more comprehensive letter after the survey comments are reviewed. Moss Beach needs integrated solution.

Leonard Woren – Send letter as is because of false dichotomy in voting on designs.

Fran Pollard – supports letter, wants short median islands.

Jim Berkey – Questions on priorities and relationship to Connect the Coastside.

--Nicholas: Crossing locations have not been prioritized yet. This project will inform Connect the Coastside.

Motion by Dan, second by Erin to approve draft letter: Motion failed: 2-3 (Dan, Erin in favor, Laura, Lisa, Dave opposed).

5. Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended – none

6. Future Agendas

April 22 – Midcoast Parks Forum at Cypress Meadows

May 13 – Community Choice Aggregation presentation; Crossings/Medians/Left turns

Adjourn – 10:48 PM