

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar

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Minutes for Meeting of MAY 27, 2020

Call to Order (7:10pm) Held via Zoom because of COVID crisis

All Councilmembers present. Other attendance 28, including 16 members of the public.

1. Board of Supervisors' Report

Carrie Dallman of Supervisor Horsley's office reported that Census workers would soon distribute forms to households who have PO Boxes and therefore haven't otherwise received forms. She described the process for completing forms.

She reminded us of the community meeting on Connected the Coastside scheduled for 5/30. A discussion ensued about whether advance registration process would affect participation. Joe LaClair subsequently clarified that people could participate at the last minute as well.

The moratorium on commercial and residential evictions associated with COVID has been extended to 6/30.

2. Public Comment & Announcements

Claire noted that the State contract for Seton beds was expiring, putting the future of Seton and Seton Coastside back to uncertain status.

Sue Reyneri described and complained about an influx of visitors to the Coast despite Shelter-in-Place and about problems that came with that.

A letter from Terri Eichelburg of the County LGBT Commission asked for recognition of June Pride Month.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for May 13 moved Dave, seconded Claire, passed 6-0

4. Regular Agenda – The Council may take action on the following items:

- a. **Midcoast Mobility Survey Final Results** (Weil) See presentation. Final results of the survey on Midcoast concern, especially transportation, were presented.

Dan wondered how the comments in the presentation were selected. Ellie said that they were representationally chosen because not all comments could be cited. He also asked if there were different versions of the survey, as he had encountered questions of a political nature. It was clarified that Survey Monkey goes on to a subsequent survey at the end of the first survey and that the questions he noticed were not part of the sponsored survey. He also was concerned that the process was unfair because the composition of the relevant MCC workgroup was unclear to him and he felt language on sidewalks was leading.

Len thought that 600 responses gathered was strong.

Dave was concerned that CTC in Moss Beach had been diverted to meet the needs of Cypress Point and asked about the propriety of public funding to provide resources for that project. He asked for clarification of whether CTC is conceptual or logistic. Joe said that MidPen would pay “their fair share.”

Len said that CTC should be complete before Cypress Point action, per the Coastal Commission. He said that the County Planning Commission meeting on LCP amendment should be delayed until after the County’s public meeting on Moss Beach proposed CTC/improvements.

Michelle asked about the status of the roundabout at Cypress and possibly at California or Vallemar/Etheldore. Joe said there were no firm commitments, only a need to evaluate options.

Dan advocated for traffic simulation software and asked about the speed of vehicles in roundabouts. Joes suggested looking at ICE analysis of gap-acceptance factor.

Len and Claire expressed concerns about the degree to which community concerns were heard.

b. (8:05) Connect the Coastside and Cypress Point Process (Erickson)

See presentation about Moss Beach improvements by Joe LaClair. It was noted that future meetings on this included focus on Moss Beach/Montara on 6/10 and on other Midcoast communities on 6/15.

Claire expressed frustration that needs of the community seemed to be treated as secondary to the needs of Cypress Point. She noted that near-future changes to Carlos Street were cited as being for Coastal Trail extensions, which are not scheduled for several years. She also complained that bicycle way-finding signs at Cypress Point didn’t acknowledge the lack of bike-accessible travel. She also called for consideration of zoning changes to neighborhood commercial districts to justify the “downtown Moss Beach” relationships to Cypress Point. Joe acknowledged the zoning issues and said that the process to consider changes was beginning.

Barbra expressed concerns about how many people would attend the 5/30 public meeting. She also thought that making improvements to Carlos would be more workable than trying to direct traffic through residential side-streets.

Ann Rothman was concerned about how traffic changes would affect the fire station at Stetson and Kelmore, about lack of handicap-accessible features, and about habitat protection. Joe said that handicap accessibility on roadways was not able to be accommodated on the hilly coastside.

John Qaqundah complained about “inexcusable delay” in projects wanted by local residents. He particularly cited the intersection at the lighthouse. Joe replied that Grey Whale Cove had higher priority. John also asked whether if all the improvements were approved, was Cypress Point also automatically approved. Joe said no.

Dolores Silva cited the Resist Density review of currently-referenced traffic studies and why there was no sidewalk proposed on the northern section of Carlos. She was concerned about safe walking to school. She also questioned the status of Buena Vista Street. She said that these proposals and those related to Cypress Point should not go to the Planning Commission

in the current social situation. Joe said he would get back to her about Buena Vista.

Barbara Kasome was concerned about influx of visitors to Moss Beach, citing volume of cars, amount of trash, and danger of COVID spread.

Dolores said that unbundling parking costs from rents at Cypress Point would contribute to neighborhood parking congestion and asked for trails instead of sidewalks.

Len discussed environmental review after his discussion of this with the Coastal Commission. He indicated that it is at the discretion of the County to disclose what information the Commission would need to know and that would be used in an environmental review to be held subsequently. A "CEQA-equivalent process" will occur at the permit stage.

Dan asked why Joe thinks the community wants roundabouts and asked him to commit to using traffic-simulation software.

Dave noted that 45 mph signs had been erected.

Harald Herrman noted that traffic studies associated with CTC were dated 2014. He was also concerned that Sunshine Valley Road would be used to bypass Highway One problems, endangering residents, including school children. He asked what the symbols on Joe's maps meant.

Len said that in light of the County's refusal to delay Planning Commission consideration of Cypress Point-related issues until after the County community meeting on Moss Beach/Montara CTC issues, he was withdrawing the letter on the subject of delay of action.

c. (9:40) Council & Virtual Meetings (Erickson) Joe addressed the upcoming community meetings on the CTC, offering MCC members the option of observing breakout sessions.

Dave saw this as a chance to listen and not to talk.

Dan regretted that he wouldn't be able to hear everything and disliked the breakouts, but Joe noted that it would be recorded.

Michelle asked how to get the most benefit from this.

d. (9:54) Midcoast Email Newsletter Overview(Weil) see presentation.

Dave liked the idea of a newsletter.

Dan liked it more than he thought he would, but wants the Council to have some degree of editorial oversight.

Len raised the possibility of printed and Spanish versions.

Michelle asked that volunteers for the newsletter contact her.

It was agreed to discuss the newsletter process as an agenda item as it progresses.

e.(10:10) Zoom Pro License(Erickson) It was moved by Claire and seconded by Dave and passed 6-0 to authorize \$149.99 for a Zoom professional license.

5. (8:20) Council Activity

Michelle noted partial opening of beach areas.

Claire described that rate of COVID infection prevents the County from decreasing scope of current orders.

Dan and Len discussed timing of traffic lights at Frenchman's Creek and on 92.

Dave reported multiple meetings:
County Ag Committee expressed concerns about PLN2019-00258's effects on ranches. MCC supported this item.

HMB City Council COVID study group touched on parking in the whole area and potential beach parking lot opening.

Harbor District discussed plans to reopen harbor properties and adopted new ethics policies.

GCSD discussed how to open the skate facility, said that SAM financing seemed smoother than last year, and said that Recology would pick up trash at Surfers Beach more frequently over Memorial Day weekend.

MWSD discussed need to raise fees to address deferred infrastructure maintenance.

MidPen has submitted revised drawings for Cypress Point, showing modified heights and setbacks.

Updated plans were submitted for Harbor Village RV Park, with minimal changes.

6. Future Agendas Len proposed a special meeting following issuance of staff report on amendment changes related to Cypress Point, since the County is unwilling to delay consideration of this at Planning Commission. Sense of the Council is to hold a regular meeting earlier instead of a special meeting.

Adjournment (10:35)