

# 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 November 13, 2019***

### **Call to Order (7:05)**

All Councilmembers present

### **1. Board of Supervisors' Report**

Brae Hunter for Supervisor Horsley: Parallel Trail has received \$400k grant for segment to Coronado. Construction to start in early 2020.

Gray Whale Cove Planning Commission hearing delayed to Dec 11th at Caltrans request.

Supervisor Horsley meeting with Caltrans to request FRRB instead of HAWK.

The Board of Supervisors voted to ban all sale of e-cigarettes in unincorporated county.

Nicholas Calderon was confirmed as Director of Parks and Recreation, effective Dec 18, 2019

Harvey Rarback - mentioned Coastal Commission meeting at Oceana Hotel today-Friday. Friday discussing visitor facilities, and sealevel raise and resiliency.

The city is sponsoring a jobs fair at Cunha Middle Skill on Friday Nov. 15th

The City Council plans to approve the transportation plan at next meeting on Nov 19th. Goal is to reduce single occupant vehicles, including possible new Park&Ride lot.

Barbra asked about EOC use policy and ham radio discussed at last CEAP meeting.

Harvey answered that HMB officials will make the decisions as appropriate.

### **2. Public Comment & Announcements (7:45)**

No public comment

Claire reported on Hermosa home discussed at Coastal Commission meeting earlier in the day; the Commission unanimously decided a CDP would be required. The Comprehensive Traffic Management Plan (Connect the Coastside) is due out in December with public meetings to follow.

### **3. Consent Agenda (7:50)**

a. Approve Minutes for regular meeting Oct 23, 2019

Moved Barbra, second Tamar. Passes 7-0

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

#### **a. (7:50) Conversation with Cabrillo Unified School District Superintendent Sean McPhetridge**

Sean expressed his gratitude that the community passed Measure I to reduce budget cuts by a significant majority.

The district is still facing budget cuts even with Measure I, primarily due to limited state and federal funding vs employee count and buildings, and that needs to be in place by this December, up to \$2.5M.

The deficit needs to be addressed, or district might face County office of Education taking over the administration of the district, similar to what happened in Oakland in the past. Other districts in the state are in a similar state

State is funding study and recommendation on district cuts and funding, but won't be received until January, so too late for December deadline.

Possibility that state may approve additional funding for districts like CUSD in 2020, so budget planning will try to account for that possibility.

The prediction is that CUSD current enrollment of 1300 will drop to 1100 based on demographics, cutting income even further.

Pension costs are required to be fully funded (over a period of time), but no additional funds to districts to do so.

The district is no longer considering consolidation of Farallone View and El Granada elementary schools, now that more funding available. It would be a very difficult move, and might not result in savings.

He wants to stop busing of students from Moonridge to Farallone View, due to the length of travel. Not equitable, because Ocean Colony students don't have to do that. Also not environmentally friendly.

The district is looking at electrifying district vehicles and buses.

Some savings by buying solar panel installations that are currently leased.

Starting planning on modernizing El Granada and Farallone View, including replacing some worn out portables. Particularly concerned about mold resistance, green infrastructure, self-sustaining including electricity to ride out power outages. Would likely require a new bond measure. El Granada most in need, in his opinion.

The district is considering increased physical security, particularly at Farallone View (perimeter fencing), following the recent lockdown incident.

He hopes that the MCC can help with improving cell coverage for parents in school emergencies. Has been in contact with AT&T and others.

Barbra mentioned her children were at Farallone View, and it has hardly changed in the 40 years since her first child went there. Sean agrees.

Dave mentioned teacher housing and possible park/community sharing on the El Granada surplus property.

Sean said he is considering working with a developer on that, once he has more time. Might be nice if it wasn't just single family. Sean would be interested in using it for what the community wants, if not used for housing.

Michelle mentioned her child will be at Farallone View in a couple of years. Asked about LED lighting, was happy to hear it's on the list. Wondered how much of reduced enrollment was private schools and home schooling, rather than reduced population of children. Sean said the statistics indicate that it is indeed a reduced population. Seems to be county-wide. Redwood City for example recently closed 4 schools. Asked about recent initiative to create a charter school and his opinion. Sean said he would be concerned about the impact on the district finances, and might lead to a school closure and a new state bill might give district more control over new charter schools.

Claire thinks there is an issue with students going to private schools due to traffic patterns. Is worried that cuts might lead to more students going to private schools. She brought up facilities costs such as tennis courts, and what would the process be if the County did take over the district.

Sean replied that cuts have to be made, the district has no choice, they can only control which cuts are made. Tennis courts in particular had an MOU with the Coastside Tennis Association, but he is going to look over the MOU. He wants a better deal. The funds are from the facilities bond measure, not an operational cost. Also if not done, future costs might be incurred to replace entirely. Shows why a facilities master plan is needed.

Tamar thanked Sean for the way the power outage was handled, and the effort to keep the schools open. Is concerned about how the cuts might affect the ratings of the schools, and whether there would an effort to get the community to fill in the gaps. Will reevaluate cuts and funding if and as new funds become available. Ratings were an issue at last evenings PTO meeting at Farallone View. Some of that comes from parents ratings. He

does think the test ratings are about to improve as well. Thinks as Farallone View and El Granada are modernized that will also help.

Dan brought up issue of types of LED lighting, and community concerns about color, and about dark sky lighting (both exterior and interior). Sean agreed that type and color of lighting is important for student health. Dan asked how buildings can be mold-proofed. Sean said the district architect has worked on other coastal schools, window types, building materials, etc. can be used, and won't be just concrete.

**b. (8:35) Consideration of Letter of Additional Response to Proposed Harbor Village RV Park PLN2017-00320**

Claire read Neil Merrilees letter to the MCC, supporting Len's idea of reducing size, and concerns about visual impact of existing plan, and impact on viability of the mall and hotel, and using the unbuilt area for new attractions.

Modified version of the draft letter posted to website was presented.

Len's major concern was lack of responsiveness to previous comments about the view corridor, and lack of definition of the Pillar Point gateway concept. The letter tries to define that and the view easement

There was extensive discussion about late versions of the letter, and not enough time to study the letter as presented.

Dave moved to table this item, second Barbra.

Passed 6-1, opposed Michelle.

Dave moved that the council have a special meeting on Dec 4 to discuss a revised letter.

Passes 5-2, opposed Michelle, Claire

**c. (9:20) Update on transportation issues**

Len received an update on the Moss Beach crosswalk. Caltrans is still observing and studying the safety, but no firm dates. Len is pursuing a firm date. Len pushed for multiple public meetings on CTMP with planning. Mentioned again the project initiation of the Moss Beach corridor and Cypress roundabout. He asked State Parks about the Gray Whale Cove project, and State Parks plans if any related to that project.

Barbra mentioned that there are multiple visible skid marks approaching the sidewalk.

Michelle mentioned the reduced visibility from the side, due to the crowned road.

Dan asked why MCC hasn't talked to the county about the crosswalk not meeting what the community wanted. Len replied that was what his meeting with Don was about, and Don shares those concerns, and will meet with Caltrans (Tony Traveras), but hasn't yet. Dan feels that the council didn't reflect the community concerns and desires about the crosswalk.

Brae discussed the ADA issue at GWC. The issue is that the Federal legislation requires that all government construction be ADA compliant to the extent possible. So do the County ordinances.

**5. Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended**

Barbra attended the Nov 1 CEAP meeting on the PSPS. City and other organizations represented. City Manager decided not to open the EOC, feeling at meeting was that not opening the EOC caused additional communication problems. Reported that many pharmacies and gas stations exhausted supplies. Barbra and others felt that Midcoast wasn't represented in that decision about the EOC, that there is a disconnect with HMB.

Len/Dave County Parks and Parks Conservancy meeting on Pillar Point bluff. Observed dogs off leash. The purpose of the meeting was primarily discussion of the Air Force restoration, and it's impact on trail usage and access to the beach. Also the coastal trail route. Will need assistance from Jackie Speier to move things forward with the Air Force.

Claire attended the Coastal Commission meeting today.

Was at the HMB city council meeting where there was much public comment on Dunes Beach project, and mentioned resources on our web page.

Tamar attended CUSD board meeting, mentioned Kings Mt school closure still on possible list.

**6. Future Agendas**

December 4th - RV Park letter special meeting

December 11 – Reimagine SamTrans, Coastal Land Trust, Letter of Comment on PLN2019-00299, election of officers

**Adjournment (9:25)**