

**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 July 12, 2023***

### **(7:00pm) Call to Order**

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting. The physical location for the in-person portion was held at the Granada Community Services District office, 510 Avenue Alhambra, 3rd floor, El Granada, CA.

Council members present:

- Gregg Dieguez, Chair
- Claire Toutant, Vice Chair
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal
- Ann Rothman
- Kimberly Williams (7:09)

### **1. (7:10pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials**

A. **Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay City Council**, reported the following:

1. Great 4th of July Parade
2. August 15th CERT training, 8:30 at Station 40 Main St.
3. There will be a collaboration with HMB and the Mid Coast to develop Broadband service.

B. **(7:05)Mike O'Neill, Community Liaison to Supervisor Mueller**, reported on the following items:

BOS Agenda Item on 7/25/23

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the San Mateo County Parks Department to apply for all permits necessary, including a Coastal Development Permit, to make off-leash dog recreation permissible at Quarry County Park.
2. The special meeting regarding the tenant protection ordinance scheduled for July 19 th is canceled. The BOS had a study session on this item, and it looks like it will not come to the BOS with a revised ordinance until December 23.

If there is any more feedback or questions about the potential tenant protection ordinance, engage with the other supervisors and not just Ray, though no official date has been listed for when it may come back to the agenda.

3. We are engaging with the parks department on the issue of roundup use and they will be coming to MCC in the near future to provide an informational overview and take questions.
4. Also let them know that we will be hosting a community listening session to gain input on the future of Measure K and how dollars are spent to serve Midcoast needs. We should ask for their help in spreading the word and getting folks out to participate. It will take place on Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. at our coast office.
5. There's a great need for coastside design review committee members. There are 9 Vacancies.
6. List of openings/vacancies. <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies>
7. Link to application for commissions <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/application-boards-commissions-and-commttees>
8. Save the Date for Disaster Preparedness Day:
  - The 19th Annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day is set for Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - The free annual event at the San Mateo County Event Center will include CPR and first aid classes, interactive preparedness demonstrations, giveaways, free hot dogs and free parking.
  - Learn more at [www.smcdisasterprep.org](http://www.smcdisasterprep.org)
9. Human Services Agency Implements New Benefits System:
  - The Human Services Agency successfully launched a new statewide benefits system that will make the process of applying and maintaining them faster and more efficient for clients.
  - The California Statewide Automated Welfare System is a first for the state in bringing all 58 counties together in one Joint Powers Authority.
  - The user-friendly system's consistent use across all 58 counties means clients can move to another jurisdiction without any breaks in service. There is also a courtesy call back feature so that clients do not have to stay on hold. The feature holds the client's place in line and will attempt a call back three times once an agent is available.
  - The phone number for questions is 800-223-8383.
10. Anna Eschoo Local Congresswoman for the Mid Coast will be speaking and doing a Q&A on this Saturday July 15 th at 9:30 at the Sharp Park

Restaurant in Pacifica. All are welcome. No host breakfast is available but optional.

**C. (7:15) Hannah Omshaw, San Mateo County Parks reported the following:**

1. Dogs off Leash in Quarry Park:  
"No Issues Observed". Parks will continue to monitor.
2. Drainage concerns in Quarry Park affecting local neighborhood.  
San Mateo County Parks is looking for a resolution. The Parks Department is working with the DPW Roads Department.

Comment:

- **Kimberly Williams** had concerns regarding enforcement in the playground versus the meadow.
- **Len Ericson** had concerns of dogs off leash in the meadow.
- **Burnett Silveria** had concerns with dogs off leash in the meadows and also with stormwater runoff and diversion .

**2. Public Comment:**

- 1) **Tyler Hawes on behalf of Civic Bell.** Tyler invites all the members of the MCC to join [civicbell.com](http://civicbell.com)
- 2) **Jane Praysilver** (El Granada) Jan would like the community to be informed when the tenant meeting takes place. Jane also thinks that the increased density issue needs further discussion.
- 3) **Steve Terry** had concerns regarding the revenue model of Civic Bell.

**3) (7:55) Consent Agenda:**

Approve the Minutes of June 28th 2023. Dan Haggerty moved, Ann Rothman 2nd.  
Passed 7/0

**4.) (7:35) Regular Agenda:**

- A. **Ecological Light Pollution.** Actionable science to manage coastal lightscapes.  
**Dr. Travis Longcore** gave a presentation regarding light pollution and ways to reduce its effects on the environment.

Comments by:

- Steve Terry
- Edmundo Larena
- Melinda MacNaughton (El Granada)
- Mary-Anne Giglio (El Granada)
- Natalie Downe (El Granada)
- Dan Haggerty
- Ann Rothman

- Gus Mattammal

**B. Update on fuel reduction efforts. Timothy Federa I(RCD) and Hannah Ormshaw (San Mateo County Parks)**

1. The proposed South Quarry Park fire road has been put on hold due to budget concerns.
2. A 200 ft fire break is being established in the areas around Quarry park that affect the neighborhoods of El Granada.
3. **Timothy Federal** gave an update on these Fire Resiliency Program items:
  - a. Shaded and unshaded fuel breaks
  - b. El Granada scoping project
  - c. Neighborhood chipping program
  - d. Hazardous tree mitigation.

Comment:

- **Carlisle Ann Young** (Moss Beach) questioned how many tickets have been issued for off leash dogs.
- **Natalie Downe** wanted to see limited interaction with bat hibernation and bird nesting.
- **Jane Praysilver** (El Granada) wants to see protection of Deer Creek
- **Melinda MacNaughton** (El Granada) expressed concern on how fuel was prevented from growing back. Hannah Ormshaw replied that the fuel was prevented from growing back by mowing and herbicide application to the trunks of trees.
- **Kimberly Williams** wanted to know what parks were closed.
- **Scott Bollinger** asked that the entrances to the south end of Quarry park be secured.

**5.) Council Activity:**

- **Claire Toutant**, Planning Department review with Kimberly Williams and Ann Rothman  
**Gregg Dieguez** recommended purchasing Issue Management Software. The software would be used for tracking the progress of issues that the MCC is involved with. It will also aid in tracking collaborations with other organizations, specifically the County of San Mateo and its associated departments.  
Continuing efforts with the development of the community fiber network.
- **Gus Mattammal** had questions regarding the Brown Act and how it may affect the transportation work groups.
- **Kimberly Williams** attended the Coastal Commission Meeting
- **Ann Rothman** attended:  
Board of Supervisors Meeting. Ann reported that there is a movement to get the CA Constitution amended to allow for a simple majority vote rather than 2/3rds to allow for bonds and tax increases be implemented more easily.  
There will be a ballot measure put on the 2024 election to fund affordable housing by assessing home owners. Ann is not sure if the exact amount per household but it was reported on local tv news that it would cost \$75-\$100 per \$500,000 assessed value of the home. The county of San Mateo would receive 1/10th of the monies the state would receive for putting this ballot measure forward. The ballot measure would also expand how general obligation bonds can be used from the narrow definition currently in place.

Tenant Protection meeting has been extended to the end of the year as 3 of the 5 supervisors could not support the protections as written.

**Ann Rothman** will be excused from the next meeting on July 26th to attend the Montarra Fire House planning meeting.

Comment:

**Tyler Hawes on behalf of Civic Bell**, commented that the use of Civic Bell should not have a budget impact on the MCC

**7.) Future Agenda:**

- 7/26 meeting-stormwater issues
- Glyphosate agenda item on August 23rd
- Wildfire management
- Pre discussion on moving by weekly MCC meetings to the new harbor location.
- Letter asking for funding fiber network feasibility is coming.
- **Burnett Silveria** is asking for these agenda items:
  - Storm water run off in Quarry Park
  - Parking for Quarry Park
  - Dogs off leash in Quarry Park

**Adjournment (10:30pm)**

Gus Mattammal Moved, Scott Bollinger 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 7-0