

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Approved Minutes: Meeting on October 12, 2016, at GCSD

Call to Order. 7:03 PM

Councilmembers present: Chris Johnson, Lisa Ketcham, Dan Haggerty, Dave Olson, Claire Toutant [Absent: Erin Deinzer, Laura Stein]

Government: Supervisor's Aide Ellie Dallman, County Health System Terry Wilcox-Rittgers, Fire Marshall Mark Mondragon

6 members of the public

1. Board of Supervisors' Report and Reports from other Government Officials

Ellie Dallman, Supervisor Horsley's Aide:

Donuts with Don (Supervisor Horsley Coastside office hours) Oct 13, 10AM to noon at Moss Beach Sheriff Substation.

Coastside Weekend Beach Shuttle: Funding was approved by County Transportation Authority last week, and C/CAG tomorrow evening. No info on when it will start.

Highway 1 Crossings/Turn Lanes: County is having discussions with Caltrans on best way to move forward with turn lanes and crossing project at Gray Whale Cove. Caltrans striping maintenance schedule does not align with near-term striping of Cypress acceleration lane or 16th/lighthouse crossing.

Connect the Coastside consultant DKS is looking at Cypress roundabout feasibility. When that is rapped up, they will continue with Connect the Coastside, with a TAC meeting this winter.

Marijuana Legalization: Board of Supervisors will hold an informational study session to understand the potential new law (Prop 64) Nov 1, 1:30pm, at Board chambers in RWC.

Coastal Commission Reception hosted by Board of Supervisors, Wed, Nov 2, 6-7:30pm, at Oceano Gatehouse. RVSP.

El Granada medians: County Real Property Division and County Counsel will be sending communication to GCSD regarding active recreational use in the medians. Dave added that next GCSD Park Advisory Committee meeting is Mon, Oct 24.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) for severe mental illness: Terry Wilcox, Clinical Services Manager, SMC Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Division, gave an overview of the program, which began on July 1, in response to Laura's Law. AOT reaches out to people with severe mental illness who are not connected to services and are challenged to live safely and stably in our community. The AOT team works to connect people to treatment to decrease mental health crises, hospitalizations, incarceration and homelessness while helping people achieve and maintain their physical and mental health. To make a referral, contact the AOT Team at 650-372-6125 or AOT@smcgov.org. For more info, go to www.smchealth.org/AOT.

HMB General Plan Advisory Committee: Dave announced next GPAC meeting Oct 13 at 6:30pm at old train depot next to Johnson House in HMB.

Candidate Forums: Lisa announced Cabrillo School Board forum Tues, Oct 18, 7pm at GCSD. Links to all local candidate forum videos are posted on MCC homepage.

2. Public Comment & Announcements

Marcia Yeates, Moss Beach, announced new Resist Density Mission Statement. “Resist Density is a nonprofit educational organization advocating for the conservation of coastal land and sensible development within the fixed infrastructure constraints and geographic isolation of the unincorporated San Mateo County Midcoast. We work to inform our community of potential benefits and the cumulative effect of building development, trying to mobilize our community to take action and express our concerns with the decision makers.” New Vision: “The preservation of coastal open spaces, retention of the semi-rural community character, and the assurance of coastal access and safety on Highway 1 for the residents and the visitors.”

3. Consent Agenda - approved 5-0

- a. Approve minutes for September 14, 2016

4. Regular Agenda

- a. (7:30) **Capistrano Road Parking Bays** (Johnson) — Fire Marshall requests County ordinance for no-parking zones in all Capistrano Road parking bays fronting the Oceano Hotel and Inn to ensure adequate space for emergency response.
Desired outcome: Determine MCC comments to County DPW on no-parking designation for Capistrano Road parking bays.

Chris gave slide presentation showing history timeline, Midcoast road standards, and existing road width on inland side of raised median (13 ft at bulb-outs and 19 ft at parking bays).

Fire Marshall Mark Mondragon explained the fire safety issues and answered questions.

- Large vehicles sometimes park and stick out into the travel lane which is restricted by the raised median, impeding passage of large trucks/buses. There was an incident of a fire truck having to stop and wait.
- Capistrano Road is “existing non-conforming” – does not fit current state fire standards which require 20-ft-wide unobstructed roadway. Normal Type 1 fire engine is about 12 ft wide mirror to mirror, 14 ft with doors open. Engines have gotten bigger over the years -- new rescue truck is much larger. Ladder truck with stabilizers deployed is 17 ft wide. Largest ladder extends to 36 ft.
- Fire connections are spread out along the street: In addition to the 2 hydrants, there are 3 private backflow prevention devices with Fire Dept connections that can augment pressure to interior fire sprinklers. Keeping open access to those features would lose about half the parking spaces. Fire Dept is asking to eliminate all of them.
- Alternatives:
 - Take the median out. With all 5 access locations blocked out, there would still be about 8 parking spaces left, and the unobstructed roadway without the median would give fire fighters the space to work.
 - Remove the 5 bulb-outs and convert parking to striped bike lane. Safer for bicyclists and provides adequate fire dept work area without touching median.

Q&A:

- What specifically happened between Nov 2015 when you said it was OK to have parking, and now when you say it's not OK? Prior Fire Marshall worked with Oceano and gave them the go-ahead to paint curbs red. Mark was Fire Marshall when County got involved last year and he learned that a no-parking ordinance would be required. He applied for ordinance to make the entire section no parking.
- There are other Midcoast buildings 36 ft high. Do you foresee other areas where street parking will need to be prohibited? Probably half of Midcoast roads are existing non-conforming. This road segment is different than smaller residential areas due to

the major 3-story hotel in a congested area.

- Are the existing roads and road standards part of the discussion when new equipment is considered? Requirements for equipment we need to carry have greatly increased.
- Can't the load be split onto separate smaller trucks? No.
- Why wasn't this addressed when the hotel was permitted and constructed? It was an oversight.
- Do state fire standards require that we revise our local road standards and rebuild our roads? When standards conflict, you have to use the larger access requirement unless it isn't feasible. Fire Dept will make access on local roads work as best we can.
- What's the end game for ever-larger equipment requiring new fire station and road modification? Construction of Oceano and Ritz-Carlton forced us to buy a ladder truck.
- Seems like a special exception in this location? No parking is a simple fix in this section of roadway with a very specific target hazard of critical importance. Gets requests all the time for no parking in residential areas -- considered on case-by-case basis. Any new no parking will just move cars elsewhere and impact the neighbors.
- Could there be a median design that would accommodate Fire Dept and still provide traffic calming, such as low height, rounded curb, decorative stone in the middle to provide firm support for emergency vehicles? Planting is a problem. Stabilizers need firm support and must be level. Truck carries metal plates to protect pavement.

Len Erickson, El Granada: Replace parking bays and curb extensions with Class 2 bike lane.

Marcia Yeates, Moss Beach: supports Fire Dept request for no-parking.

Dave: Understands Fire Dept position and is OK with no-parking zone. Not happy with loss of parking and initial unpermitted nature of change. Ask for more visitor parking behind Oceano. Larger concerns regarding fire truck size and existing infrastructure are outside of the boundary of this issue. Likes bike lane idea, removing bulb-outs but leave the one tree.

Dan: Limit remaining parking to compact cars. More study is needed for a better solution. Redesign the median so it's not a problem for the ladder truck. Bike lane will not provide traffic calming – don't remove the bulb-outs. The hotel is driving a lot of undesirable change for community.

Claire: Makes some sense for no parking because road is so busy, but spaces should be replaced somewhere -- in back of Oceano. Modified median is good option -- don't care whether bulb-outs stay or remain. Like bike lane aesthetically, but short segment means of limited use. Re issues overlooked with permitting/construction of hotel, make sure this doesn't happen again. Fire equipment is mismatched with our infrastructure.

Lisa: Visitor parking need is growing. Harbor District could start charging for parking at any time – have had it as priority for years. Beach parking inventory required by local business permit conditions includes 90 marked spaces behind Oceano, but visitors are unaware. Ask for way-finding signage at parking lot entrance.

--Half the capacity of Capistrano parking bays fronting Oceano is devoted to Fire Dept access providing 5 separate locations to fully deploy the truck and stabilizers in the existing roadway, as described by Mark. For the near term, restricting the remaining space to compact cars should be given more consideration.

--For the longer term, Plan Princeton can study possible road modifications such as modification of median and bulb-outs and striped bike lane, keeping in mind that traffic calming is key on this road. Capistrano is already a designated Class 3 bike route (to

Prospect, Airport, Cypress), so one section upgraded to Class 2 is not disconnected.

--We need to look closer at emergency access when businesses request exemption to off-street parking requirement.

Chris agrees with Dan that Oceano is driving a lot of change. Can live without parking, but must replace traffic calming (existing bulb-outs/median could suffice). Must mitigate for lost parking.

Item continued to Oct 26. Chair Chris will draft MCC letter.

5. Council Activity – Correspondence received & meetings attended

Valleamar Bluff. Committee for Green Foothills commissioned independent bluff erosion study by Bob Battalio & Louis White of ESA. Lisa and Dave attended group site visit with consultants Sept 28. We should have their draft report prior to Oct 26 MCC agenda item.

6. Future Agendas –

Oct 18 -- Candidate forum for Cabrillo School Board at GCSD, 7pm

Oct 26 – Valleamar Bluff five-house development

(9:10) **Adjourn**