

<p style="text-align: center;">Midcoast Community Council</p> <p><i>An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar</i></p> <p>PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038 http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org</p>	<p>Michelle Weil, Chair Claire Toutant, Vice Chair Len Erickson, Treasurer Dave Olson, Secretary Gregg Dieguez Jill Grant Dan Haggerty</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of October 27, 2021

Call to Order (7:03pm)

All Council Members present. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance of State and County COVID-related orders.

1. Resolution to Continue Remote Meetings

Pulled by Michelle, only needed once every 30 days or more.

2. Board of Supervisors' Report

Lena Silberman reported that the Parallel Trail maintenance agreement is still being negotiated for minor issues. The County Covid-19 positivity rate continues to drop. Pfizer booster available, and mix and match is approved by the CDC. Vaccinations for 5-12 year olds will probably be available in November. Still a few weeks away from lifting the indoor mask mandate. First flush run by the RCD happened, and Lena participated. The redistricting process is moving quickly; needs to be complete by Dec 15th. The commission is meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm

Dave reported that all 3 vaccine boosters are now available through the county at the Event Center.

Gregg asked if there was a single link that had all vaccination information and criteria in a single place, so it could be put in the MCC newsletter. Lena said there is a weekly update but she's not sure if the link is always the same; she'll check.

Dan asked Lena if the county was doing anything to provide incentives to homeowners to clear eucalyptus. Lena said that the only thing she knows of is the change to not require a permit to cut eucalyptus. Dan said he heard from community members that they are concerned about splitting the Midcoast into different Supervisor districts. Dave reported it's been in all the papers in the County, Nextdoor, and other publicity methods, and reiterated that there is a legal requirement that it be complete by Dec. 15th. Lena said she would see if there can be more outreach.

Graham reported that he got his booster today, but had tried yesterday, and couldn't get it. He said traffic was gridlocked around the event center. Today it was fine. Lena said she would follow up.

Harvey Rarback, HMB City Council reported that they are also in the redistricting process, with their committee meeting 4 times so far. Maps will be reviewed at meetings in November, with 2 maps chosen to send to the Council in December. The Council had a presentation on SB 1383, about organic waste. It requires that organic waste be reduced by 50%, and that usable food be given to those in need, rather than being thrown away.

Gregg asked about the initiative to move to electric appliances, and said he had heard from community members that they were concerned about the cost to move to electric appliances, and asked if they had information on the cost vs benefit. Harvey said he didn't have the information right now, but that residential gas use was a substantial contributor to greenhouse gases, and that because PCE in San Mateo

County had clean electricity for almost all produced, so no issues with the move to electric appliances moving the use of gas to electricity generation. Also that PCE has plans to allow people to finance the conversion to electric appliances.

Dan asked just what reducing organic waste covered, and that he thought local composting kept CO2 local, and that he had heard that big agricultural companies were a major contributor to CO2. Harvey said the organic waste reduction was an attempt to not produce the waste in the first place, and further said he didn't understand all the complexities. Kellyx clarified that the primary intent is to keep the organic waste out of landfills.

Carlyle Ann Young said that she had heard that the intent was to put organic waste in the composting, and that furthermore Recology trucks it's compost to Gilroy, which is not good for the environment. She also said that solar panels don't make financial sense for her, so electric appliances aren't good for her. Harvey said again that PCE was much better than most of the investor owned utilities in producing electricity in a way that did not produce greenhouse gases, and that it won't be easy, but it needs to be done for the environment.

Len asked if the County tracked differences between HMB and the unincorporated Midcoast.

Claire said she thought there was some confusion, and that her understanding is that there are two programs, one is edible food and they're working with restaurants and the counties working with restaurants and people who have edible food that's actually in an edible format to provide excess food to people who need it. The other is that the composting of household food waste and that is going to start here with the Montara water and sewer people that starts on January 1st, and will be a weekly pickup of everything that you have in your house that you need that's compostable goes in your greenwaste can. In terms of the electrification for half moon bay, it isn't that they are proposing that you get solar energy on your house, they're proposing that your cooking and heating will be electrical, not gas.

Harvey clarified that working gas appliances won't need to be replaced with electrical appliances, but they will need to be changed to electric when they are replaced, and new construction will need to be electric only.

Dave mentioned peninsulareachcodes.org for more info, and that Menlo Park and San Jose have already implemented these changes. He said that the County had started the process, but it had been delayed by Covid and other things. The unincorporated county will have this change at some point.

Dan mentioned that home composting didn't require anything special, and that he thought Recology didn't want food waste in the green bins. Dave said that changes statewide on January 1st.

(7:44) 3. Public Comment & Announcements

Graham asked about Keith Mangold's petition being forwarded to the County by the MCC at the Sept. 13th meeting, and that he hadn't heard anything since. Michelle said yes, it was sent, and all she had heard was an acknowledgment from Supervisor Canepa. Michelle asked Lena if she knew if there would be an official response. Lena said she didn't think so.

Graham said that made him think that people had just been wasting their time. Michelle said that the scoping project was related to it. Lena said that she was the person on Supervisor Horsley's staff dealing with wildfire issues, and most of her time on wildfires was for the Midcoast. Graham stated none of the wildfire funds were being used to safeguard the sole El Granada Blvd evacuation route. Lena said that the

Parks Director had responded to Graham's email, and that she thought it covered the issue well. Graham disagreed.

Dan said that the money raised by selling eucalyptus chips should be used for further tree cutting. Michelle said that she had later heard (Kellyx agreed) that there was a correction and that the chips and logs were not being purchased.

Carlyle Ann said that the money for wildfire prevention had been passed on to County Parks, and that she thought the process of allocating the money needed to be changed. Susan Casey said that Khoa did confirm that there was no monetary value for the eucalyptus logs or chips. Susan said she would send that email to Dan.

(7:54) **4. Consent Agenda**

a. Approve minutes for October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

Moved Len, 2nd Claire, passes 7-0

5. Regular Agenda

(7:55) **5a. El Granada Scoping Project**

Kellyx gave an Update on the RCD Board meeting in October approved the selection of Panorama Environmental, Inc. for the scoping project. She summarized the goals, and said that 7 companies were interested, 2 applied, and were reviewed by members of the RCD, MCC, and CFPD. Panorama was unanimously recommended by the review. The plan is for the scoping to be completed by April 2022; they will also be doing assessment of wildfire conditions and risk.

Gregg said he agreed with the selection of Panorama. He said that a number of articles have been written by community members, and he would like Panorama to look at those before moving forward. Kellyx said that Panorama was aware of that, and they are looking at those articles, and they will be talking to those in the community with expertise.

(7:52) Claire took over as Chair because Michelle had to leave the meeting temporarily.

Len said that he's looking forward to the project starting, and mentioned a meeting with Supervisor Horsley on who controls and has responsibility for the El Granada medians. He said that Khoa would be a good resource for Panorama. He asked what mechanism would be used by Panorama to determine who to talk to in the community. Kellyx said that Michelle is bringing MCC and community concerns to the consultant, so to let Michelle know if she didn't yet know.

Len asked if the consultant would talk directly to the community; Kellyx said that there would be a public listening session, so community members can bring up concerns and issues. Also people can send email to Sheena or Kellyx if they have concerns.

Sheena reported on the progress of the shaded fuel break work funded by the Coastal Conservancy, and showed some before and after pictures. 9.35 acres have been treated to date.

(8:07) Michelle returned as Chair.

Dan said he didn't notice wood chips in the after pictures, and that there were a lot of small branches on the ground. Sheena said that some people were expecting mulch, but that what is being produced is forestry mulch, which is very coarse, and that includes the branches. Dan said he is concerned that what is left on the ground is still a fire risk. Kellyx said that the after picture is what is produced by the chipping process in use.

Len asked if the map that Sheena showed reflected the Map 16 changes that Nicholas Calderon had discussed. Sheena said that the map she showed is different.

Gregg asked when the work was done and asked for the pictures so they could be put on the website. Sheena said it was mid-September 2021, and that it was one week between before and after pictures.

Dan asked for more of an explanation of the map. Sheena said it's the area at the park entrance and to the southeast. Dan asked what the yellow represented, and why the yellow was so big. Sheena said it represented 100' on either side of the road, and that the green is the area still to be done.

(8:18) 5b. Website Upgrade Compensation

Michelle reported that Len consulted County Counsel after the agenda was posted, and that the compensation would be treated as a gift and that the MCC is not allowed to make gifts with our funds.

Len said that he really appreciated the work that Lisa Ketcham had done to bring up the website on Squarespace 7.

Carlylse asked why the funds couldn't be used to pay Lisa. Len explained that it was because the council hadn't approved a contract before the work. Carlylse Ann asked if a gofundme could be created to honor the work that Lisa had done.. Len said that future work could be compensated, if there was a contract.

Lisa Ketcham thanked everybody for their kind thoughts, but wanted to make clear that she hadn't expected compensation for her community work on the website. She has been working on habitat restoration on Pillar Point bluff, and it has expanded to include wildfire fuel. She suggested that if somebody wanted to raise money, that raising money for County Parks to do habitat restoration on Pillar Point bluff and the marsh.

Claire said that funding County Parks was a very creative suggestion and thanked Lisa and said that she knew Lisa hadn't expected compensation. However the council had been accumulating money for the website and that Lisa had done work beyond value. She said she would be very happy if we can do something to recognize what Lisa has done for us and the community.

Dan said that the whole time he has been on the council with Lisa, that she has done an enormous amount of work on the website, and he wanted to take a moment to thank Lisa for everything that she has done on the website, and for the community at large, on her own time.

(8:30) 6. Council Activity

Gregg said that he has completed the CERT training. He has proposed that the MCC or community members write a document to send to the Panorama consultants. He wrote an article on coastside concerns, in part because of Supervisor candidates that he has talked with and that it makes sense for the MCC to write a document on what we want, and suggested using his article on Coastside Buzz as a starting point. He has also received the SAM cases summary judgement documents, and they are now on Coastside Buzz.

Len and Michelle met with the planning department team that is getting ready to bring Connect the Coastside forward, and discussed primarily land use issues. He has talked to Caltrans about the Virginia crosswalk, that there has been lots of activity, and it will likely be completed by the end of November. He has been working on wildfire issues. Len and Dave met with Supervisor Horsley and somebody from the County Counsel office about the El Granada medians, particularly ownership and responsibility. The meeting was to find a way forward to work with the county and GCSD, especially in regard to wildfire issues.

Claire mentioned that there had been a flurry of activity on the crosswalk, and that there had been a lot of issues with getting electricity connected. She and Michelle met again with the Health Department on incorrect vaccination rates in Midcoast communities, and that the problem seems to have been identified. The right answer seems to be to use census tract data, even though it doesn't match up with our communities. So most likely they will report a single set of numbers for the Midcoast as a whole. Michelle said that essentially a number of vaccinations had been folded into the unincorporated county as a whole, rather than the local communities. Claire said she found it interesting that this is the first time the Midcoast has been recognized as a unit.

Dan said he had been in communication with Summer Burlison at the planning department about the El Granada fire station. Summer confirmed that there had been no measurement of the light and glare leaving the forestation. Dan asked how that was acceptable, and is still waiting for an answer to that question. Gregg asked if that meant that there had not been an inspection for compliance and if that was normal. Dave said yes, that was the case, and that unfortunately it was normal.

Michelle reminded people that the newsletter articles were due to Jill by Friday.

(8:48) 7. Future Agendas

November 10th – Connect the Coastside, Plastics Presentation

TBD Disposable Plastics

November 24th - probably canceled

December 8th - elect new officers, MCC response letter on Connect the Coastside

December 22nd - probably canceled

TBD Coastside Recovery Initiative, Supervisor candidate Issues list, how old business is tracked, wildfire petition, airport noise and lead pollution, El Granada Fire station light measurement, or work with County Counsel office

January - Retreat

(9:00) Adjournment

Gregg moved, Len second, passes 7-0