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| <p>Midcoast Community Council <i>An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar</i> 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 December 8, 2021

Call to Order (7:04pm)

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

1. Resolution to Continue Remote Meetings

Claire moved to adopt the resolution, 2nd Gregg, Passes 7-0

2. Board of Supervisors' Report

Lena Silberman reported that Caltrans issued PG&E a permit to do work during the day resulting in Hwy 92 lane closures. The County has requested that the work be done at night, and is hopeful that will happen soon. The redistricting Communities Together map was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The County is running an anonymous gun buyback program. The county is seeing an increase in cases, likely due to Thanksgiving holiday. It's hoped that will be a one time change.

Gregg said that the CDC data shows a near doubling of case rate, and he is writing an article on Coastside Buzz on how to reduce risk.

Michelle asked if Lena had any information on when SMC Health would start showing new vaccination data for Midcoast as a whole. Lena said it's in the final stages of approval.

Dan mentioned an email the council received from softlights.org president about issues with LED lighting, and asked when the County might respond to that. He also noticed a new bright white Caltrans LED street light at the crosswalk, and asked if that could be changed. Lena asked what County agency Dan thought should respond. Dan said to the Planning Department.

Gregg mentioned a Caltech report on human physiological impacts of LED lighting.

Carlyle Ann asked about Highway 92; Lena said it had already been covered.

(7:16) Harvery Rarback from HMB City Council said the council passed 2 ordinances. The first requires all city employees and contractors must be vaccinated against Covid (not just tested). They also passed the first reading of the electrification ordinance, for new construction (not for replacement of appliances). It will become law with the 2nd reading later in December.

Carlyle asked why there was so much concern with natural gas, but not greenhouse gasses from traffic congestion. Harvey said that there isn't much that can be done about traffic, unfortunately.

(7:21) Lisa Ketcham said that Director Monowitz reported today that the Transportation Authority grant for the Moss Beach corridor study was approved. She also mentioned SB9 housing came up at the Planning Commission today, and it was made clear that the LCP takes precedence and that the Coastal Zone in general is exempted from SB9.

Dan asked Lisa if there was more information about the grant. Lisa answered that the MCC had written a letter in support of the grant, so refer to that letter. Len said that he'll cover some of the issues later.

(7:27) 3. Public Comment & Announcement

Carlisle said that she hasn't been getting SMC Alerts, including prior to the regular tsunami tests last week. Michelle said she hasn't ever gotten them for the tsunami test, and noted that OES is now the Department of Emergency Management. Lena said Michelle had asked about the Alert issues, and she is working with the Sheriff and Fire, but hasn't yet had time to follow through.

(7:31) 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes for October 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve minutes for November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

Moved Len, 2nd Gregg. Passes 7-0

(7:33) 5a. Coastside Recovery Initiative

Karen Decker from HMB Staff and Erica Wood, economic consultant to the city presented the process, goals, and recommendations from the committee. Equity was a major concern. It was data-driven, and the task force had Midcoast representatives, as well as HMB residents; they were a cross-section of the community. There were over 20 meetings of the task force. There was initial feedback from 200 attendees at an open house. They helped launch Make it Main Street and that increased business downtown significantly.

Erica presented a subset of the 15 recommendations of the task force, with the full set available on <http://coastsiderecovery.com>. The recommendations are a "what", not a "how". The Eco team recommended that a network of organizations be formed to effectively steward Coastside lands, and to strengthen collaboration and support for the farming community. The Vibrant team (focused on commerce and community) recommended redesigning parts of downtown Main Street for mobility and accessibility, and 2nd to provide incentives for local businesses in recreational and areas where people congregate. The Thrive team was focused on not just surviving the challenges, but succeeding. More than 1/2 the Coastside business responding to a County survey said that they would not survive more than 6 months if things continue as they are, and 2/3 were having to reduce employees or employee hours. Thrive recommended development of a small business center at the Chamber of Commerce, and 2nd to strengthen the capacity of non-profits and other safety net providers to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. The Innovate team recommended creating a business incubator for new and early-stage businesses, and 2nd to increase access to vocational training and higher education opportunities.

As the task force was finishing, grant opportunities were announced through the Build Back Better Regional Challenge grants of up to \$500K. They applied, along with 22 others.

Next steps are to determine how to implement the recommendations, regionally.

(8:00) Questions

Gregg asked if the 30% reduction in agricultural income in 2020 was due to the pandemic, or drought, or a combination. He also asked if power generation had been looked at, because PG&E are unreliable, as pointed out in the presentation. He asked if broadband access had been examined, because of our poor quality of service on the coast. Karen said that broadband came up quite a few times, and was viewed as essential, but didn't make the recommendation list due to lack of resources. She mentioned walking tours, one of them at the mushroom farm in Pescadero and some of the regenerative ag and microgrid work there.

Claire asked who is responsible for the implementation of the recommendations. Erica said that leadership for implementation will be established early in 2022. Claire said she was pleased to have Midcoast representation in the task force, and that the MCC would like to be in the loop for implementation

Dan asked if Krystlyn could speak to the expansion of the Chamber to be more inclusive of small businesses. Krystlyn said her background is in small business, and that the Chamber has been shifting to smaller businesses over the last 3 years. They are establishing a

business center, and have been running workshops for small businesses and local workers. The whole local business community has been involved.

Carlyle spoke about the difficulty of going to downtown HMB from the Midcoast due to traffic congestion.

(8:14) 5b. El Granada Scoping project

Michelle summarized the project, and said that the kickoff meeting was yesterday and she represented the MCC.

Sheena Sidhu from the RCD showed a slide of the project timeline. Data collection will end in Feb 2022, followed by partner checkin, with the scoping suite of actions complete by end of March, with review done by end of April, with a presentation of the final suite of actions in May 2022 at a community meeting.

Michelle discussed a community meeting to provide input early in the scoping process. It will be run by RCD, and she thought it should be held in January, but asked for council feedback (December is a busy time for many people). She said that the MCC Ad Hoc committee will meet separately prior to the community meeting to provide feedback.

(8:22) Council Questions

Dan asked if there was anything to report from the kickoff meeting. Sheena said a major part of the meeting was having participants meet each other and sharing their perspectives and concerns. She hopes that this will lead to further actions outside this project. There was also a discussion of the mechanisms of the process. There has also been some document sharing outside the meeting (from participants, and from the community).

Jill asked if the MCC will meet and discuss the draft after March 2022. Sheena said that yes, the draft will be available, and then it's up to the MCC to decide. Michelle said yes it would be on an MCC agenda.

Len asked about the community listening session and meetings of the scoping group, and whether MCC members other than Michelle could attend the scoping group. Sheena said no. Michelle clarified that she would meet with the MCC subcommittee prior to each meeting of the scoping group. Dave pointed out that Michelle can share information as it's available. Len asked if Panorama would examine the fire models. Sheena said that yes, they will be doing assessments as well as data collection, that's part of the scoping.

Dan asked if the scoping group would publish meeting minutes. Sheena said maybe. Michelle said she would summarize the scoping meetings at subsequent MCC meetings.

Gregg spoke to the importance of visible process and progress, including data shared by the participating agencies. He asks when we will see the documents shared by the various participants. Michelle said that one of the MCC items that she plans to share with the scoping group is the MCC Wildfire Issues list.

Claire said that she supports what Michelle said and that the MCC is only one of many participants, so we are playing a different role than is normally the case, and she doesn't want to do anything to slow down the process, or to prevent people from contributing.

(8:51) Public Comment

Jane Praysilver said that she thinks this is more than just a fire project, and it could change the environment and groundwater. She really wants all residents to have a voice and see the documents, as well as that it be a science-based project. She doesn't see the need to rush. Sheena said that it is science based.

Carlyle asked what the outcome and goal of the scoping project would be, if it would be just a report, or actions. Sheena said that the RFP describes it in detail, but briefly that the scoping effort is to develop a suite of actions with regard to wildfire resiliency. She said most of the work will be done by Panorama outside of the meetings.

Melinda MacNaughton asked what groups would be providing input to the scoping team. Len said one group was members of the upper El Granada Blvd, and Keith Mangold. Those are not the only groups, but the only ones in the community so far. Melinda said she started a group to help restore the El Granada medians, and that if there is more tree cutting, that restoration is part of it.

(9:07) 5C. Officer Elections

Michelle summarized the process of nomination and election of the officers.

Michelle nominated Claire as Chair, 2nd Dave. Passes 7-0.

Dave nominated Gregg as Vice-Chair, 2nd Dan. Passes 7-0.

Dan nominates Len as Secretary, Jill 2nd.

Claire referred to Len's decision to resign as Secretary earlier in the year, and whether he felt he could do it this year. Len said that he has a better grasp of the role now, and that he'd like to see a synopsis of the meeting mailed out within a few days of the meeting, similar to the Board of Supervisors. Jill said that she would help Len with the synopsis. Michelle followed up with the question on whether Len planned to have timely minutes. Len said he did plan to do that.

Passes 7-0

Claire nominates Michelle as Treasurer, Len 2nd. Passes 7-0

(Claire takes over as Chair)

(9:17) 5. Council Activity

Len reported on the study session planning for Connect the Coastside, and shared a document. He reported that Caltrans has notified us that the flashing beacon at the Virginia crosswalk is working, and may have been turned on. He mentioned the Hwy 1 Congestion study grant previously described by Lisa, and showed a slide about it. He has been working on how to include Wildfire documents on the MCC website. Consensus is to turn the crosswalk beacons on as quickly as possible, with some dissent.

Michelle said that the newsletter is now ready to go out, and will be mailed tomorrow morning.

Gregg said SAM is still trying to adopt a Non-Domestic Wastewater Source Control Program.

He reported that MWSD sent a letter to Caltrans about the lack of PRA response on the Caltrans bypass lands. He reported that during the recent storm that the overflow storage in El Granada was within 6" of the top, so a spill was narrowly averted.

Dan said that he observed an ATT data capture van in Pacifica and it was related to the planned Caltrans capture of cell phone data for traffic flow analysis.

(9:37) 7. Future Agendas

December 22nd – Meeting canceled due to holiday

January 12th – Off-leash dog pilot program

January 26th - Connect the Coastside study session

El Granada Scoping Project listening session (Not MCC)

Pillar Point Off-leash Dog Pilot Project Letter

February - MCC Annual Retreat

(9:52) Adjournment

Moved Gregg 2nd Dan Passes 7-0