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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Claire Toutant, Chair Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair Michelle Weil, Treasurer Len Erickson, Secretary Dave Olson, Jill Grant Dan Haggerty

Approved Minutes for February 23, 2022

Call to Order (7:04pm)

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

1. Board of Supervisors' Report <Link>

Lena Silberman: COVID levels remain high, but case rates are decreasing. SMC Parks will return the off-leash program to the Supervisors and request a Coastal Development Permit application be forwarded to the Coastal Commission for a one site (Quarry Park) only pilot. Supervisor Horsley requested lead testing for fuel at the Half Moon Bay Airport. SMC Parks presented the Wildfire Plan to the BOS. <Details Available>

Harvey Rarback (Half Moon Bay City Council): the council has approved an application to AARP for the Coastside to be an age friendly community. The health care advocacy community is assessing how to improve health care services in response to loss of clinics. Also looking to improve transportation to health care over the hill, having an equity bus provide onsite service for farm workers and asking Sequoia to extend their service radius. In response to concerns about additional affordable housing sites for workers requesting proposals for some city sites.

Michelle Weil reported on the RCD Scoping Project. There was an update to the partners by Panorama. Interest in the modeling work will result in a briefing on the fire modeling. Additional attendance at the meeting was requested.

- Dan Haggerty and Gregg Dieguez commented on recent wind events taking down trees in Quarry Park.
- Michelle notes that this was outside the scope of the Scoping project.

2. Public Comment & Announcement

No public comments

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes for January 26, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes for February 5, 2022 Annual Retreat
- c. Minutes for February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting

Removed from consent and moved to regular agenda.

4. Regular Agenda

4a. MROSD presentation on Purislma Creek Redwoods Projects <Link>

Claire introduced Tina Hugg who led a team to describe project work being done at Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District which has three projects underway to enhance the Redwoods Creek Open Space preserve. Notice was given that this is the 50th year of MROSD and celebration events will be occurring throughout the year. The projects will expand the trails and add additional parking. In addition, they will provide conceptual development for the Purisima to the Sea project to provide a trail from the Santa Cruz mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Slides are available. On March 15 a presentation will be given at MROSD on plans for multi-moidal access to the preserve.

- Michelle and Dave expressed appreciation for the presentation and note they are frequent users of the facility

4b. Montara Traffic Intersection Study Improvement < Link>

Gregg Dieguez explained that after public discussion at the February 9, MCC meeting which highlighted safety problems for students encounter when walking or biking when entering the Farallone View Elementary school in the morning he reached oiut to the community, the school and county. Gregg signed a community letter on the issue prepared a letter of support for added stop sign control at five unsigned intersections in Montara.

Carlee Foldenhauer provided background on this matter noting this is a problem highlighted by parents for many years and several efforts to add stop signs have been undertaken and not yielded results.

Myra Glasscock provided further details and history.

Council Discussion

Dan mentioned the need for education programs and making sure that children will aware of the need to make eye contact with drivers

- Myra said such programs are in place

Michelle emphasized her concern for unmarked intersections

Len asked for clarification about which intersections were 2 way and 4 way stops and also about familiarity of the community with regulations concerning intersection control.

Dave said the criteria are not hard and fast.

Claire emphasized that considerable research has been done already

Council Action

Overall support expressed for the letter

Motion: Approve the letter submitted by Gregg

Moved: Jill, 2nd Michelle, Passed 7-0

4c. Develop Content for Airport Lead-Free Fuel and Lead Study Request <Link>

Claire Toutant opened with background explanation that a new format for letter writing is being used for this item based on discussion at the retreat. Michelle will summarize the issue a list of points that support and elaborate the objective of the letter. The council will discuss the material and then consider a motion to authorize Michelle to write and send a letter based on the discussion.

Michelle summarized the findings related to the impact of lead in aviation fuel at the Reid-Hillview Airport. The study was authorized by Santa Clara County supervisors and showed elevated lead levels of blood samples taken from children in the vicinity of the airport. Medical studies have shown that elevated lead levels have a negative impact on young children's cognitive development. Michelle walked the council through the detailed items in the supporting document.

Council Discussion

Len asked how many small planes cannot use unleaded fuel.

- Michelle said about 35% of small planes would be affected

Jill raised several points notes the old planes could not fly, many local pilots and several Dream Machines could be affected. She noted that vegetables like brussels sprouts do not absorb lead. Children testing – Jill's daughter found it traumatic for her. Supports letter but has concerns.

- Michelle said the testing will not require drawing new blood. There is not a requirement for taking new tests. Letter is not asking for sale of leaded fuel to stop, only offering the option to be tested.
- Claire expressed other options and reminded the council to keep focused on the issue Dan asked about helicopters. Would like them added,

Dave asked that the MWSD request be dropped. Airport wells are addressed. Suggest the letter be brief.

- Gregg disagrees with Dave. After asking MWSD about testing. Found that the tests are dated would like this point kept in.

Council Action

Motion: Michelle is authorized to write a letter based on the council discussion and send it out.

Moved: Dave, 2nd Jill, Passed

Dan expressed concern about this approach.

- Claire said this is a first trial, in line with discussion at the retreat and calls the Question Vote: 6-1 (Dan votes no)

4d. Approve Storage Expenditures <Link>

Dave Olson proposed purchase of 100GB Google Drive storage for MCC documents and website backup as well as creating an MCC YouTube channel for historic MCC meeting videos, and expenditure of up to \$175 for 1TB flash drive for transferring the old videos, and for eventual offline storage of MCC documents. An additional \$200 is allocated for long term Google Drive storage expense.

Council Discussion

Dan asks for further clarification of the accessibility of the materials being stored.

 Dave provided an overview including archive data being provided by Leonard Woren from early council sessions.

Jill asks why the material is not just uploaded to YouTube

Dave – it's complicated.

Council Action

Motion: Approve the expenditure (\$375) as described in the agenda item.

Moved: Gregg, 2nd Claire, Vote: 6-0-1 (Jill abstains)

4e. Consideration of Minutes <Link>

Len Erickson summarized the status of the minutes and said four sets of minutes would be ready for the March 9, 2022 meeting: January 26, February 9, February 5, February 23.

5. Council Activity

Gregg gave an update on the Priorities list and asked for guidance on organization of the list

 Claire said the Priorities should be documented in the most straight forward way possible.

Michelle said the MCC office lock which was broken is fixed.

6. Future Agendas

Len is talking to SMC Parks about giving an update on the Quarry Park / Mirada Surf master plan in April.

- Dave noted the master plan has been stalled for several years.

Claire wants a meeting largely devoted to discussion of several policy and procedure issues that grew out of the Retreat discussions.

Gregg said that the group working on airport noise issues will not be ready for a few months. Gregg is continuing to work on Wet Weather storage and other SAM issues.

Dan wants to get an expert to study the Fire Station Lighting and make recommendations.

 Claire suggested that this might be combined with her efforts to have Code Compliance come to a meeting.

Michelle plans to develop a topic and staffing for the MCC Newsletter at the next meeting. Jill wants to see work move ahead on a zoom meeting room.

 Dave described what's been done to date for the Granada Community Service Meeting room.

Claire wants planning for Candidate Forums to get underway.

7. Adjournment (9:40pm)

Moved: Len, 2nd: Gregg, Passed 7-0