

<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>Claire Toutant, Chair Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair Michelle Weil, Treasurer Len Erickson, Secretary Jill Grant, Assistant Secretary Dan Haggerty, Assistant Secretary Dave Olson</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of August 10, 2022

Call to Order (7:00 pm) All council members present. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State and County COVID-related orders.

Public Comment & Announcements (7:02 pm)

Gus Mattamal: Filed his candidacy for MCC. He thanked Dave Olson for help.

Angel: Concerned by obstructions on Avenue Portola sidewalks, a main street for walking to the post office. What are the rules for sidewalks? There are deep, wide gutters with broken concrete and water so can't use those to go around obstructions so walkers use the roadway walking around parked cars. This is dangerous for walkers. Isabella has sidewalks and is much safer. One home on Francisco and Ave. Portola has improved their sidewalk but there are still obstructions. Are these public sidewalks? Who is responsible for safety maintenance?

Mark Willbanks: I wrote a detailed description of his actions over the past 2 years to get the county to clear the sidewalks. How can MCC help?

Danny Terway: Regarding fire preparedness issues, there was a walk through of Quarry Park with Parks staff, MCC, and RCD staff showing progress in vegetation removal for fuel breaks. In addition, residents on the hike requested a fire road on the western part of Quarry Park. Attended the Fire Safe County Council meeting focused on RCD Scoping Project with Joe Wiscell (RCD) and Kellyx (RCD) who are points of contact for questions. Residents want a follow up meeting with RCD and the consultants to explain their modeling.

Robert Wyle: Regarding Portola sidewalks, in the 0-100 block there are curbs and sidewalks but the other blocks don't. The 300 block has many obstructions and is unsafe for walkers to the post office especially dodging cars when walkers have to walk around the parked cars while avoiding obstructions on the sidewalks. There have been some improvements but you still cannot walk down Portola safely.

Yvonne Hecht: An overgrown bush on Portola obstructs my view when driving and I was almost hit there where the sidewalk is obstructed.

Steve Terry: The County is inconsistent in managing sidewalks. The County has shifted the responsibility to homeowners. Put this topic on a future agenda.

Maureen: Sidewalks would be a great agenda item. The County did trim on my street. Maybe Lena can move this forward. When does the County have responsibility? I want to redo my driveway so I can pull up my sidewalks and redo them. It's confusing.

Gregg Dieguez: Bob Nisbet is here and leaving HMB.

1. Report from Board of Supervisors and Government Officials (7:18)

Lena Silberman (Aide to SMC Supervisor Horsley): The MCC forwarded the detailed sidewalk email from Mark Willbanks to her. Avenue Portola is not a paper street so should be County maintained so she will set up a meeting with County Roads Division and Supervisor or have them attend a MCC meeting if it is an agenda topic. We are still in the high tier for Covid and the County recommends wearing a high quality mask and opening windows for ventilation while indoors. Expect a fall booster based on the Omicron variant for ages 12 and up. The Monkeypox vaccine is being given to high risk groups due to insufficient supply. Supervisor Horsley will propose an Ad Hoc Committee in charge of civilian oversight for the Sheriff's Office. SMC has given \$30,000 to the Cares Program for a new vehicle to help expand the program to the Midcoast. David Cosgrove should be looped in for fire resiliency in Quarry Park and for any questions as he is taking on responsibilities as County Fire Coordinator.

Jill Grant: Lena, will you be at the Midpen Celebration Event on September 10th?

Lena Silberman: Sure, if I'm invited. I would love to go to that event.

Harvey Rarback (Half Moon Bay City Council): HMB originated the CARES program with funding and details. This is a wonderful opportunity for the midcoast to participate in this public safety measure. HMB City Council is considering a Master Plan for Smith Field. It still needs funding but will be a community park with picnic areas, fire pits, and improvements to the ballpark. We've accepted the resignation of our City Manager for the past 4 years, Bob Nisbeck, who has improved the coast in many ways.

Bob Nisbet: I want to say so long to Lena who is amazing and provides great service to the MCC. She is a rising star in the County. Don't take her for granted. I took a job with the City of Goleta where I lived for 20 years. My last day at HMB is on August 19th, so I want to say goodbye. It was councilman Rarback who told me when I first started that we needed to improve connections with the midcoast as there are tensions between the City and unincorporated areas. I rented a home in El Granada to understand more these issues and feel there has been progress in communication and collaboration. Thanks to Harvey for pushing mental illness and safety which led to the CARES program and mental health services. We got \$75,000 to kick off the program and now an additional \$30,000 for a car. It makes sense for the CARES boundary to expand to include the midcoast. Sidewalks come up all the time and are very important. It's great for Lena to set up a meeting. Angel is a neighbor of mine and that section of sidewalk mentioned on Francisco is near me. A neighbor across the street was remodeling his home and was required in his permits by the County to put sidewalks in front of his house. When he complained to the County about a neighbor with unsafe sidewalks, those sidewalks were fixed. Keep up the good work in the unincorporated area.

Claire Toutant: Bob, we are going to miss you. I'm going to miss you being there because you make approaching HMB so much easier.

Len Erickson: Harvey, Is the money from Jackie Speier for a study of Roundabouts at Frenchman's Creek or for trails for Hwy 1?

Harvey Rarback: You got it.

David Cosgrove: SMC Alert sending test messages in the morning and evening. Many people call to complain or ask if they are spam. Jeff Norris is working with the data. I live in El Granada and when I first moved in, I received a lien for \$4700 for my sidewalks. As a First Responder, we know unincorporated areas because they don't have sidewalks. I'm interested in how the sidewalks work. At our last meeting, Gregg Dieguez talked about the MCC.

Claire Toutant: This Friday is the last day to File for Candidacy in SMC.

3. (7:30) Consent Agenda

Olson pulled the July 27 minutes because they weren't done, then moved to approve the amended consent agenda, Erickson seconded. **Approved (7-0)**

4. Regular Agenda – The Council may take action on the following items:

a. (7:40) Informational presentation on Emergency Mental Health interventions on the Midcoast by Jeff Essex of El Centro do Libertad to introduce the expansion of the Cares project to the Midcoast.

Claire Toutant: We would like to be involved in oversight of the program on the midcoast.

Jeff Essex: I would be happy to give updates on the program to the MCC. The program is open to suggestions and input to make it better. Input from the MCC is important and we value it.

Dan Haggerty: Please keep the MCC informed.

Gregg Dieguez: Voiced strong support for the program.

Jill Grant: I am completely in support of the program which sounds like a harm reduction program. Please let us know more as it progresses.

Michelle Weil: Thank you for expanding it to the midcoast.

Dave Olson: I am very happy about the program and that HMB got it up and running.

Jeff Essex: Anytime you want an update or have questions, communicate with me.

b. (8:24) Caltrans SR1 Multi-Asset Roadway Rehabilitation Project – Draft Environmental Document presentation. Len Erickson and Gregg Dieguez are gathering comments to put together a comment letter to be voted on at the 8/24 meeting. Comments and questions are due by August 25th.

Jill Grant: In section 1.31, ask Caltrans to include the purpose of the intersection cameras, closed circuit television cameras, and traffic monitoring systems. They were not included in the Purpose so what is the purpose of those?

Dan Haggerty: I sent articles and pictures to the MCC about the sand shortage. I take issue with the wireless detection system, the Midwest Guardrail System, and that there's no element of Underpass consideration even though I have a petition for an Underpass at Gray Whale Cove with 1000 signatures. There is a new standard for Caltrans Midwest Guardrail Systems by placing 5 feet of concrete to prevent weeds from growing. This concrete does not blend with the environment. This is a rural environment with wildflowers growing along the roadways....

Len Erickson: This is important. Do you want to be involved in this?

Dan Haggerty: I did not finish my thought on this but essentially this is an example of CALTRANS using a one size fits all and does not fit the midcoast.. This standard of guard rail with the concrete underneath does not fit the character of the coast and there is an issue with a global sand shortage. Sand is necessary to make concrete. To make concrete there's CO2 emissions...

Dan Haggerty: The point of this is so the community understands, so they have a fair chance to comment after I'm done. I'm not done yet....concrete is needed in particular projects but for this purpose, it is not needed and it's not the most environmentally sound solution to prevent weeds from growing under the guard rails.

Michelle Weil: I've seen comments about this Caltrans meeting not being properly noticed but I got something in the mail. Did anyone else get that piece of mail? On the council?

Claire Toutant: No. I got multiple notices that I would be held and multiple notices that it was canceled but I never got notice of the actual meeting. Len, what will the draft letter include?

Len Erickson: Problems with the draft are a discussion of Surfer's Beach Crossing. We want them to define bicycle improvements with the width of the bicycle shoulder line. Explain the expanded use of CALTRANS right-of-way (ROW) for parking and bicycle transit on the east side of State Route one (SR1) at surfers Beach? It's not clear what they want to do at the Medio Creek Crossing of SR1 or at the Coronado intersection. The California Coastal Commission has certain standards for these areas. An example is during the 2016 armoring at Surfers Beach. We want to know if their projects will take this into account as well as the big project planned for the Burnham Strip including a park, community center, and multi modal trail.

Claire Toutant: There are complaints from the community about the stairs at Surfer's Beach being unsafe. Is this part of our comments?

Len Erickson: Yes.

Dave Olson: Caltrans is supposed to maintain the stairs but they never reached a final conclusion on that.

Dan Haggerty: Just to have it on record, there are several articles on the global sand shortage, from NPR, CNN, Popular Mechanics, Reuters, Science Magazine, Beekeeper, and Bay Nature. There's information out there. So why are we using sand to put concrete under guard rails when there are more ecologically sound methods? Also, CALTRANS is not being completely forthcoming about the wireless detection system being used. They say they can't tell us details until they choose the subcontractors but CALTRANS knows what they will and will not accept, so in your letter, ask for more information about the wireless detection systems. Thirdly, they are spending \$33 million of our tax dollars and there's still no solutions of undercrossings which prevent pedestrian/car accidents and do not impact the flow of traffic.

Claire Toutant: How will we know what's in your draft letter before the next meeting?

Len Erickson: We could have the draft letter ready by Thursday for review.

Dan Haggerty: Or we could continue this conversation right now.

Len Ericikson: We could have an additional person on the committee to draft the letter or we can have a special meeting to discuss it.

Dave Olson: Post a draft letter by next Thursday so the council can look at it and then will have more than a week to look at it before the next meeting.

Claire Toutant: But can we ask for changes to the letter through email prior to the meeting?

Steve Terry: Thank you for putting this on the agenda and extending the comment period. I would like to participate in the discussions for this draft letter especially with respect to the transportation management system component. I would like to help out with that. Dan, I appreciate your comments. You've clearly looked at this a lot and have a lot to say. I attended that July 21 presentation meeting by CALTRANS and was able to ask some substantial questions. Unfortunately it was purposely not recorded, and the questions had to be submitted previously so it was an awkward way to communicate. I asked about the purpose of the transportation management system. I'd like to know more about the master plan. How does this link up with the other CALTRANS VMS project that's floating through the county system right now. Regarding sand, does CALTRANS have a policy on reducing sand use?

Dave Olson: Just a reminder that anyone can comment directly to CALTRANS on the project Draft Negative Declaration. It does not have to go through the MCC. No voice is more important than individual voices. Individual voices combined probably have more of an impact than the MCC. Please comment directly to CALTRANS. The July 21st meeting did not count.

Gregg Dieguez: Does MCC need a special meeting for our draft letter?

Dave Olson: After the draft is posted, people can write to Claire if they want to have a special meeting but I don't think that will happen.

Dan Haggerty: Typically things like this get rushed through and don't have enough community input so I am in favor of a special meeting.

Michelle Weil: There is an Hwy 1 overview page on the MCC website with all Caltrans projects and Gregg wrote an overview in the current MCC newsletter.

Jill Grant: Reminder to the community, when you comment on a CEQA document always ask a question. Then the applicant is required to give a response in the Final Draft of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

c. Modifications to MCC mailing lists. Proposal to move mailing lists from Google Groups to MailChimp whoever is administering our mail chimp will have access to those lists. (9:00)

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Steve Terry: Scott Boyd used a different app. Can you research this?

Dave Olson: I can look but as the owner of the mailing list, and since I'm leaving the MCC, I need to transfer the ownership to somebody else who would have to agree to the current stringent requirements.

Claire Toutant: Can we use either mailing list for something that MCC wants to publicize?

Dave Olson: You could use this occasionally but not for frequent notifications from the council.

Michelle Weil: In the past we've used the email newsletter list for this use. We could send out an email stating that it would be used for agendas and occasional MCC notifications but I don't think we need to finish this today. We could wait until this comes up.

Dan Haggerty: This would need to be approved by the council.

Dave Olson: I am happy to call for a vote on this.

Len Erickson: I don't have a problem with the transfer and for occasional notifications.

Vote: Passes 6-1, Haggerty opposed

5. Council Activity – Correspondence and meetings attended. Update Council project: MidPen anniversary event. (9:22)

Len Erickson: Attended a County Parks sponsored walk in Quarry Park with Gregg and Michelle in the area below El Granada Blvd with community members. He reported that there are 3 active transportation items. Transportation Management System (may include signs) to go to the Planning Commission in September. Moss Beach corridor study MOU is in progress.

Dave Olson: Spent many hours working on, reviewing and uploading MCC meeting videos and meetings on the LCP, received from Leonard Woren. The MCC meetings have been uploaded to the MCC Google drive and will eventually be added to the MCC website meeting archive. The LCP videos have been uploaded to the MCC youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS8jRyDyerK-5tLajzUJm3g/playlists>

Gregg Dieguez: He represented the MCC at the HMB City Council meeting, and also attended the CEAP meeting. He commended Dave and Leonard Woren for their work. We have more extensive archives than anybody around for the past 20 years and I appreciate the background on the LCP process. He attended the walk in Quarry Park and they talked about the scoping study and the limitations of it, need for information or person or another study. They talked about areas adjacent to residences on El Granada Boulevard calling the swathe and trying to get Parks to move on it or even prioritize it. There's a valley downhill with poison oak that Danny Terway and Nicholas Calderon may end up hiking to try and prioritize actions in the valley.

Jill Grant: I want to report on the comment letter sent to the MCC about the lighting at Pillar Point RV park. This is the territory of half-moon bay but the lights spill across to burn and strip into L Granada and it's been an issue since at least 2019. In 2020 the RV Park sign was excessively lit and residents of El Granada complained and a wonderful planner at Half Moon Bay contacted the Pillar Point RV park and got the lighting changed. The issue now is that there are noncompliant lights and two building permits. The Harbor District is doing the new restroom and associated lighting and are looking at a contractor right now. The RV park is submitting a new landscaping and lighting plan and Jill Ekas at half Moon Bay, community development department, has assured me that the lighting will be fully compliant and shielded but we don't know when it will happen. We need to have patience.

Dan Haggerty: The lighting at the RV park has been a problem for a number of years and there was a short time when it was acceptable to El Granada but things have clearly changed.

Jill Grant: Regarding the Midpen 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Johnston house in the Half Moon Bay on Saturday, September 10th, from 12 to 5pm. I sent an email to the MCC with a quick sketch of the booth. We have all the equipment and materials to build a booth. Dan has a pop-up and so do I. We have tables and chairs. We have table Klos but we need to figure out what we want to present to the community and look for visuals. We might want to have a map or historical items or native plants. We need a sign for the booth. I want to ask for funds to buy a sign for the booth and to purchase 500 postcards from Vista print.

Dave Olson: It's an agenda item if you ask for more than \$50.

Michelle Weil: I agree with the purchases but I know we need to have it as an agenda item for approval. I think if we're spending money to print a postcard and sign we should have a new logo. I've asked members of the community to volunteer but haven't had a response.

Dan Haggerty: Has a printed map that might be used. Midpen is going to provide the pop-up tent.

Len Erickson: I attended the fire safety meeting. David Cosgrove introduced himself as the coordinator for wildfire. I'm trying to get additional information to understand the modeling on the Scoping Project and have been advised by RCD that they plan to have more work for wildfire projects along the midcoast

Steve Terry: I'm glad that you are capturing the past videos of the MCC.

Gus Mattamal: I can ask the person who designed the logo for my campaign for a couple drafts of an MCC logo.

Michelle Weil: That would be great! Please give her my contact information.

6. (9:15) Future Agendas

Caltrans SR1 Multi-Asset Roadway Rehabilitation Project – Draft Comment letter, Firewise communities, Cypress Point review, water conservation/greywater,

Adjournment (9:42 pm)

Adjournment Weil moved to adjourn, 2nd Dieguez. Approved (7-0)