

Midcoast Community Council

An elected Advisory Council to the
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Minutes for Meeting of August 24, 2022

Call to Order (7:01pm) All council members present. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State and County COVID-related orders.

1. (7:01) **Board of Supervisors' Report**

Lena Silberman's Report (Aide to SMC Board of Supervisor Don Horsley): Covid update: we are at a low level (green tier) with 186 cases per 100,000 people and low hospitalization. We still recommend boosters and wearing masks inside. Monkeypox is a significant health concern. We had 38 positive cases in the county last week. Residents can apply for the very limited amount of vaccine. San Mateo County is accepting applications for 10 seats on a new County Farm worker Advisory Committee. Applications are due by September 2nd. This Committee will provide recommendations and advise the BoS on relevant matters through direct citizen participation. The Committee will consist of 4 farm workers, 1 family member of a farm worker, 3 from a community-based organization, 1 from agricultural industry, and 1 from SMC Agricultural Advisory Committee. 50 miles of roadway from Highway 1 to 35 will be improved starting Monday August 29th and will impact bicyclists as the chip/seal uses gravel which is rough on bikes initially. This process is cost effective and improves surfaces. You can view the roads to be improved online. HMB Airport requested funds for an unleaded fuel tank from County budget revisions which was not approved so Supervisor Horsley will follow up getting funds for the tank.

Questions and Comments

Michelle Weil asked if Supervisor Horsley is in support of the unleaded fuel tank. She asked if there is something the MCC can do prior to the BoS September Budget meeting. Lena said that Supervisor Horsley supports it but the initial cost quote was \$250,000 and an email from today quoted \$750,000 (measure K funds) so we are looking into a grant for partial cost. No additional support letters are needed.

Cid Young asked if the County chip/seal program occur during school hours because the K-rails placed to divert traffic at Coronado Street for the parallel trail work is impacting traffic to local schools? Answer: No

Harvey Rarback (Half Moon Bay City Council): First, a letter will be sent to CCWD that it is the will of the council to implement recycled water. CCWD will be involved. SAM not so much. Second, the extensive work plan for the Transportation Circulation and Mobility was approved by the Council. The number one issue is traffic but there is no easy solution. The east side trail will be finished so more people can use bikes. We reached out to the school district to get electric school buses. There is a long staff report which is available. Last

night, the HMB Planning Commission denied the proposal (4-1) for VMS signs on highway 1 in Half Moon Bay. The City has hired Mike Noche as a Housing Coordinator to get more sites for affordable housing. There is a proposal from Mercy Housing/ALAS to build affordable housing for senior farm workers on Kelly Avenue in HMB. Matthew Chidester has accepted the position of City Manager.

2. (7:19) Public Comment & Announcements

Claire Toutant relayed a message from Barbara Dye that GCSD announced a Burnham Strip Park Planning Event this Saturday from 10am-5pm. Everyone is welcome to give input.

Mira Glascock: *(Comment letter via email to be read during meeting)* Please allow me to comment on the July 19, 2022 response by Ann M. Stillman, Director of Public Works to the application submitted named "STOP SIGN REQUESTS AT FIVE INTERSECTIONS IN THE MONTARA COMMUNITY". The Road Division has rejected the requests at all intersections and deflected responsibility back to the community to implement speed enforcement measures and also traffic calming measures such as tree trimming. I am disappointed in this decision and saddened that the young grade school children in our community are not prioritized in the decision process. The letter recommends next steps including a continued evaluation of 2-way stops for alternative speed reduction measures. I would like to be assured that 2-way stops are being seriously considered irrespective of the study guidelines and that implementation will be expedited. If public funding is not available for this solution, please share the implementation cost for all 5 intersections so that I can help explore private funding sources through our community partners. Our role as parents, educators, public leaders and county government should be to work in the best interest of our community. The unmarked intersections in Montara are a long-standing and threatening issue. Let us send the right messaging to our children that they are worth the effort. Thank you for creating an opportunity to be heard.

Cid Young: When will the 18 parking spots promised for Quarry Park near the pump track be installed?

Fran Pollard: We received two weeks notice that the Quarry Park Master Plan will come before the Parks Commission for approval soon. We have issues with parking, flooding and sediment/erosion control on down slope streets, fire issues and an established dog park. We are asking these be addressed before approval of the Master Plan.

3. (7:32) Consent Agenda

- a. the minutes for July 27 and August 10 were removed
- b. Motion to Approve Recognition of Artist Appreciation Month (Michelle), Second (Haggerty), Approved 7-0

4. Regular Agenda

4a. (7:36) Water Re-Use in Home and Garden

Laura Allen of greywateraction.org presented slide show addressing the problem of ~billion gallons per day lost. Grey water is bathroom sink/shower water, and laundry. [Slide Presentation:](#)

Open Discussion

Steve Terry asked about graywater use on fruits and vegetables. How do you capture and store the graywater? Answer: You cannot have gray water touch the edible portions of plants. Watering tomatoes is fine. Watering trees is fine. It's more challenging to water vegetables. I have a book and more information on the website. You calculate the water needs (weekly) for your plants and then distribute appropriately through irrigation. We studied over 100 plants for gray water use

Dan Haggerty thanked Laura for her presentation. Thank you for the presentation. It's great timing with the drought we just had.

4b. (8:01) Approval of Expenditures – Midpen Open Space Event

Action Taken

Proposed:

\$250 for booth (banner and postcard) at MidPen Anniversary Event

\$252 for renewal of use of Squarespace for MCC website

Motion to approve: (Olson), Second (Dieguez).

Amendment Proposed: Raise the amount to \$500 for booth expenses (Olson), Second (Dieguez).

Amendment Vote: Approved (7-0)

Motion Vote: Approved (7-0)

Open Discussion:

Review of MCC account showed that at end of June we had \$11,245.71 in the account with have had no expenditures since then. We will get our annual \$3000 soon. It was clarified that the organization is Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, not MidPen Housing. There was discussion about designing a logo.

4c. (8:17) MCC participation in MidPen Anniversary Event <[Link](#)>

Council Discussion: Members of the council discussed details of the booth and its operation during the event including: logo design and printing, volunteers to staff the booth, printing postcards, inviting specific people to booth. Jill, Michelle and Dan will manage booth operations. (detail discussions can be viewed in the <[Link](#)>).

4d. (8:33) MCC Comments on NegDec for Multi-Asset SR1 Proposed Project

Gregg and Len presented slides on the issue. <[Link](#)> Considerable open discussion (council / public) occurred. Following an initial motion to approve the draft letter there was discussion including several amendments for consideration.

Action Taken:

Motion to Approve the Letter (Dieguez) Second (Toutant)

Motion to drop the mention of inductive loop sensors (Olson), Second (Weil) Vote: Fails (3-4) (No-Dieguez, Grant, Erickson, Haggerty)

Motion to remove B (Concrete has adverse impact on global warming) and move C (Concrete has an adverse impact on sustainability) to the end of A. Second (Olson) Approved 4-3 No (Gregg, Jill, Dan)

Motion (Olson): Coastal erosion - strike "for addressing continuing degradation of the armoring" Second Jill Grant: Approved (7-0)

Cid Young requested the council remove reference to having a mid-block crossing, but no council member brought forth a motion.

Final Vote Approved (7-0).

4. (10:05) added - Consideration of Minutes for August 24 and September 14

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Gregg (Gregg), Second (Michelle), Approved (7-0)

5. (10:10) Council Activity – Correspondence and meetings attended

Dave Olson: I attended the HMB Planning Commission meeting where they really turned down was the CDP (Coastal Development Permit) but the Commission was upset over it so it was voted down anyway. They also approved two murals - on commemorates the 50th Pumpkin Festival, a beautiful mural and another facing Mac Dutra Park which is also nice. It is basically kelp.

Gregg Dieguez: In the interest of time, I will say there are significant developments going on at Montara Water District, CCWD, and SAM, but we will get to those another time

Dan Haggerty: There are significant developments proposals for the existing retail building (demolish, remodel or move it) going on at the San Mateo Harbor District, Pillar Point Harbor which is taking public comments right now.

Dave Olson: There are only 3 people running for MCC with 3 open seats so BoS will probably just appoint those people.

6. (10:14) Future Agendas

Claire Toutant said the next 2 meetings will be preparing comments on the Cypress Point Affordable Housing. I could be part of developing this letter but I could step aside .Dave ol expressed interest. Gregg Dieguez commenting on taking away process learning from the letter considered in 4d.

(10:06) Adjournment

Motion To Adjourn (Gregg), Second (Dave), Approved (7-0)