

Midcoast Community Council

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Minutes for Meeting of October 26, 2022

Call to Order (7:01 pm) 6 council members present, Jill Grant absent. This meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State and County COVID-related orders.

Claire informed the board that candidates for County Supervisor may drop in to introduce themselves. No questions will be taken. Both Laura Palmer-Lohan and Ray Mueller introduced themselves during the meeting.

1. (7:01) Board of Supervisors' Report and Reports from other Government Officials

Timothy Federal (Wildfire Prevention and Fire Resiliency Manager for San Mateo Rural Conservation District) introduced himself. At Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy he served as a program manager for their stewardship and also worked at GNRA and the National Park Service.

Lena Silberman (Aide to SMC Board of Supervisor Don Horsley) Supervisor Horsley took action for funds to support MROSD's acquisition of Cloverdale Ranch property, farm worker housing, and support for Coastside Advancement Economic Center. In November the board will vote on a \$16.50/hour minimum wage to go in effect throughout the county.

Dan Haggerty asked about the funding for a traffic study. Lena said this funding supported Transportation Demand Management, a component of the approved Connect the Coastside document.

2. (7:19) Public Comment & Announcements

Laura Palmer-Lohan introduced herself as a candidate for supervisor for our district and discussed her position on certain issues.

Kathryn Slater-Carter said the SAM board has reached consensus on non-domestic waste source control, dealing effectively with a divisive issue. She also expressed concern about a Half Moon Bay Council discussion on treatment of feral cats and certain program recommendations by Commute.org.

Cid Young spoke about the problems a local family faced when their son, who has mental issues, was lost and expressed concern about the sheriff's handling of the situation when responding to a report of his location.

3. (7:22) Consent Agenda

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3a. August 24 minutes, October 12 minutes (pulled)

3b. Recognizing National Pumpkin Day

3c. Sending a letter of support for the Local Road Safety Program <[Link](#)>. Motion to Approve (Dave Olson), Second (Len Erickson), Approved (6-0)

4. Regular Agenda

4a. (7:45) What you need to know about the Residential Housing Needs Assessment Process (RHNA)

Lisa Ketcham reviewed answers about RHNA <[slides link](#)>. She also reviewed the county web page for RHNA. <[Web Link](#)> <[Link to Lisa's Presentation](#)>.

Cid Young, Gregg Dieguez, Kathryn Slater-Carter and Kimberly Williams thanked Lisa for an excellent presentation and asked questions. <[Link to questions and answers](#)>

4b. (8:15) Plastic Turf

Matt Warren (Science Director of Plastic Free Future) presented information on artificial turf and the environmental danger they pose. <[Link to Slides](#)> <[Link to Presentation](#)>

Questions and Comments

Cid Young said she was opposed to artificial turf and noted that with drought concerns that turf must have a lower water use requirement. Reiterate these concerns. Matt noted that in hot climate weather water is required to cool artificial turf.

4c. (8:45) Planning for MCC Transitions

Dave Olson tasks:

Post Agendas and minutes to the website, creating a meeting blog post

Post presentations to the blog post

Write agenda postings for Nextdoor and the Half Moon Bay Review calendar

Post external agency events to the blog post

Follow Board of Supervisors, County Planning Commission, County Parks & Recreation, City of Half Moon Bay City Council & Planning Commission, RCD (on agenda mailing lists, look at staff reports, etc.)

MCC Planning Committee - receives and reviews plans, tree permits (Dave, Claire & Jill)

Check CDRC and Planning Commission Agendas for missed plan reviews

Maintains agenda mailing list (google groups), but this is going away

Maintains MCC email account, including checking spam folder for real messages

(midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com), and google drive, as well as calendar access for website calendar

Run zoom meetings, manage MCC zoom email account

Len Erickson tasks (Secretary:

Take & Write Minutes

Other tasks:

Follow and Coordinate with CalTrans

Liaison to Fire Safe

Liaison to DPW for transportation issues

Wildfire Issues

Liaison to Fire Safe San Mateo County

Ad Hoc Wildfire Committee

Parks
Quarry Park Master Plan

Michelle Weil tasks (Treasurer):
Handle County funds, annual funds report
Update MCC Finance page
Manage Newsletter
Manage mailing list
Newsletter, Facebook page, Meeting Archive Page

Further discussion of tasks

Manage the hybrid meeting materials
Coordinate with Lisa on website passwords,
Managing the mailing list
For managing outside relationships there should be two people
Confirm dates when the new supervisor can attend the MCC retreat

There was discussion of the next steps for this list. Gregg requesting much more specificity including names of responsible people, recognizing that this is an important function of the next MCC Retreat in January. No firm decision was made at the end of discussion. Claire suggested having a Google doc for refining the list and that Gregg monitor the document.

4x. Approve minutes for October 12

Minor edits identified.
Motion to Approve (Toutant), Second (Dieguez), Approved (6-0)

5. (9:21) Council Activity – Correspondence and meetings attended

Len Erickson: There are extensive changes to the Quarry Park Master Plan. Hannah Ormshaw will provide an update at the next meeting. It is still planned to present Plan to the Parks Commission and Supervisors in December. Len noted that wildfire and drainage management also need discussion. A decision to make comment on the plan will to be made at our next meeting and determine whether write a comment letter on the plan.

Len Erickson: The consultant working on the Moss Beach Corridor Project can give an information briefing in December. The Cypress Point project environmental review will extend out into mid next year. Per Khoa Vo, since this is a low-income housing project the vendor will not have to pay any expenses for sidewalks and other items, so whatever is defined is something the county will have to pick up.

Gregg Dieguez: We cancelled a meeting on El Granada sidewalks with Khoa Vo because his email stated he would not discuss specific properties in El Granada. The whole point of that group was to try and resolve a safety issue on Portola Avenue. He's willing to have a more general community discussion. There's a complete streets ordinance that county adopted which would appear to require consideration of safety issues on Portola Avenue that involves the planning department. DPW is more of an execution arm. Maybe the new supervisor will decide what we're going to do, because we need a path forward. I don't think we can just let this issue sit there. It's certainly not sitting there when it comes to the

Montara unsigned intersections. Len Erickson: That's something that will have to be passed on to next year's Council. I plan to work on it as an El Granada resident. I think you need to look along the lines of execution. DPW is interested in helping people identify streets that could be taken on as a block of 6 or 7 houses. Dave Olson: There are two ways to address the sidewalk issue. The local residents form an improvement district or the supervisor secures county funding the project.

Michelle Weil: At the last RCD meeting the RCD board discussed preventive measures in Butano State Park. Gregg on other conversations he has had with Timothy Federal.

6. (9:34) Future Agendas

Airport issues, Quarry Park Master Plan update, Coastal Trail Planning in San Mateo County

Adjournment (9:43)

Motion To Adjourn (Gregg), Second (Dave), Approved (6-0)