

<p>Midcoast Community Council An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038 http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org Email: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</p>	<p>Gregg Dieguez, Chair Claire Toutant, Vice Chair Dan Haggerty, Treasurer Scott Bollinger, Secretary Gus Mattammal Kimberly Williams Ann Rothman</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of July 26, 2023

(7:30pm) Call to Order

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting. The physical location for the in-person portion was held at the Granada Community Services District office, 510 Avenue Alhambra, 3rd floor, El Granada, CA.

Council members present:

- Gregg Dieguez, Chair
- Claire Toutant, Vice Chair
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal
- Ann Rothman
- Kimberly Williams

1. (7:35pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials

A. **Mike O'Neill, Community Liaison to Supervisor Mueller**, reported on the following items:

- 1) San Mateo County has announced a series of listening sessions and surveys to hear from residents about their needs in four key areas: housing and homelessness, children and families, emergency preparedness, and mental health. Feedback from the community will inform allocation of Measure K funds. Surveys are available in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Simplified Chinese, on the County's website at: <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/measure-k-community-needs-survey>. The first session will be on August 9, 2023 at Supervisor Mueller's coastside office from 5:30-7:00pm.
- 2) San Mateo County Libraries is hosting an author talk with Rita Chang-Eppig on Wednesday, July 26, at 6 p.m. to discuss her debut novel, *Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea*, about an infamous pirate queen of China.

The libraries have items to borrow including karaoke machines, GoPros, sewing machines, bikes, ukuleles, and County and State Park passes.

- 3) The County is offering a Civics 101 class, free of charge, to learn about County programs, services, finances, and initiatives. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Regional Operation Center, 6 to 8:30 p.m., from August 30 to October 25, 2023. Registration is now open at:
<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/civics-101-academy>
- 4) The County's 19th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day is a free, family-friendly event to learn safety tips, CPR, first aid and more. The event is from 10am - 2pm Saturday, August 5, 2023 at the San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. Parking for this event is free.
- 5) On August 16, 2023 the County's Office of Public Safety Communications is hosting a virtual tour of the 911 Dispatch Center, for residents to learn more about the facility. Register here:
https://smcgov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HkfY0fQJTJCyQhZaDQneOg
- 6) Mike reported that the County has authorized additional armoring for the Medio Creek bridge, but that the bridge itself is stable with no issues. He mentioned concerns about erosion impacts to the shotcrete wall.

Council Comments/Questions:

- A question was asked about whether additional armoring was permitted and approved by the Coastal Commission, and more details were requested. Mike O'Neill will follow up with more information by email to the entire Council.
- Concern was expressed about difficulties experienced when contacting 911 and the reliability of the service.
- There was a request that the MCC be part of the August 9th listening sessions on the coastside given the importance of Measure K funds to the midcoast. Concern was also expressed that the County continues to schedule important public meetings that conflict with the regularly scheduled MCC meetings.

Public Comments/Questions:

- Carlyle Ann Young asked whether there would be an opening ceremony for the Medio Creek bridge.
- Burnett Silveria requested the office hours of the Supervisor's coastside office, which are Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

B. (7:23) Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay City Council, reported the following:

- 1) SamTrans is extending the period of the new Ride Plus service, which will be free until the end of October. The service goes from Moonridge to Princeton. He encouraged more people to use the service and to request that SamTrans extend it further north on the midcoast. Rides can be booked by using a SamTrans app or

calling (650) 238-5880. More information can be found on the SamTrans website:
<https://www.samtrans.com/microtransit-samtrans-ride-plus>

- 2) The Opportunity Center of the Coastsides is being funded by San Mateo County. The HMB Chamber of Commerce is the temporary site while a permanent location is being sought.
- 3) City of Half Moon Bay approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the County for funding of the 880 Stone Pine mobile home park for farmworker housing. The City will be responsible for managing the housing project.
- 4) He reiterated the importance of the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Day on August 5th at the County Center.
- 5) There will be a Dog Surfing Contest at Linda Mar Beach in Pacifica on August 5th.

Council Comments/Questions:

- Council members asked about Ride Plus service usage data and number of people using the service per month. Harvey will follow up with more information.
- There was a question about the status of the car charging station at the Bank of America parking lot in Half Moon Bay.
- There was a question about overlap in services of the Opportunity Center and HMB library resources. The response was that the Opportunity Center's goal is to bring all job oriented services together in one place to offer greater educational and skills support.
- How many units will the 880 Stone Pine project include? Harvey replied there may be possibly 50 units, but this isn't determined yet.

Public Comments/Questions:

- Carlyle Ann Young expressed concern about flooding risk at 880 Stone Pine and whether this would be addressed.

C. Lisa Ketcham, SMC Planning Commissioner, provided an update.

She reported that in regard to a request for shoreline armoring to protect a proposed rebuild of a home that was destroyed by fire at Seal Cove Beach, the Coastal Commission staff believes the house requires a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for any armoring modifications, and if replacement of the structure is set further back in a new location it may be considered as new development also requiring a CDP.

D. Krystlyn Giedt, HMB Chamber of Commerce reported the following:

- 1) The Opportunity Center of the Coastsides has been working collaboratively with the HMB Library and will coordinate any related activities to maximize resources.
- 2) The Ride Plus program was born out of the Reimagine SamTrans effort and City of HMB, the Chamber, and other stakeholders all advocated for the Ride Plus program to include the entire midcoast. Krystlyn said SamTrans may have decided to begin with a smaller area to test the rideshare timing. She said the

Chamber continues to advocate for an extended pick up area. She also reported that visitors to the coastside have been using the Ride Plus service.

- E. **Carlisle Ann Young, Montara Water and Sanitary District Board**, reported that the Coastside Fire Protection District open house meeting about the proposed new fire station was rescheduled to August 8th from 6-8pm.

Council Comments/Questions:

- There was a question about whether Pillar Point Harbor was considered as a location for the Opportunity Center of the Coastside. Krystlyn responded that the space needs to be large enough to provide multiple classrooms and easy access to public transportation. They are continuing to look at potential spaces along the entire coastside.

2. Public Comment:

- 1) Carl May expressed opposition to holding MCC public meetings at the Supervisor's office in the Harbor Village location and requested the MCC keep the current location at the GCSD office. He cited bad feelings in the community regarding the history and design of the Shoppes at Harbor Village.
- 2) Lisa Ketcham commented on consent agenda Item 3.C. *Letter requesting County report on Midcoast flow of funds*, questioning why the MCC thinks we're not getting the amount of funding we deserve. She noted this hasn't been her experience on the Planning Commission, and she recognized that the midcoast has sought to maintain the rural nature and character of the coastside, and that from a Planning Commission perspective the conditions of the neighborhoods conform to the rural nature of the midcoast.
- 3) Dan Haggerty requested that the MCC make every effort to keep the regularly scheduled time of the MCC meetings in order to prevent confusion and make it easy for community members to attend.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes for July 12, 2023
- b. Approve Full Treasury Report
- c. Letter Requesting County report on Midcoast flow of funds
- d. Letter requesting County funding for Community Fiber Network

Kimberly Williams requested Consent Agenda item 3.a. *Approval of minutes for July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting*, be pulled for review and correction.

Consent Agenda items 3.b, 3.c, and 3.d were approved 7-0.

4. (8:00) Regular Agenda:

Stormwater Management Analysis

MCC Chair Gregg Dieguez delivered a presentation on stormwater management issues encountered during recent storms and requested feedback on proposed actions to resolve the issues that have been identified.

Public Comments/Questions:

- Carlysle Ann Young referenced a previous Stormwater Task Force which is documented on the MCC website. She expressed concerns about the impact of HMB's disagreement with Sewer Authority Midcoastside, lack of collaboration and coordination, and that a Cypress Point development could overload the sewer system under current circumstances. She reiterated concern that there is no emergency evacuation plan for the MidCoast.
- Melinda MacNaughton suggested incorporating nature-based infrastructure solutions for stormwater management including using landscaping as a strategy, decentralized water retention, groundwater storage, and bioswells using a notched cut method.
- Burnett Silveria commented that the County drainage projects only partially address the problems and he provided several examples in El Granada. He raised the issue of individual projects designed with updated measurements for 100-year storm capacity needs, but which may feed into infrastructure that hasn't been updated to the same standards. A big picture approach is needed.
- Lisa Ketcham pointed out that Pillar Ridge and Ocean Colony independently finance and maintain their own drainage systems with no outside funding or support. She said the Montara 2011 drainage study for Second Street, Kanoff and East Avenue area, referenced in the presentation, resulted in a proposed project to be funded by the neighborhood, but the neighborhood didn't pursue it. Lisa emphasized that the Midcoast isn't treated differently with regard to new development in the County; new projects aren't expected to address existing flooding issues.
- Jane Praysilver was concerned about an ecological tipping point and sustainability. She suggested exploring ways to get all neighbors involved to carefully look at their individual property in the three areas of fire safety, flooding, and integrating native plants.
- Carl May commented that the County created stormwater issues by paving and raising the center in his neighborhood, which created more runoff. He noted the amount of runoff is directly related to the amount of hardscaping in an area. Hardscaping is also affected by implemented setbacks - the floor area ratios, and setback requirements are the same as densely populated urban areas. Not adding new net runoff needs to be enforced.
- Carlysle Ann Young suggested a letter to the Grand Jury. She encouraged keeping on top of possible grant opportunities to fund this work. She said Design Review seemed to favor impermeable surfaces over permeable ones.
- Burnett Silveria asked that this be added to the CRISP program.

Council Comments/Questions:

- It was stated that the photo examples of Seal Cove in the presentation were attributable to other factors, not stormwater runoff. While there may be some stormwater impacts to Seal Cove, these particular examples aren't representative.
- Concerns were expressed that ADU's may contribute to more runoff. There was support for nature-based solutions. It was suggested to include the responsibility of Caltrans for drainage under Highway 1.
- A comment was made about the use of impermeable surfaces for parking lots, flows to the ocean, and that builders and developers need to pay their fair share to address stormwater needs. The suggestion was made to talk with Anna Eshoo about funding from the infrastructure bill.
- The State and County political dynamics were mentioned, emphasizing the need to gain more state allies for this work.
- A suggestion was made for more water capture and storage from roofs and parking lots to mitigate runoff.
- What role does the MCC have and what are the things that are immediately actionable? Suggest making the DPW empty position a priority to fill. Who would create the master stormwater management plan for the midcoast?
- There was a comment about the commonalities of Pillar Ridge and Ocean Colony and that both neighborhoods fund stormwater infrastructure themselves, however this may not be a good model for all areas. Funding these needs shouldn't be dependent on neighbors' ability to pay for it themselves, especially if it impacts everyone beyond the neighborhood and is for the greater good.

Action Item:

Gregg, Gus, and Ann will work on drafting a letter of reasonable asks.

5. Council Activity:

- Len Erickson, volunteer coordinator on transportation issues, shared an update on two major project applications for CDP's, one from Caltrans for the multi-asset improvement project on Highway 1, and one from GCSD for the community center and park. He said there is no movement forward yet on phase 2 of the multi-modal trail project.
- Ann Rothman attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and reported that Supervisors extended the pilot for off-leash dogs at Quarry Park. They also approved a proposal by San Mateo County Parks to allow on-leash dogs in designated campsites in Memorial Park, beginning in September 2023.

- Claire Toutant reported that the Age Friendly Coastside Committee is contributing to the Coastside Opportunity Center in terms of writing services helpful to older citizens. Also the Coastside Health Care Committee is bringing healthcare providers together to look at the needs of the coastside with a goal for an urgent care center on the midcoast.
- Gregg Dieguez attended Anna Eschoo's press conference announcing a \$1.46 billion national grant for communications infrastructure. He and Leo Gomez have a meeting scheduled with a representative from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to discuss how to take advantage of available grant opportunities. Gregg also attended an Insurance Town Hall webinar hosted by CA Assemblymember Berman's office about insurance marketplace changes and implications for the region. He will follow up with Berman's staff on this issue related to local wildfire and flooding.

6. Future Agendas:

- Montara Mountain issue needs to be agendized.
- Glyphosate agenda item planned for 8/26.
- Cypress Point Development (coming up)
- Shoreline issues presentation (possibly Sept)
- Wildfire management
- Stormwater follow-up for next meeting.
- Prep for the Measure K meeting on 8/9 and possibly changing the MCC meeting since it conflicts. Mike O'Neill will alert the Council about the agenda of the Measure K meeting when it's available.

7. Adjournment (10:30pm)

Gus Mattammal Moved, Kimberly Williams 2nd, Passed 7-0