

<p><b>Midcoast Community Council</b>  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  <a href="http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org">http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com">midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</a></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 September 13, 2023***

### **(7:00pm) 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 Remote Voting
- Claire Toutant, Vice Chair
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal
- Ann Rothman
- Kimberly Williams

(7:005)The Council voted 6/0 to approve Gregg Dieguez as a voting member of the Council while attending remotely due to medical emergency circumstances.

### **1. (7:10pm) 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. The San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division is seeking applicants for seasonal positions to assist in the 2024 Presidential Primary and General Elections.
  - Vote Center Training is tentatively expected to begin Jan. 3, 2024.
  - Those hired can expect to work for approximately nine weeks including on-site job training, teaching classes, and working in the Elections Division office.
  - Click here for more [information and how to apply](#).
2. Aircraft operations have resumed at Half Moon Bay Airport. The runway construction project is now complete.

- Note that San Carlos Airport will be closed Sept. 11 through Oct. 10 for runway and connector taxiway pavement rehabilitation. Community members can file aircraft noise complaints for either airport using the [SMC Airports Noise Comment form](#) or call the hotline at 844-266-6266.
  - For more information on the runway construction projects, send an email to [airports@smcgov.org](mailto:airports@smcgov.org) or call 650-573-3700.
3. **Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults**  
 The California Department of Aging asked residents aged 55 and older to take the first ever statewide needs assessment for older adults. The responses will help “shape communities that are inclusive, supportive, and responsive to evolving needs.” The survey was available in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi and Arabic. It closed on Monday, Sept. 4. Learn more at: [Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults \(CASOA\)](#)
  4. **West Nile Virus Information and Resources**  
 The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District is raising awareness about the presence of West Nile virus in the County, which can spread through the bite of an infected mosquito, causing disease in humans, horses, and birds. It poses a greater risk to older adults and those who are immunocompromised. You can find more information about how to protect yourself from mosquito bites and prevent infection at [West Nile Virus Information & Resources, San Mateo County Health](#).
  5. **The San Mateo County Transportation Authority will host an open house on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, to share Phase 1 project outcomes from The Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project which aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and traffic flow from 16th Street to Cypress Avenue.**  
 The Open House will be held from 6-8pm at the Shops at Harbor Village, 270 Capistrano Road, Unit #6. Information will be on public display until September 21, 2023.
  6. **A Coastside Design Review meeting to consider the Cypress Point Housing Development Project is scheduled for September 14th from 1:30 - 3:30pm, at the Shops at Harbor Village, 270 Capistrano Road, Unit #6. MCC member Ann Rothman plans to attend.**

**Council Comments/Questions:**

- Claire Toutant asked if the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults can provide data on what part of the County respondents are from?
- Dan Haggerty asked for follow-up on his previous question to the Supervisor about including an underpass in the SR-1 Moss Beach corridor.

**Public Comments/Questions:**

- Carlyle Ann Young asked three questions:
  - 1) She asked for clarification that West Nile Virus and the Asian Fruit Fly issue are two separate issues.
  - 2) She asked whether new airport technology for monitoring aircraft will be used to charge pilots for touch and go activity.

3) She requested the County remove storm debris on the shoulder of Highway 1 between the North entrance to Devil's Slide tunnel and Linda Mar.

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

- 1) City of Half Moon Bay has hired a design firm to update the streetscape of Main Street. The consultants for the project will be available all day on September 14th at the HMB Library to talk with the public about the project.
- 2) The City has rented space at 637 Main Street for the Coastside Opportunity Center and it will open in two weeks.
- 3) The End of Summer Music Festival will take place on September 23rd on Main Street near City Hall and Kelly Avenue, and will include food trucks, live bands, kids activities and more.

**Comments/Questions:**

- Claire Toutant asked if the lease for the Community Center was a City/County partnership?  
Harvey responded that the City signed the lease, but it is funded by a grant from the County, and the Opportunity Center is meant to serve the entire coastside.
- Carlyse Ann Young commented that City of Half Moon Bay's refusal to contribute funding for pipeline repairs could impede the ability to start the project.  
Harvey responded that the lawsuit will be heard on October 5, 2023 with an anticipated decision by the end of the year.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

The MCC meeting minutes of July 12, 2023, July 26, 2023, and August 16, 2023 were all approved by consent, 7/0.

**4. (7:30) Regular Agenda:**

a. **Independent Civilian Oversight of the Sheriff**

A presentation was delivered on a proposed independent civilian board that would oversee the San Mateo County Sheriff. The presenters were Nancy Goodban and Jim Lawrence of Fixin' San Mateo County, a local grassroots organization working to enact effective, independent civilian oversight of the County Sheriff's Office. The organization is seeking the MCC's support and endorsement. The San Mateo Board of Supervisors is expected to conduct a study session in October and then vote on the item by the end of 2023. If approved, implementation would happen in 2024-2025.

**Council Comments/Questions:**

- Gregg Dieguez expressed concerns about financial capital management and regular oversight of the budget. He asked whether the Sheriff's office has an opinion on the proposed oversight board? He also asked the presenters what is needed from the MCC.

- Claire Toutant asked what “Fixin’ San Mateo” does as an organization besides advocate for this initiative. The response was that this is the organization’s only mission.
- Claire asked if there is another model that is also under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The response was that the Supervisors studied three models and chose to further explore this particular model.
- Claire asked if there are other inspector generals in the County? Is there one for the County overall? Response was no, there isn’t an inspector general currently, but the County does pay close attention and the Board of Supervisors has budget authority over the Sheriff.
- Gus Mattammal expressed concerns about giving civilians power over the sheriff, which could create an adversarial relationship, and he stressed the need for a mechanism for dialogue other than the media, and a structure where civilians have an advisory role. Gus asked how this would be funded. Response was this model recommends 1% of the Sheriff’s budget, but not to come out of the Sheriff’s budget. There are also other models.
- Ann Rothman noted vacancies and recruitment needs that the Sheriff’s office already has and whether this would siphon funds away from those needs; She commented on the value of encouraging a positive view of police officers and the need for mental health support for police officers. The response was that this oversight model is aimed at helping the Sheriff’s office attain these kinds of goals. Jim emphasized the need for checks and balances.
- Scott Bollinger asked what the \$3 million budget covers. The response was that it covers a full-time person (inspector general) and the ability to operate any investigation, training, and administrative program support.
- Scott asked if the program is meant to be preemptive for a specific problem identified. The presenters responded that it is meant to address systemic racism and bias the statistics point to, as mentioned during the presentation.
- Dan Haggerty supported improving communication between the community and the sheriff’s office.

**Public Comment/Questions:**

- Carlyle Ann Young asked if the initiative is moving slowly because of a request for subpoena power. The response was no, the County is not intentionally slow on this.

**Action Item:**

- Scott Bollinger and Gus Mattammal will form a committee and discuss the Independent Civilian Oversight of the Sheriff, set up another MCC discussion, possibly inviting a speaker from one of the cities that have this kind of oversight system, and then consider a potential letter of support from the MCC.

**b. Cypress Point EIR Review**

The Council reviewed the draft Cypress Point EIR and comments. A special meeting will be held on September 20th to finalize the report and submit it by September 25th.

**5. Council Activity:**

- Len Erickson mentioned a development permit for the next section of the multi-use trail is in progress.

- Ann Rothman: Attended the Board of Supervisors meeting. The La Quinta Hotel in Millbrae has been purchased for homeless housing.
- Gregg Dieguez: Attended the Democrats Club meeting. Ray Mueller is working with Caltrans to extend communications cable through the Tom Lantos tunnel.
- Kimberly Williams: Attended the Harbor District meeting. Harbor dredging, sand replenishment for Surfer's Beach, and an eel grass restoration project have been approved by the Coastal Commission with conditions.

**Action Item:**

- Dan Haggerty will join the work group for the Moss Beach SR-1 Corridor.

**6. Future Agendas:**

- Montara Mountain restoration.9/20
- Cypress Point Development and cover letter. 9/20
- Quarry Park Off-leash 9/27
- Harbor and Shoreline (TBD)
- Moss beach SR-1 10/11

**7. Adjournment (9:05pm)**

Gus Mattammal Moved, Kimberly Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 7-0