Midcoast Community Council

An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar

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Minutes for Meeting of January 24, 2024

(7:01pm) 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:

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

1. (7:10pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials

Lisa Ketcham, Chair, SMC Planning Commission

Planning Commission approved a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for a new bluff-top house at 8322 Cabrillo Hwy in Montara. An existing 8ft concrete north perimeter wall will remain in place. A condition of approval added by CDRC required all windows have bird sensitive glazing. The County does not have policies to protect birds.

Casa Mira litigation against the California Coastal Commission will determine if "existing" is defined as when the Coastal Act was enacted in 1977 or later, at the time of permit application for coastal armoring. The CCC limits use of shoreline armoring. The final court decision will have future consequences for the California coast.

Board of Supervisors approved building of commercial space at Big Wave without road improvements being made first.

Cid Young asked about the new Montara blufftop house approved by the Planning Commission that day. Lisa clarified that a proposed retaining wall was deleted from the project. Cid's second question was about Big Wave construction traffic and Lisa clarified that project conditions as approved in 2015 require heavy hauling trucks access the site via Princeton.

(7:22pm) Council Comments:

Claire Toutant, MidCoast Community Councilm announced that the Dream Machines has been canceled for this year.

Benefit dinner for Cal Fire will take place Saturday January 27.

SMC Parks pest control webinar will be on zoon January 31st at 7pm.

Gregg Dieguez, MCC Vice Chair announced that the Coastal Commission will have a hearing February 9th regarding the Middle Mile Broadband initiative.

2. (7:25) Public Comment:

Burnett Silveria, El Granada expressed his concern about not being able to get questions answered at Board of Supervisors and other county meetings. He requested that the MCC remain open to the public to get questions answered as is currently done.

Cid Young, Moss Beach agreed that having questions answered benefits the community.

3. (7:30) Consent Agenda approved

4. (7:35) Regular Agenda

4a. Fire House Letter

Kimberly Williams and Claire Toutant recommended changes were adopted by council vote. Lisa Ketcham provided clarification regarding EIR and CEQA. The council decided to remove a request for an EIR instead asking to conform to local zoning standard and not be exempt from CEQA. The letter passed with 6 yes votes and 1 abstention from Gus Mattammal, Chair

Questions: Clarification of CEQA and EIR discussed.

Public Comment:

Cid Young, Moss Beach mentioned that the fire board was discussing the letter at their meeting even though it had not yet been sent. It is possible that they were referencing the draft MCC letter.

4b. 8:44pm El Granada School Letter

Response to referral letter to be sent to Camille Leung in SMC Planning.

Claire Toutant was concerned about the view corridor as a term. Some verbiage changes and removal of appendix E resulted in the letter passing a 7-0 vote.

Questions:

Lisa Ketcham provided clarification of the term view corridor vs scenic corridor. View corridor is a general term vs scenic corridor which is specific to LCP

Public Comment: none

4c. Middle Mile Broadband Support Letter

Removal of appendix E and a sentence regarding location of cable out of hazardous zone was added. Letter approved 7-0.

Public Comment: none

5. (9:30) Council Member Activity

Dan Haggerty discussed his concern for road erosion at the old Chart House Restaurant location in Montara.

Gregg Dieguez announced the SMC Parks herbicide meeting January 31, at 7pm

Kimberly Williams announced Dr. Charles Lester lecture at 1220 Linda Mar Blvd. Jan. 31 at 7pm.

Gus Mattammal attended the Farm Worker remembrance event.

6. (9:45 pm)) Future Agendas

Retreat Feb. 21, 2024 5:30pm

Regular meeting Feb 28, at 7pm Montara Mtn. letter possible.

7. Adjournment 10:05pm