

<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>Gus Mattammal, Chair Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair Ann Rothman Secretary Scott Bollinger, Treasurer Dan Haggerty Claire Toutant Kimberly Williams</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of April 24, 2024

(7:03pm) 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 attended remotely
- Scott Bollinger, Treasurer
- Dan Haggerty
- Claire Toutant
- Kimberly Williams

1. (7:05pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials

Harvey Rarback, Vice Chair HMB City Council. HMB would like to see Seton Coastside have an Urgent Care staffed by the end of 2024 if possible.

Barbara Dye Chair SAM Board: The Princeton pump station replacement project is under way; expect 3 to 6 mos. duration. Still uncertain is the fate of replacing the SAM pipeline in Montara, which GCSD and MWSD have agreed to but are waiting for HMB to agree.

Gregg Dieguez:: how much extra cost on Princeton pump station from stoppage/restart caused by HMB not approving initially?

Dye: Estimated \$75,000 for stoppage. Since first SAM agreement to lawsuit settlement with Ecological Rights Foundation requiring replacement of that facility, estimates are from 2 to 5x more expensive than it would have been.

Dieguez: Did it go from about \$700k to approx. \$2.5 million?

Dye: Yes, contract is \$1.6M, and permitting and site supervision add a lot.

RCD Timothy Federal said that the chipper program is ongoing in coordination with Coastside Fire and San Mateo County

2. (7:11) Public Comment:

Cid Young, Moss Beach

Ms. Young attended the fire board meeting and learned that station 41, El Granada is adding new landscape. Sidewalks may be installed for ADA compliance. An emergency evacuation drill for El Granada residents will take place May 11. Ms. Young also commented on her concern of the height of 5 stories for the development proposed for 555 Kelly St. HMB. She also said that she hoped that HMB will pay their share of the pump station repair. Board of Supervisors meeting approved high density housing designation for the parcels in El Granada owned by the Cabrillo school district.

Mary Oldham read her letter warning Coastside residents of the hazard of a ditch that resulted in very serious injuries to her husband while riding his mountain bike on Pedro Mountain Rd, Montara. Mr. Tom Oldham lost consciousness and had to be transported to the trauma center in San Francisco. Ms. Oldham would like the community to know about this ongoing hazard so others will not have to face the severe injuries her partner suffered.

MCC Comments:

Claire Toutant stated that the MCC has already commented on station 41 landscaping

Dan Haggerty pointed out graffiti on Medio Creek Bridge. Mr. Haggerty would like to see this addressed in a future agenda item. He believes it is HMB's responsibility to take care of it. He wants to make sure it isn't just painted over. CalTrans agreed to use darker tinted guardrails and not to use cement underneath unless necessary.

Jane- Tea and Trails event GGNRA sponsored well attended. Clipper Ridge area may have a possible parking lot added.

3. (7:28) Consent Agenda

Change made to March 10th minutes Peninsula Resilience Planning workshop not evacuation workshop attended. Agenda approved.

4. (7:29) Regular Agenda

Half Moon Bay library update. Ann Malley, Wan Fwu and Mary Abler presented exciting programs available through the county library system and book mobiles. HMB serves from Montara to the Santa Cruz border. Last year there were 1.5 million library visits, 245,000 people attended programs. The library offers more than books to take out. Bikes, laptops, ukuleles, blood pressure cuffs, museum passes, e books and magazines and laptops are some of the

items that can be taken out if you have a library card. There is a maker mobile coming in addition to bookmobiles. The library sponsors community events and author visits to schools.

Bookmobiles offer books, dvd, laptops and hotspots,etc.The most popular books are often found on the bookmobile.

Bookmobile locations and times:

Montara 7th Street every other Thursday 2-4pm

Coastside Market Moss Beach every other Thursday 4:30pm -6pm

Pillar Ridge every other Monday 3:45pm-5pm

Granada Community Park every other Monday 2-3:30pm

The library hosts yoga, ESL, ukulele jam sessions and many more programs

The VA medical van Monday May 13th 10am to 2pm

There is a survey ongoing to identify community input at www.research.net/r/smchmb/sanmateoco.library

Council Questions:

Scott Bollinger asked if library cards are just for half moon bay or can they be used elsewhere?

Mary replied that the card can be used anywhere in the county and at bookmobiles.

Gregg Dieguez asked if you can check out e-readers, what is a maker, are you still accepting book donations, and are there late fees?

Mr Fwu said that a maker is similar to the bookmobile however it allows users to learn by building and making things. The makermobile has things like printers, cutters, sewing machines, laptops and robotic building materials and more.

There are no late fees and laptops can be checked out.

Dan Hagerty asked if the library stocks books?

Ms. Malley said that the library does stock books but many are checked out. The books are part of a floating collection so they remain where they are brought back throughout the county library system.

Kimberly Williams asked if the library has a budget to maintain electronic resources?

Ms Malley said that they use chrome books and are refreshed after each use and replaced every 3 to 5 years. The library has a healthy budget due to property taxes in order to invest in the community.

Public Comment:

Cid Young asked if they accept donations (repeat question due to microphone issues)? She also discussed how loud the library can get when children come in after school.

Ms. Malley said that book donations are collected by Friends of Half Moon Bay Library which sells the books and donates money to the library. There are quiet rooms at the library that can be reserved.

Jane, El Granada asked if there were computer resources for seniors? The answer is yes there are technology tutors.

(8:02) 4b. Nicholas Calderone San Mateo County Parks Policy Update. Mr. Calderone discussed the letter he sent to the MCC regarding the park's pest management plan. Achieving Healthy Ecosystems forum resulted in two main points being identified. The first was to address misconception of herbicide use before non chemical methods The second was transparency, public notification and field testing to protect biodiversity. A meeting with Supervisors Mueller and Pine to increase transparency was also conducted.

Council Questions:

Dan Haggerty would like to see a significant reduction in the use of pesticides. He would like to know what the number of gallons of pesticide used in a year and if a plan is in place to reduce it? Mr Haggerty asked which are the top 3 parks that have invasive species. Are mechanical methods being used?

Mr. Calderone replied that the annual IPM report will come out this summer and will address these issues. The parks department is field testing strategies to reduce pesticide and herbicide use.

Scott Bollinger thanked Nicholas Calderone for field testing different methods to reduce invasive species.

Kimberly Williams supports transparency. She would like to know how accountability will occur? Mr. Calderone replied that the parks department is held to account by the Board of Supervisors and the County Exec. Ms Williams referenced item 5 in the letter from Mr. Calderone asking him how he will prevent contract employees from financially benefiting from rebates given from chemical companies for pesticide purchases. Mr. Calderone said that contractors must follow the rules established by parks and the Board of Supervisors. Contractors are not allowed to receive kickbacks particularly when using public funds.

Claire Toutant thanked Mr. Calderone for the new procedures and said it is not the job of the MCC to tell parks how to do their jobs.

Gregg Dieguez echoed concerns of kickbacks that El Granada advocates brought forward to the MCC and parks department. He likes revisiting procedures for their effectiveness after a year. Mr. Dieguez would like to make sure that erosion is not being caused by methods of treating invasives.

Public Comment:

Lisa Ketcham stated that she looks forward to seeing the reports and wanted it clarified that there are no butterfly larvae on oxalis.

Burnett Silveria reminded Mr. Calderone that storm water runoff from Corey Park is an ongoing issue for El Granada residents and looks forward to the in person Parks Commission meeting Thursday, May 2nd at 4pm at Corey Park.

Melinda Mac Naughton mentioned that there are many groups across the county concerned about pesticide use including a neighboring group in La Honda that she is working with. She thanked Nicholas for agreeing to transparency, public notifications and an annual report. She pointed out that the EPA has said 93% of endangered species are killed with glyphosate. Ms. Mac Naughton said that the MCC did not formally endorse the list of asks.

Gregg Dieguez confirmed that the MCC did not offer a formal endorsement of the list of asks.

Jane, El Granada thanked Mr. Calderone for the progress made and would like to see the end of the use of chemical pesticides. She asked about the use of air burners and where the burnt ash was disposed of. She also expressed concern about accelerants being left behind that could be a fire hazard.

Melinda also expressed concern for use of the burner at Corey Park and wanted to know what happened to Eucalyptus ash.

Mr. Calderone said that he is working closely with CalFire and options for ash disposal are being evaluated.

Natalie Downe would like to know how after 1 year will the effectiveness of the program be evaluated. She also expressed concern about pesticides getting into waterways and the ocean through runoff.

RCD tests water runoff.

Scott Bollinger asked when the incinerator at Corey Park will be turned on and was told May 1st.

Kimberly Williams asked if parks test for herbicide in water and Mr. Calderone said he would ask RCD what they test for.

MCC ACTION ITEM: Follow up with RCD to see if there is testing for pesticide and herbicide use specifically Roundup in water runoff.

4c. Budget Priorities. It appears that restrictions on the use of funds is speculation at this time. Lisa Ketcham asked the MCC to please copy her with the annual accounting. She asked for the current balance and a list of current expenses. The MCC must pre- approve expenses for the year and provide a Treasurer's report. Ask county for funds for the year.

Gus Mattammal and Scott Bollinger will meet with Supervisor Mueller to review the account.

MCC ACTION ITEM: Review Lisa Ketcham's letter and follow the recommendations and make a Treasurer's Report.

Dan Haggerty said that the MCC should not spend money just because you have it.

Ann Rothman would like to spend some money to hire a consultant to study ways to divert stormwater away from homes that are being flooded in El Granada.

Gregg Dieguez would like to pay for a stormwater consultant to evaluate our report and make suggestions. Mr. Dieguez would also like signs warning of students in the area around Farallone View school. Software and or tablets to use to better communicate with county agencies. A volunteer group that cleans GGNRA parks of dog waste would like bags provided at a cost of \$300.

Gus Mattammal would like money to raise the visibility of the MCC.

Claire Toutant would like to have the ability to better communicate with the county, particularly the planning department, by having access to the same software and programs.

Kimberly Williams wanted to know if the MCC needed their own microphones similar to PCTV

Public Comment:

Burnett Silveria would like stormwater runoff funds. Mr. Silveria reminded everyone of the Parks Commission meeting at Corey Park May 2, 2024 at 4pm to discuss matters including water runoff.

There is a meeting with Supervisor Mueller and California Department of Insurance regarding the current crisis facing those who are not being able to renew their policies. It will take place at Supervisor Ray Mueller's office in Princeton.

5. (9:45) Council Member Activity

Gregg Dieguez attended the planning commission meeting regarding the El Granada school remodel, which was approved. Site preparation will begin this summer.

Ann Rothman attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where the housing element and rezoning of El Granada was approved. Supervisor Mueller mentioned that the county was offered for sale the 6 parcels of property owned by the Cabrillo School District to be included in the RHNA numbers only to find out that the school board had never voted on the issue or even supported it. Because there are additional properties in the county the El Granada properties will be considered in RHNA as a buffer but not in the main numbers until approval is given for the sale of the properties.

Agenda item 15 was removed for unknown reasons and may or may not be reevaluated. It is an equity measure that specifically calls out racial definitions and groups

Claire Toutant Seton Hospital is an ongoing issue.

Gus Mattammal will meet with Kathleen who is head of the North Fair Oaks council to see how their council is run. During his meeting with Supervisor Ray Mueller discussed the loss of parking at surfer's beach and will try to get this issue resolved. Seton Coastside healthcare data is being evaluated.

The PCTV open house was a great event.

GGNRA is responsible for the site of the serious bicycle accident and needs to do the repairs to the road.

Mr. Mattammal worked with Civic Bell to get a feel for community needs and liked the outreach it received. It is an inexpensive way to reach the public. The survey results showed that 64% of coastside residents prioritize keeping the character of the cost as the most important issue to them. Other concerns identified included infrastructure and environmental concerns as well as balancing development. Civic Bell is a cost effective way to reach midcoast residents by polling them. The MCC can come up with questions they would like answers to.

6. (10pm) Future Agendas

Seton Coastside, Emergency Preparedness, Stormwater, MCC Communications Policies
(Working Group: Kimberly, Claire, Dan)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Treasurer's Report (Gus, Scott)
2. Follow up with Mr. Calderon about water testing for pesticides, who conducts this and what has been the outcome?
3. Cost out items from brainstorm session to see what can potentially be funded

7. Adjournment