



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Resolution 21-33. All Board members and staff participated via teleconference.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Director Siemens called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Larry Hassett and Pete Siemens

Members absent: Karen Holman

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Senior Planner Gretchen Laustsen, Senior Planner Jared Hart, Planner II Arianna Nuri

District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth announced this meeting is being held in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Resolution 21-33, allowing Board members to participate remotely. The District has done its best to conduct a meeting where everyone has an opportunity to listen to the meeting and to provide comment. The public has the opportunity to comment on the agenda, and the opportunity to listen to this meeting through the internet or via telephone. This information can be found on the meeting agenda, which was physically posted at the District's Administrative Office, and on the District website. Ms. Woodworth described the process and protocols for the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments submitted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Siemens seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Holman absent)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the July 12, 2022 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Siemens seconded the motion to approve the July 12, 2022 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:08 p.m.

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Holman absent)

2. Proposed Parking Area Names (R-22-101)

Planner II Arianna Nuri provided the staff presentation stating the District's preserves often offer more than one parking area, therefore naming parking areas after preserves is impracticable and that consistent naming conventions are needed to help prevent confusion and to correctly direct visitors, staff, and emergency response to a specific location. Consistent naming conventions will also increase accuracy of mapping and databases used internally and externally. Staff coordinated with District departments to identify the proposed naming conventions and with neighboring jurisdictions to request formal addresses for each parking area. Ms. Nuri then reviewed the proposed naming conventions and parking area names.

Directors Hassett and Siemens suggested including more definite terms to designate parking areas as ADA accessible.

Senior Planner Gretchen Laustsen stated the two parking areas labeled as "accessible" do refer to parking areas that exclusively provide ADA parking and access to easy access trails.

The Committee members requested and received clarification regarding specific parking area names.

Director Siemens spoke in support of prominently posting the addresses at each of the parking area entrances.

Public comment opened at 2:30 p.m.

No public comments were submitted for this item.

Public comment closed at 2:30 p.m.

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Siemens seconded the motion to forward a recommendation to the full Board of Directors for their review and consideration of proposed names for the parking areas identified in the staff report and to post the parking area addresses at the entrance of each parking area.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Holman absent)

3. Guiding Principles for the Design Enhancements of the Highway 17 Crossings (R-22-91)

Senior Planner Jared Hart presented the staff report describing the location and the purpose of the Highway 17 trail and wildlife crossings. Due to their high visibility, the Board will be reviewing and approving design enhancement options and design principles. Mr. Hart described several of the options for design enhancements, including fencing, concrete stamping, and murals, and reviewed the proposed guiding principles.

The Committee members spoke in favor of using design enhancements that can reduce the impact of vandalism as much as possible and in favor of Caltrans maintaining the infrastructure.

Director Hassett spoke in support of including interpretive signage to notify the public of the purpose of the wildlife crossing, such as incorporating images of a mountain lion, deer, racoon, etc.

Director Siemens spoke in support of the stamped concrete options and the metal fencing with cutouts.

Mr. Hart reviewed the timeline and next steps for the project.

General Manager Ana Ruiz suggested two additional guiding principles to address the comments by the committee members.

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Siemens seconded the motion to forward the recommended guiding principles for the design enhancements of the Highway 17 Crossings project to the Board of Directors for their consideration with the following two additions:

- Simple design that facilitates quick interpretation for motorists.
- Use of durable treatments that minimizes need for maintenance and avoids potential for vandalism.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-0 (Director Holman absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Siemens adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:04 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk