

Comment Letter for Item 5

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Recently the Manager of the San Mateo County Harbor District gave a presentation to the MidCoast Community Council and many community members came to speak against the quick way the SMCHD voted to put out a RFP to pave a vacant lot for a parking lot on the Eastside of Highway One.

I do not live in El Granada, but I did note that many objected to 1.) Lack of transparency prior to the vote

2.) Lack of the Public's ability to comment via Zoom.

3.) Written correspondence was not read into the record but rather was "paraphrased" by the Presiding Officer.

4.) Lack of evening meetings where the public could attend in person (since Zoom public Comments are not permitted - only in-person attendees are acknowledged to speak on agenda items) and mid-day meetings are less convenient for members of the public to attend.

After Mr. Pruett spoke, many people asked questions which he answered, however, he referred my question to the Board, knowing I can usually not attend the meeting. There is the question that was avoided:

"In the interest of Community Outreach and Engagement regarding the SMC HD public meetings - please explain the decision to hold your meetings Mid Day when many working constituents can not attend your meetings in person; also explain the policy of not permitting zoom attendees to participate as other meetings allow. Public comments are only allowed in person or in writing (but those are not read in full during the meeting.)"

I am confused why there is no attempt to allow and promote MORE public participation especially when Zoom is available, and most public meetings use videographers and not the poor audio quality of the "owl technology".

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