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I Introduction

This report summarizes input received at the Climate Action Plan and Healthy Community workshop held on July 30, 2015. The session was the second of four workshops focusing on the “Building Block” topics for the Plan Half Moon Bay General Plan Update. The other three workshops in this series include Recreation, Conservation, and Open Space; Land Use and Transportation; and Synthesis. The workshops are intended to build on the input gathered from community members during previous outreach events, including the two Building Block open houses and the Neighborhood Listening Sessions. Feedback from the workshops will be synthesized during the final workshop and will inform the Draft General Plan and Local Coastal Program.

I.1 Workshop Overview

The workshop took place between 6:30 and 8:30 pm at the Ted Adcock Community/Senior Center at 535 Kelly Avenue. There were approximately 22 attendees. Workshop facilitation was provided by the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC).

The workshop format involved facilitated small-group discussions during which participants reviewed ideas and strategies for the Climate Action Plan, ensuring a healthy community, and addressing risks from hazards. Prior to the discussions, City staff gave a presentation on the Climate Action Plan and introduced a framework for visualizing a healthy community. Consultants Dyett & Bhatia also presented briefly on hazards in Half Moon Bay.

The discussions took place in three rounds. The first round focused on the Climate Action Plan and asked participants to discuss options for green and healthy travel. The second round focused on building a healthy community and asked participants to discuss the issues of healthy food and health care. The third round focused on hazards. Groups were provided with prepared lists of strategies and ideas and potential hazards to inform their discussions. At the end of the session, the discussions were summarized and presented to the larger room by each small group’s facilitator.

Facilitation was provided by PCRC volunteers, and City staff and consultants were available to answer any technical questions. The workshop agenda is attached as Appendix A. The lists of ideas, strategies, and potential hazards are attached as Appendix B.

2 Community Input

2.1 Climate Action Plan: Greener Travel

WHICH OF THESE TRAVEL OPTIONS ARE MOST NEEDED IN HALF MOON BAY?

The first round of discussion focused on greener travel options to support the Climate Action Plan. Participants were asked to review a list of potential options (Appendix B) and consider which are most needed in Half Moon Bay. Participants listed options that covered the topics of mass transit, school routes, traffic flow, east-west connectivity, trails, bicycling, and walking. Participants discussed trail improvements, including a parallel trail on the east side of Highway 1, trails that link to shopping areas, and a maintenance strategy for existing trails. They also discussed improvements specific to bicycling, including more consistent bike parking and bike sharing. The discussions also included comments about traffic, suggesting that the City explore improvements such as roundabouts or reconfiguration of traffic patterns. One group noted that all of the options are needed, requiring agencies to work together. Another asked to know more about the impacts of the options on the list.

Many of the recorded comments showed an interest in expanded mass transit, in terms of options such as connections to regional transit, school busing, local shuttles for seniors and weekend visitors. School busing as an option was explored in-depth in many comments, which called for cooperation between the City, school district, and SamTrans to provide buses for Half Moon Bay students. There was also a comment suggesting that students also have the option to walk or bike to school. A full list of notes for these discussions can be found in Appendix C.

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO USE THESE OPTIONS INSTEAD OF DRIVING?

Participants were asked what would encourage them to use alternatives to driving for their transportation needs. Responses included improved connectivity, safety, bicycle facilities, free school busing, and technology. Participants felt that connectivity could be improved regionally, between neighborhoods, between visitor destinations, among bike trails, and to schools. They also noted that these connections should be safer, particularly at crossings and along school routes. Some expressed a desire to encourage their children to walk, bike, or bus to school, and stated that safety improvements along paths and crosswalks—perhaps including chaperones—or free school buses would help. Bicycle improvements discussed in the groups included more bike racks, dedicated or separated bike trails for improved safety, and connectivity and maintenance of trails. One group mentioned that a rideshare app could make it easier to carpool.

2.2 Healthy Community: Healthy Food and Health Care

WHICH OF THESE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN HALF MOON BAY OR ON THE COASTSIDE?

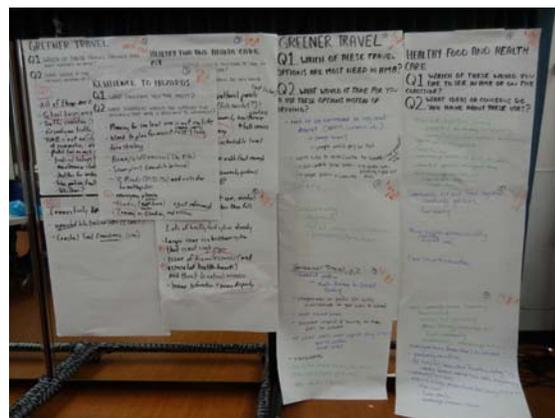
Participants were asked to review a list of ideas for healthy food and health care improvements (Appendix B) and consider which they would like to see in Half Moon Bay.

In terms of healthy food, participants wanted to see more gardens, community food sharing, education, access to fresh food, and connections to the city's agricultural heritage. For gardens, participants discussed a variety of options, including backyard gardens and community gardens. Some wanted to see education in the community regarding food, health, and gardening. Access ideas included more farmers markets, access to local fish and produce, and access to locally grown foods at sites other than the farmers market, such as the grocery, farm stands, or produce share. Participants also discussed the need to maintain and take advantage of local sources of produce, meaning Half Moon Bay's farms and agricultural parcels.

For health care, groups discussed the need for urgent care and more local medical services. These included a local clinic and lab/x-ray services, services at the Senior Center, or remote or mobile health services. Participants also mentioned health care education as a desire. One comment noted that more services may lead to more traffic.

WHAT IDEAS OR CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THESE USES?

Participants were asked to discuss ideas or concerns that they may have about implementing healthy food and healthcare improvements. For healthy food, participants discussed ideas and concerns related to the community's needs, access, and gardening. Concerns related to meeting the community's needs included addressing food insecurity related to income and climate change. Concerns related to access included low-income community members' access to healthy food, the idea that there are already healthy options that aren't being accessed, and that community members may not know what "healthy eating" entails, as well as the idea that local agriculture may be under pressure to transition to other uses. Concerns related to gardening and food production included worries about drought and climate, and the personal cost of growing food. Ideas included a need-based community food model, and the nano-gardens model from Menlo Park.



Concerns related to health care included the impacts on the low-income community when the local clinic closed, and the financial sustainability of local health care. Ideas included focusing on service models that may be more feasible, including mobile services; clinics offering lab service, urgent care, and mental health support rather than a full-service clinic facility; or simply ensuring that Seton remains in operation.

2.3 Resilience to Hazards

WHAT CONCERNS YOU THE MOST?

Groups were asked to discuss their concerns related to hazard resiliency in Half Moon Bay. Discussions covered the issues of climate change impacts including sea-level rise, emergency response and planning, erosion, flooding, and impacts to infrastructure. Participants were concerned with general climate change impacts related to drought and flooding, as well as impacts specific to sea-level rise. Regarding sea-level rise, participants raised concerns about impacts to the Bayside of the peninsula, as well as concerns that a 2050 planning horizon is not sufficient to ensure effective planning. Participants were concerned about existing hazards, including bluff erosion and flooding, particularly along the Kehoe watercourse. Groups noted that elements of the city's infrastructure could be at risk from hazards, including the wastewater treatment plant and major access roads. Emergency response and planning also presented a number of concerns, including insufficient community awareness of existing plans, limited emergency access and egress, and potential loss of lifelines such as water supply and communications in case of a disaster.

WHAT STRATEGIES WOULD YOU SUPPORT FOR ENSURING THAT HALF MOON BAY IS RESILIENT TO HAZARDS?

Strategies that were discussed that could improve Half Moon Bay's resiliency included emergency planning, comprehensive planning for sea-level rise, infrastructure improvements and adaptation, and hazard avoidance. Emergency planning ideas included neighborhood-level organization and planning for emergencies, a reserve medical corps, and an improved, bilingual warning system. For sea-level rise, participants wanted to see more expansive projections including the worst-case scenario, long-range planning, consideration for impacts to the region, and infrastructure adaptation. Groups also wanted to see support from the city for adapting to drought conditions, including provisions and guidance for rain barrels and graywater usage. Participants also discussed the need to improve drainage and stormwater infrastructure. For hazard avoidance, groups suggested ensuring that development does not take place in hazardous areas.



Appendix A: Agenda

Half Moon Bay Community Workshop: Climate Action Plan and Health Community
July 30, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm
Ted Adcock Community Center

AGENDA

- Welcome, Introductions and Workshop Overview
- Presentation:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Healthy Community
- Small Group Discussions
- Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation

Warm-up activity: Before the meeting gets started, please introduce yourself to two people you don't know and share what a healthy community looks like to you.

Half Moon Bay Taller Comunitario:
Plan de Acción para el Clima y la Salud de la Comunidad
30 de Julio 2015, de 6: 30-8: 30pm
Centro Comunitario, Ted Adcock

AGENDA DEL DÍA

- Bienvenida, introducciones e Información del Taller General
- Presentación:
 - Plan de Acción para el Clima
 - Comunidad Saludable
- Discusiones en grupos pequeños
- Próximos pasos y Evaluación de la Reunión

La actividad de conocernos: Antes de la reunión, por favor preséntese a dos personas que no conoces y comparta su propia idea de que es una comunidad sana

Appendix B: Idea Lists

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

GREENER TRAVEL

Motorized

- Improved bus service
 - » Shelters, routes, schedules
- Shuttles
- School buses
- Bike linkages to transit
- Vanpools
- Transit for weekends and festivals

Non-Motorized

- Pedestrian improvements
 - » Walkability
 - » Connectivity
 - » Lighting
 - » Benches
 - » Trails with linkages
- Bike infrastructure improvements
 - » Bike share
 - » Bike parking
 - » Connectivity
 - » Trails with linkages

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Healthy Food

- Access
- Community gardens
- More and expanded farmers market(s)

Health Care

- Full service clinics
- Urgent care
- Lab services
- Mental health support
- Assisted living
- Mobile health services
- Emergency transport



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

RESILIENCE TO HAZARDS

Flooding Hazards

- Storms
- Tsunami (from seismic activity)
- Dam inundation



Geologic Hazards

- Earthquakes and seismic activity
- Erosion
- Landslide
- Liquefaction



Sea Level Rise Impacts

May involve:

- Erosion
- Coastal inundation
- Flooding during storm events

Other

- Fire
- Drought
- Pandemic
- Terrorism



PLAN DE ACCIÓN AMBIENTAL Y SALUD DE LA COMUNIDAD

TRANSPORTE MÁS ECOLÓGICO

Motorizado

- Mejora del servicio de autobuses
 - » Refugios en las paradas, rutas, horarios
- Autobuses de enlace
- Autobuses escolares
- Conexiones de tránsito para llevar bicicletas
- Transporte colectivo
- Transporte para el fin de semana y festivales

No motorizados

- Mejoras peatonales
 - » Mejoras en infraestructura para caminar
 - » Conectividad
 - » Alumbrado
 - » Playas
 - » Veredas con conexiones
- Mejoras en la infraestructura para andar en bicicletas
 - » Renta de bicicletas
 - » Estacionamiento de bicicletas
 - » Conectividad
 - » Veredas con conexiones



SALUD DE LA COMUNIDAD

Comida Saludable

- Acceso
- Huertos comunitarios
- Mayor número y expansión de mercados comunitarios

Cuidado de la Salud

- Clínicas con todos los servicios
- Salas de cuidado urgente
- Servicios de laboratorio
- Consejería de salud mental
- Casas de vivienda asistida
- Servicios móviles de salud
- Transporte para emergencia



PLAN DE ACCIÓN AMBIENTAL Y SALUD DE LA COMUNIDAD

RESISTENCIA A PELIGROS

Inundación

- Tormentas
- Tsunamis (Por actividad sísmica)
- Inundación de presas

Peligros geológicos

- Terremotos y actividad sísmica
- Erosión
- Deslaves
- Licuefacción

Impacto por el incremento del nivel del mar

Puede ser causado por:

- Erosión
- Inundación de la costa
- Inundación durante tormentas

Otros

- Incendios
- Sequías
- Pandemias
- Terrorismo



Appendix C: Small Group Discussion Notes

Climate Action Plan: Greener Travel

Q1: WHICH OF THESE TRAVEL OPTIONS ARE MOST NEEDED IN HALF MOON BAY?

- Need to be connected to regional transit, BART, CalTrain, Etc., – Google Buses? – People would pay for this
- Want kids to bike/walk to school – especially problematic on east side.
- Need school buses
- Neighborhood shuttle for seniors
- East/west connections
- Roundabouts
- All of them are needed – agencies working together
- School buses are needed (ownership?)
- Traffic circulation (from 1988)
- Reconfigure traffic patterns (fix traffic flow)
- Half Moon Bay is not an island, need to deal with commuting; mass transit
- Parallel trail on east side of HWY 1
- Trails with linkages (transportation trail) to shopping areas
- Maintenance strategy for existing trails
- Shuttles for weekend visitors
- Bike parking (not consistent)
- Bike share?
- School buses. SamTrans is expensive for families. Need buses AM and PM
- At least get bus in the AM
- Get school district and city partnership to get buses
- Decentralize facilities so traffic does not jam

- SamTrans and the school district should coordinate schedules, maybe little buses more frequently, some mix
- What on the list more impactful? Need a model to understand sources that need mitigation

Q2: WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO USE THESE OPTIONS INSTEAD OF DRIVING?

- Dedicated bike lane – big green lane, blinking lights for pedestrians
- Safer paths and crossings
- Connectivity – regional, local, inter-neighborhood, destinations for visitors
- Connect paths – Safe Routes to School funding
- Chaperones on paths for kids – collaborate to get kids to school
- Societal impact of having to take kids to school
- What would most impact HWY 1 and 92? Transit shuttles, school buses
- Bike racks (more)
- Connectivity of bike trails
- Separated bike trails are safer (Class 1)
- Coastal Trail (maintenance issue)
- School bus needs to be free
- Free school bus in AM
- Need protection at crosswalk, such as flashing lights
- An App that allowed people to know who could rideshare with between public and bus transit

Healthy Community: Healthy Food and Health Care

Q1: WHICH OF THESE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN HALF MOON BAY OR ON THE COASTSIDE?

- Urgent care is a huge need
- Labs/X-ray
- Not enough medical services on coast
- Abundant gardens are a good idea
- Community-based food system – community gardens, food sharing
- More health options locally, especially urgent care
- Food health education

- Gardening education
- Community gardens
- Access to locally grown foods (not during farmers market) – New Leaf, farm stands, community produce share
- Maintaining larger agricultural parcels (not listed)
- Access to local fish (fish market?) and produce
- Effort to reinstate local community healthcare clinic (full service)
- More services might cause more traffic
- Own e-medicine
- Have prime agricultural land - need to connect to farms
- Mandate development over a certain size include community gardens
- Community gardens – so much good about them
- Food sharing
- More farmers markets
- Encourage more back yard vegetable gardens
- Explore option to have mobile and remote health services
- Health service at the senior center
- Health care education

Q2: WHAT IDEAS OR CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THESE USES?

- Impacted when clinic is closed
- Impacted low income community
- County took over and expanded low income services
- Food insecurity is a concern – low income population, climate change
- Need community based healthy food model: excess food giveaway, share farming knowledge with local community, sustainability = community-based
- Nano-gardens – Menlo Park – as a model
- People may not know what “healthy eating” is – library, farmers market have some programming
- These things take money
- Demographics prevent sustainable local health care
- Mobile services might be viable (not enough information)
- Drought conditions (for community gardens)
- Colder climate in Half Moon Bay

- Lab activity, urgent care, mental health support (rather than full service facility)
- Lots of healthy food options already
- Larger issue is a health care system that is not single payer
- Issue of homelessness (and associated health hazards) and threat to natural resources
- Income bifurcation and income disparity
- Economics of scale – viability of health care services
- Cost of growing your own food
- Preserving Seton
- Economic pressure on agricultural lands

Resilience to Hazards

Q1: WHAT CONCERNS YOU THE MOST?

- Sea level rise – less worried about physical impacts in Half Moon Bay, but bayside sea level rise risks could impact us; 2050 horizon, Coastal Commission guidelines may not be forward-thinking enough
- Few roads in for emergency access/egress – isolated, could lose access to resources (water)
- Not enough awareness of emergency plans
- Loss of lifelines is most significant risk in case of disaster
- With climate change, droughts and floods will accelerate drainage problems
- Wastewater treatment plan will be overwhelmed by 2050
- Planning for sea level rise is not realistic (2040 – 2075)
- Beach/bluff erosion (The Ritz)
- Three roads (HWY 1 N, HWY 1 S, HWY 92) and risks due to earthquakes
- Flooding (Kehoe water course)

Q2: WHAT STRATEGIES WOULD YOU SUPPORT FOR ENSURING THAT HALF MOON BAY IS RESILIENT TO HAZARDS?

- CERT – need neighborhoods level organization and planning for emergency response
- Drought – rain barrels, gray water, permitting, workshops, incentives, support/guidance from City Hall (Burlingame gray water seminar)
- Sea level rise projections should be more forward thinking, consider rapid changes and changes on bayside
- Disaster preparedness – lifelines, access, egress – knowledge of plans
- Drought alternatives to potable water

- 198 study of drainage – we don't have plans to address this. For example adequate drainage or enough control
- Prioritize storm drainage
- Infrastructure adaptation to sea level rise
- City should become carbon neutral and cap development – residential and commercial
- Hazard mitigation/tsunami warnings – communication should be in Spanish too, learn lessons from this coming El Nino in winter
- Need a smart warning system, not just on/off
- Need medical reserve corps
- Need to plan for worst case (sea level rise) and long term strategy
- Sewer plant needs to be moved
- Do not have development in geological hazard areas, such as bluff tops
- Emergency planning
- Zoning re: flooding and erosion – strict enforcement

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