



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes—March 25, 2009

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on March 25 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Chuck Eyerly, Judith Vidaver, Sally Grigg, Bill Knapp and Chairperson Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Van Bueren, Vidaver, Knapp and Grigg present. Director Fostiak was absent.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Van Bueren, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the February 25, 2009 meeting are hereby approved.

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

3) Public Expression

Presenters: None

4) Old Business

a) Coastal Trail grant application update from Director Van Bueren

Mendocino has agreed to act as sponsor. The application is being prepared and should be approved by June. The grant is for money to do a feasibility study for a trail from Usal to Ten Mile River. The intent is to bring all public agencies together to see how a trail could be built.

b) Wave Power update from Director Vidaver

There will be a meeting in San Francisco on April 16. The purpose of the meeting is For the US Interior Department to discuss ocean uses –i.e. fish farms, wave power, etc. Director Vidaver will send email with more information including the use of a bus to be used for public transportation to the meeting. The Greenwave project is being reviewed by FERC for possible permit. The Portugal project has encountered technical difficulties and funding has been withdrawn. There has been no further contact from PG&E and WMAC has not yet been able to schedule them for discussions on wave energy.

Director Van Bueren will contact Terri Gross (County Counsel) to see if the county plans to attend or support a position at the April 16 meeting with Department of Interior.

c) Jackson-Grube Development status update – Director Van Bueren
Director Van Bueren has tried three times to contact Bob Merrill of the Coastal Commission. Mr. Merrill has not responded to any of the inquiries, therefore we have no further update. Director Van Bueren will try again.

5) New Business – Discussion and Actions

a) Sosa subdivision – Wages Creek (CDMS 2-2002)

This was a discussion of a planning permit that has been in process since 2002. This was the first time that the WMAC has had any input regarding this permit. Mr. Sosa and consultant Amy Wynn were present at the meeting to describe the current plan and answer questions for WMAC. The subdivision, as proposed has three parcels where homes could be built. Mr. Kisliuk, a ranch owner in Wages Creek was also present for the meeting. He expressed some opposition to the subdivision as currently proposed.

Motion: Director Van Bueren made a motion to recommend reconfiguring Parcel 1 of the proposed Sosa subdivision (CDMS – 2002) because of steep slope and flood zone issues. WMAC also has a concern about trailers on the property and believe they should removed as part of the approval process. As part of the Parcel 1 reconfiguration we recommend incorporating more level ground outside of the flood zone. Access issues related to the northeast corner of proposed Parcel 1 also must be resolved. Whatever access is provided to this subdivision should be to support the deployment of fire equipment. Director Knapp seconded the motion.

Action: Motion was approved by a 4-1 vote with Director Grigg opposing.

b) Newport Trail (CDP 67-2008)

This discussion is for an amendment to the permit submitted by the Mendocino Land Trust for Newport Trail. The discussion was regarding the probable surface for the trail.

Motion: A motion was made by Director Van Bueren and seconded by Director Eyerly to support the approval of the amendment to the permit and note that the surface of the trail is not described in the permit and we would prefer that the trail not be paved.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion approve unanimously without amendment.

c) Additional discussion reviewed procedures for ensuring substantive comments such as those submitted on Item 5(a) are satisfactorily resolved. The WMAC resolved in cases where substantive issues arise to advise County Planning of basis for concerns and ask for feedback on how those issues will be addressed. Policies on conflict of interest were also discussed.

6) Other Business – Discussion only

a) No announcements

b) Correspondence – Director Knapp noted that the county has agreed to send checks directly to the person who has submitted an approved payment. He will plan to submit requests for payment on a quarterly basis.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Wave Power update – Director Vidaver
- 2) Status of Jackson Grube Development – Director Van Bueren
- 3) Results of prior planning permits with substantive comments by WMAC
- 4) New planning permits
- 5) Possible discussion regarding the status of the proposed state changes to septic systems maintenance.

8) Adjournment

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary