



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes — April 19, 2010

The WMAC Board of Directors convened this meeting at 7:30 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with Chairperson Van Bueren presiding. The start time was delayed due to Director Knapp's participation in a fire response and the need for his presence to create a quorum.

1) ROLL CALL

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

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion or public comment.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Van Bueren, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting are hereby approved.

3) Public Expression

There was no public comment.

4) New Business – Discussion and possible action

There was no new business.

5) New Business – Discussion and possible actions

a) Highway 1 Update by Director Bill Knapp: The subsidence of the coast highway north of Chadbourne Gulch was discussed. There has been no response to Director Knapp's email to the District 1 Director asking for information on plans to address the escalation of drop off and emphasizing community dependence on that transportation link for shopping, work, medical facilities and other connections to Fort Bragg. Director Knapp recalled 1970s reduction to one lane in this location and public comment from Rob Scott relayed the same longstanding problem. Director Knapp will followup with a phone contact and a return-receipt letter asking again for Caltrans to attend a community meeting to convey their plans for maintaining this route.

b) Coastal Trail Grant Update by Director Van Bueren: A kickoff meeting took place last week for this Caltrans funded grant of \$145k to produce a feasibility study for a multi-purpose trail from Usal Road to the Ten Mile river west of Highway 1. The 20 month process will study constraints and reach out to agencies, landowners, and the public to define the most feasible route for this facility. Two public meetings will be held in the fall of 2010 and 2011 to narrow the alternatives and identify issues and support for the project. Director Van Bueren suggested a self-reporting bicycle survey station be installed in Westport to gather data. Rob Scott supported Director Knapp's idea for also collecting data on desired services/facilities for bicyclists along the route. Opportunities for public input will be publicized by the WMAC at meetings, on its web site, and through local media outlets. In-kind contributions of labor and other costs were discussed as a means to meet the 10% grant match.

c) Proposed closure of Coastal Office of County Planning and Building Services Department: Reported County consideration of this action to address budget shortfalls was discussed with all comments indicating a variety of local concerns with the proposal. Issues identified in discussion and public input included the need for convenient local access, coastal expertise provided at the Fort Bragg Office, the number of permits issued there, and whether the closure would realistically save any money.

Motion: Director Grigg moved that Thad draft a letter to BOS, copied to Nash Gonzalez and Coastal Office supervisor, communicating the described concerns. Prior to distribution, that letter is to be distributed to WMAC Directors for input and then promptly revised and sent. Motion seconded by Director Knapp.

Discussion of Motion: Director Grigg asked that the letter also convey the proportion of County revenues derived from coastal citizens and any other justifications that might come up during drafting and revision of the letter.

Action: Motion was passed unanimously incorporating the matters discussed after presentation of the motion.

6) Other Business

a) Vacancies on WMAC Board: Discussion ensued over lack of feedback from County BOS regarding filling vacancy created by Director Fostiak's early resignation and renewal of terms for Directors Eyerly and Vidaver. Motion: Director Knapp moved that the WMAC appoint Alternate Grigg to fill the vacant Director's position if the BOS do not object; seconded by Director Van Bueren and carried by unanimous vote. Director Van Bueren to contact Clerk of Board to followup on all vacancy issues.

b) WMAC Meeting Rescheduling: At Director Vidaver's request, the Board was surveyed by email prior to the meeting to ascertain the best day to hold the monthly meeting. Director Knapp moved that the WMAC meetings henceforth be held the first Tuesday of each month; seconded by Director Van Bueren; and carried by unanimous vote.

c) Announcements/Correspondence: Director Van Bueren announced MCOG will hold public meetings to gather input for the Regional Transportation Plan with the closest sessions to occur in Willits May 8 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers and in Fort Bragg May 13 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the CV Starr Center. He also noted the Jackson-Grube Project is being litigated and remains on the Coastal Commission agenda as a postponed item.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Westport at the Community. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Highway 1 update – Knapp
- 2) Resolve vacancies on the WMAC Board – Van Bueren
- 3) Discussion of any new permits or issues that arise prior to publishing the agenda April 30, 2010

8) Adjournment

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM

Thad M. Van Bueren, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Chuck Eyerly, Secretary