



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Summary Minutes—April 2, 2013

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on April 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Eyerly, Knapp, Grigg, Vidaver, and Director Van Bueren presiding.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, Vidaver and Van Bueren present. Alternate Scott was also present.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Discussion of Minutes and no Public Comment.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Eyerly, the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved unanimously.

#### 3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – No public discussion

#### 4) New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

a) Chadbourne Beach – Director Van Bueren expressed concerns raised by some people in the community regarding motor vehicle access on this beach, camping and fireworks and the impacts resulting from those activities. He presented a draft letter outlining concerns and possible solutions that might be used to make Caltrans aware of the situation. The following is a summary of the public input:

Lin Booth – Was opposed to restricting vehicle access to the beach. Had concerns about being able to haul camping equipment or other gear to the beach. Noted that it may be the last remaining beach that you could access by vehicle and suggested that a porta potty and trash receptacles might be made available.

Steve Goleman – Thought that it was the last beach around that you could take a motor vehicle on and would like to keep that access.

David Paoli – Would like to leave vehicle access to beach as it is.

Dan Booth – Long time area resident who would like to have continued vehicle access to make it easier to take coolers, and other equipment to the beach. Believes Chadbourne supports a unique diversity of recreation as it is.

Allie Freeman – Continue to allow vehicle access and have community to police the beach and Keep it clean.

Patricia Moran – Keep it as is, but add porta potties and figure out how to keep it clean. Talked to other people in Branscomb who couldn't come to the meeting, but want vehicle access kept open.

Pic Sosa – Continue to allow vehicle access. Thought it was good place for families and a good place to use ATV's. Believes it is a local asset and tourism should be invited.

Josh Azevedo – Last beach with full access. Thought the Westport store would be hurt and fewer people would come to beach if access was restricted. He also thought the proposed letter did not represent the majority of the local community.

Ron Hammer – Favored having vehicle access to the beach. Expressed concerns about both problems with emergency calls to beach if vehicle access was restricted and also thought there could be a problem with cars parked on the highway if they could not access the beach.

Gary Quentin - Works on beach clean-up through the Adopt-a-Highway program. Does not believe litter and trash are a problem. Favored leaving beach access as it is. Did not think pollution from vehicles was a big issue. Believed that current conditions helped draw people to the beach and that people attending events such as July 4 and New Years Eve fireworks have been self-policing and have cleaned up after the events.

Motion: Director Eyerly made a motion to delay sending input to Caltrans while additional input is sought from the local community. If there is no support from the community to curtail vehicle access to the beach or to limit camping or fireworks by the next WMAC meeting the matter may be dropped. Future action by the WMAC, if any, will represent community opinion as represented to the council. The motion was seconded by Director Knapp and was passed unanimously.

b) Activities on Siamex lands – There were public inquiries about activity on the Siamex property. The activity included extensive repair to the barn and clearing a road that to Chadbourne Gulch. Pic Sosa explained that he intended to turn the property into a working ranch and that he has a permit for the work. County Planning is checking to be sure all permits are in order.

WMAC will wait to hear from the County Planners to see if any follow-up to the inquiries is appropriate.

#### **5) Old Business – Discussion and possible action**

a) Passing Opportunities on Route 1 – Alternate Director Scott reported that he is in continuing discussions with Caltrans regarding possible passing lanes between the ten mile bridge and Westport. There is an agreement that there is turnoff space available south of the 10 mile bridge and Caltrans could add signs to designate that as a turnoff space. In addition Director Scott is requesting that Caltrans re-visit the stretch of Highway One at Mile Marker 72.50, the area between Newport and Kibesillah for a passing opportunity.

b) MacKerricher Dune Rehab update – Director Van Bueren reported that there was nothing to report at this time. There will be a coastal permit hearing, but the meeting has not yet been scheduled. Director van Bueren will post the date of the hearing on the WMAC website when he knows it. He will report any updates at the next scheduled WMAC meeting.

#### **6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only**

Director Vidaver announced that there is Community Resource Mapping day at the Mendocino Community Center on Saturday April 27 from 2-5 PM.

#### **7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting-- to be held on May 7, 2013**

Agenda: Updates on Chadbourne Beach; Siamex inquiry; and other items if new information arises.

#### **8) Adjournment--Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 P.M.**

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Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

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Chuck Eyerly, Secretary