



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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March 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- 1) Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Van Buren at 7:03 PM. Directors Grigg, Michel, Van Bueren and Scott were present.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2013 meeting – Motion to approve by Scott, second by Michel, passed unanimously.
- 3) Public Expression: Baile Oakes announced that the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (www.celdf.org) is working with concerned citizens in Mendocino County to draft an ordinance for Mendocino County to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents and the natural environment, and establish environmental and economic sustainability. The intention of the ordinance to be proactive rather than reactive to potential fracking operations in Mendocino County. The goal is to place the ordinance on the November 2014 ballot. There is a meeting scheduled in Willits on March 21 & 22 to discuss the topic. Additional information will be published in the Westport Wave. Mr. Oakes is planning to attend the April meeting to update the WMAC on the status of this initiative.
- 4) CDP #16-2013 (Staas) – Permit to build a deck and fence at 32753 Ocean Meadows Circle. The application and drawings were discussed and the unanimous consensus was to issue no comment on the permit.
- 5) ATP Non-motorized Transportation Grant – Grant funding is available to develop non-motorized transportation in and around the Westport Community. Van Bueren distributed a map from a 2011 Westport Coastal Trail Plan. The council discussed of various routes outlined in the plan and the concept of extending the network to Branscomb Road. The Westport Community has raised concerns regarding various details in the project design, but the general consensus is that creating a pedestrian and bike trail from the store to the cemetery would be a great benefit to the community. The council discussed the merits of WMAC joining Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) and Caltrans as grant participant. Motion by Scott to explore ATP grant funding opportunities in conjunction with MCOG for a Westport project, second by Grigg, passed unanimously.
- 6) Appoint WMAC Vice-Chairperson – Position currently vacant, duties are to fill the role of chairperson in their absence which includes; creating the agenda, posting the agenda and presiding over the WMAC meetings. Scott volunteered his services. Motion to appoint Scott to Vice-Chairperson by Van Bueren, second by Grigg, passed unanimously.
- 7) Announcements – Van Bueren reported on a Kibesillah Cemetery fence rehabilitation project that he worked on with Gary Quinton. Grigg reported that Westport Cemetery has expanded and space is available.
- 8) Agenda Items for Next Meeting – ATP Grant Update, Health & Safety Ordinance Initiative Update.
- 9) Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 1st.