



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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May 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- 1) Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Van Bueren at 7:03 PM. Directors Grigg, Knapp, Michel, Van Bueren and Scott were present. 10 members of the public attended and a sign-in list captured their names.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2013 meeting – Motion to approve by Director Michel, second by Director Scott, passed unanimously.
- 3) Public Expression: There was no public input on non-agenda matters.
- 4) Support letter for ATP non-motorized transportation for Westport Bike Lanes – Past discussion of this item was summarized by Director Van Bueren with a request that the WMAC send a letter supporting this grant application by the Mendocino Council of Governments. Public input was generally positive but some specific issues were mentioned. An employee of the Westport Water district pointed out that the ditch running along Highway 1 in front of the evaporation pond was engineered to carry runoff water and its function must be preserved by any changes made to the highway shoulder. Director Scott pointed out that bike lane development represented an upgrade and change of use along Highway 1 and that safety is a major concern. One member of the public wanted to know why such a short length of the highway was being considered. Director van Bueren answered that the amount of funds that could reasonably be expected to be granted matched the scope of the proposal. Director Michel moved that the WMAC supply a letter of support, seconded by Director Scott and passed unanimously. This task was assigned to Director Van Bueren. After the motion passed, Loren Rex (Mendocino Sector Superintendent for State Parks) stated that State Parks plans to apply for a similar grant to improve or provide non-motorized access for the south end of the old haul road. He also indicated a desire to work with WMAC and/or other organizations in Westport to improve the trails at Westport-Unionlanding State Beach.
- 5) Haul Road demolition materials distributed at Westport Beach RV Park and Campground – Mendocino District State Park Superintendent Loren Rex deferred to planner Amy Wynn who is working on an after-the-fact Coastal Development Permit for materials brought to the campground. Any deposit of more than 2 cubic yards of fill requires a permit. The County, Coastal Commission staff, and Fish and Wildlife Service officials have identified fill that can remain and other soils near wetlands that must be removed. State Parks is already in the process of removing unapproved fill under the emergency permit, while other material will be spread on the roads and other non-wetland areas. Public concern was expressed about the possibility that the material was hazardous. Ms. Wynn agreed to supply documentation that the soil is non-hazardous to the WMAC for distribution to the public. No other action was taken.
- 6) Announcements – Van Bueren reported that matters previously considered by the WMAC are on the upcoming Coastal Permit Administrator's hearing schedule.
- 7) Agenda Items for Next Meeting – ATP Grant Update; anti-fracking initiative update.
- 8) Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 3, 2014.

Thad Van Bueren – Chair

Bill Knapp, Secretary