



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes – March 3, 2015

1. **Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. The following were present; Thad Van Bueren, Robert Scott, Sally Grigg, Kevin Michel, Bill Knapp.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2014 meeting** – The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted, having been moved by Rob Scott and seconded by Kevin Michel.
3. **Public Expression** – Members of the public attending were; Jim Havlena, Ginny Michel, Bob Finnell, and Jeff Whitehouse. During Public Expression, several expressed interest in whether WMAC could take any action related to the continuing interruption of phone service (AT&T) since the December storms. After some discussion, it was recommended that people with phone service issues directly contact AT&T and the PUC. Additionally, in item 5b below, it was decided to invite AT&T to a meeting.
4. **New Business**
 - a) **Westport Bike Lane ATP Grant Reapplication** -
 - WMAC 2014 application for phase 1 was not successful. Westport score was significantly lower than Covelo's.
 - Members of the community and several board members were in general agreement that WMAC should reapply if there is any reasonable chance of success.
 - Thad will talk to MCOG for advise and any available documentation that could improve our score and chance of success. He will also provide copies of any material and information received to board members and community members expressing interest in helping with a possible new application.
 - Thad emphasized that if a new application is made it will have to be a team effort, the job is too large for one or two people. He will forward an outline of the process to the board and interested community members.
 - b) **Rescheduling future WMAC Meetings**
 - Kevin checked with Dan Gjerde about availability to attend a WMAC meeting, Dan has a standing commitment for 1st Tuesdays. It was decided to move the April meeting to Thursday the 2nd. A special email invitation will be sent out the the community and extra postings will be put up. This is a one time change, after April, meetings will return to the 1st Tuesday of the month.
5. **Old Business**
 - a) **Update on reappointment of Directors** – Thad and Bill have both been reappointed and sworn in.
 - b) **Update on invitation of speakers**
 - Based on community input related to phone service and general utility issues it was decided to invite both AT&T and PG&E to send a spokesperson to the April 2nd meeting. It was suggested that CalTrans also be invited to discuss the long term lane closure on Hwy 1 just south of Seaside Beach.

- **Rob has contacted the offices of Jard Huffman (US Congress), Mike McQuire (State Senate) and Jim Wood (State Assembly). All are open to the idea of visiting Westport. A regular WMAC meeting may not be the best venue. Other possibilities could be a Town Hall Meeting, a town BBQ – possibly the WVFD Summer BBQ. It may also be possible to schedule a meeting/event based on a specific topic, such as broadband access, access to improvement/maintenance funds or coastal conservation. More work needs to be done with each office to make a definite arrangement.**
- 6. Announcements/Correspondence**
 - a) Kevin received information from CalTrans that the one lane traffic with an automatic signal on Hwy 1 just south of Seaside Beach is scheduled to start on March 23rd. It could be in place for over 12 months.**
 - b) Rob mentioned that CalTrans should be reopening the investigation of a “passing opportunity” (pull out with signage to allow passing) on south bound Hwy1 south of the Ocean Meadows community. He will remind his contact at CalTrans.**
 - 7. Set preliminary agenda for next meeting**
 - a) MEETING WILL BE APRIL 2nd, NOT APRIL 7th!**
 - b) Dan Gjerde will be in attendance – opportunity for community to have discussion with out local County Supervisor**
 - c) Bike Lane ATP grant application**
 - d) Depending on response by AT&T, PG&E, & CalTrans, discussion with their representatives**
 - e) Status of invitations to local State and Federal representatives**
 - 8. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM**

Thad Van Bueren – Chair

Bill Knapp, Secretary