



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Summary Minutes—February 25, 2009

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on February 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with Chairperson Van Bueren presiding.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Directors Fostiak, Griggs, Knapp, and Van Bueren present. Directors Eyerly and Vidaver were absent. Director Knapp agreed to record the minutes.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Van Bueren, seconded by Director Fostiak, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting are hereby approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

#### 3) PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Presenters: Judy Whiting – Ms. Whiting inquired if there was any current information regarding the development activity at the “Old Orca Inn”. Ms. Whiting indicated her personal concern about water usage by any new development. She had requested a water report from the County Planning office and not received a response. She asked if it would be possible for WMAC to get any current status about the project and specifically the water study report. See 5a) below.

#### 4) OLD BUSINESS

a) Coastal Trail update from Director Van Bueren

WMAC has teamed up with the Coastal Land Trust and Mendocino Land Trust to apply as a sub-recipient for a community-based transportation planning grant from Caltrans for a feasibility study for a continuous multi-use non-motorized Coastal trail from Usal Road south to Ten Mile River. MCOG sponsorship and cash match have been requested and will be decided at that agency's March 2 meeting. WMAC will supply the required in-kind match (volunteer effort) for this grant, coordinating the public input process. The intent is to convene all stakeholders and reach consensus on a viable project. Letters of support should be addressed to MCOG and sent prior to April 1 submission deadline to Caltrans. This item will be agendized again for the next meeting.

b) Wave Energy update. WMAC has written FERC to be included on their mailing list for any actions concerning the PG&E Wave Connect Project (#12743).

#### 5) NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and possible actions

a) Status of Jackson-Grube Permit (Commercial Development proposed as CDU 6-2006)

Discussion: This was placed on the agenda by Director Vidaver who was not present at the meeting. Neighboring property owner Judy Whiting mentioned inadequacy of local groundwater supplies and noted well testing data have not been provided by project proponent to date. Additional discussion centered on the need for adequate fire protection facilities and economic mitigation for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department.

Action: Director Van Bueren to request update from Planning department and present at the next meeting.

b) CDP 64-2008 Omega Drive storm damage repair

Discussion: The WMAC and public both strongly support this storm damage repair project and consider it important to keep Omega Drive open as a through road. One concern raised by several speakers was the narrow width of the road at the north end where it intersects Highway 1. That narrow width results in unsafe conditions when vehicles are parked along that northern leg of the road. Larger emergency response vehicles may find it difficult to obtain through passage and safe egress and ingress to that northern end of the road is impaired for all motor vehicles when parked vehicles are present because it effectively becomes a one-lane road.

Motion: Director Van Bueren moved that the WMAC express support for this project with the suggestion that the project include posting "no parking" signs on both sides of Omega Drive along its northern leg. Seconded by Director Fostiak.

Action: Motion approved unanimously without amendment.

c) CDU 1-2009 Highway repairs at Post Mile 81.25 (Union Landing)

Discussion: Support was expressed for this project, which will maintain critical transportation connectivity to the north. Like other projects along the Highway 1 corridor between Usal Road and the Ten Mile River, it is considered critical that the project design includes sufficient paved width west of the fog line/traveled way for safe non-motorized travel for bicycles and pedestrians. That additional width should nominally be four feet wide and it would be desirable to specifically mark it for use by bicycles.

Motion: Director Van Bueren moved that the WMAC express support for this project with a request that the project design includes sufficient paved width west of the fog line to support safe non-motorized travel by bicycles and pedestrians. Seconded by Director Knapp.

Action: Motion approved unanimously without amendment.

**6) OTHER BUSINESS/OPERTIONS**

Director Knapp indicated he was awaiting an invoice from the Church before contacting the Planning Department for reimbursement. Director Van Bueren asked that his reimbursement be forwarded to Planning separately.

General news: Invasive plant removal at Seaside Beach was mentioned. The need for pampas grass removal in the Westport area was also noted. Also, an inquiry was made regarding plans for mowing along Branscomb Road.

**7) SET PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Status of Jackson-Grube Permit (CDU 6-2006) – Director Vidaver
- 2) Coastal Trail grant application update – Director Van Bueren
- 3) Wave Energy update.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.



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Name, Chair

ATTEST:

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Name, Secretary