



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— July 20, 2009

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on July 20 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 Eyerly, Van Bueren, and Fostiak present. Directors Knapp, Vidaver, and alternate Grigg were absent.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion or public comment

Motion: Upon motion by Director Fostiak, seconded by Director Van Bueren, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting are hereby approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

3) Public Expression

Presenters: Mr. Sosa said that the plan to pick up abandoned cars and other abandoned vehicles (you must be able to register the vehicle) is moving forward. Vehicles have to be moved to specified pick-up locations, and volunteers are needed to help with that. Mr. Sosa thought the initial pick-up would be the first week of August.

4) Old Business – Discussion and possible action

a) Broadband grants – Director Van Bueren noted that there were federal stimulus funds available for a county-wide middle mile broadband fiber and last mile build out to most unserved and underserved communities in Mendocino County. The WMAC prepared a letter to be sent to the Board of Supervisors asking for their support for Rural Broadband Now's application for the grant funds. The letter will ask Supervisor Smith if the WMAC could communicate directly with the broadband company.

Motion: a motion was made by Director Fostiak and seconded by Director Eyerly that Director Van Bueren talk with Supervisor Smith regarding the ability of the WMAC to communicate with Rural Broadband Now and that the draft letter be sent to the Mendocino Board of Supervisors.

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

5) New Business – Discussion and possible actions

a) CDP 13-2009 (Regalia)

The referenced permit involves remodeling an existing residence by adding a second story, constructing an additional structure for RV/boat storage and office space, and to extend the driveway to the proposed storage unit.

Discussion: The directors acknowledged safety concerns for vehicular access to Highway 1 and those conditions will be exacerbated by the planned addition of RV/boat ingress and egress. An archaeological site is also known to exist in the immediate vicinity. No public comments were offered.

Motion: Director Eyerly made a motion to recommend that the project be referred to the Archeological Commission for review and that safe access to the highway be addressed as a condition of approval.

Director Van Bueren seconded the motion.

Action: The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Presentation to the Board of Supervisors – the WMAC received an invitation to address the board at its meeting to be held in Ft. Bragg on August 18th 2009. Possible topics for the presentation were discussed and the following is that list:

1. Coastal trail grant application
2. Possibility of commenting directly to other agencies instead of having to direct our comments through the board of supervisors.
3. Broadband access
4. Planning review process.

Motion: Director Eyerly made a motion and Director Fostiak seconded it that WMAC should ask for time on the agenda of the August 18th BOS meeting to give a short presentation on the above listed topics.

Action: Motion approved unanimously

6) Other Business – Discussion only

a) The Jackson-Grube project hearing with the Coastal Commission was delayed. We believe there will be a hearing in August in San Francisco. Interested parties should check the Coastal Commission website for further updates.

b) Supervisor Kendall Smith noted that the WMAC budget that we submitted was reasonable.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Any development permits that are submitted
- 2) Review of presentation for the Board of Supervisors meeting the following day.

8) Adjournment

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

Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary