



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes—June 5, 2012

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on June 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Vidaver, Knapp, Grigg, alternate Scott and Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Directors Grigg, Knapp, Vidaver, alternate Scott, and Van Bueren present.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No discussion of minutes

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Scott, seconded by Director Vidaver, the minutes of the April 3, 2012 were approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved unanimously.

3) PUBLIC EXPRESSION (Discussion Only) – One visitor was present, Jim Havlena. No public expression.

4) NEW BUSINESS—Discussion and possible action

a) Caltrans Route 1 Bikeway Strudy – There will be Public Meetings along the coast in July reviewing the Engineering Feasibility for the Route 1 Bikeway for all of Mendocino County. Current information can be found at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1transplan/system_planning/pcbr-cct.htm/

The general Bikeway Plan approved by MCOG lists Mendocino County Highway 1 as a high need element.

b) Passing Opportunities on Route 1 – Rob Scott presented a letter to the board that he will present to Caltrans. The letter advocates creation of a northbound passing zone, dashed center line, in the vicinity of Newport Ranch (between mile marker 72.5 and 72.91). Rob is undertaking this effort as a private citizen and asking for support from the WMAC. The letter was review and discussion followed. It was noted that WMAC has had the topic of additional passing opportunities between Westport and Ft Bragg on the agenda in the past and wrote a letter to Caltrans advocating reinstatement of areas where passing had been allowed in the past. No new information has been received to change previous conclusions that additional passing opportunities would be beneficial.

Motion: Director Knapp made a motion that WMAC go on record continuing to support having Caltrans investigate, locate and appropriately mark any section of Highway 1 where safe passing can occur. The motion was seconded by Director Grigg and passed unanimously (acting Director Scott abstaining).

5) OLD BUSINESS—Discussion and possible action

a) Board terms – Request for clarification and resolution of WMAC Board terms ending simultaneously has not been answered as of this meeting. History: Intent was for board member terms to be staggered such that only 2 board members would come up for election any one year. Current interpretation of the by-laws results in most members occasionally coming up for reelection in the same year. Also the term of the alternate member is not clear.

Action: Thad will continue to pursue county counsel and Supervisor Smith to get resolution.

b) County zoning for intentional communities – Director Vidaver updated the WMAC on Intentional Community (also referred to as Eco-Communities) progress locally. Requests for status and information have been sent to the county and other communities, but no response has been received to date. Rob Scott indicated the League of California Cities could be a resource. Judith will do research to look for existing community groups outside the local area that have or have tried to plan for Intentional Communities.

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE—Discussion Only

Director Vidaver will be out of state for the next two months.

7) SET PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 3, 2012. The preliminary agenda for that meeting:

- a) Board Terms
- b) Any new permits

8) Adjournment

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

Bill Knapp, Acting Secretary