



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Summary Minutes—July 3, 2012

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The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on July 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Eyerly, Knapp, Grigg, and Director Van Bueren presiding.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, and Van Bueren present.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Discussion of Minutes

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Eyerly, seconded by Director Grigg, the minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved unanimously.

#### 3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – Four visitors present, but no public discussion

#### 4) New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

##### a) Jackson-Grube Permit Modification (CDUM-6-2006/2012)

Mr. Brent Anderson as builder of project was present to answer any questions. Director Knapp said that in his capacity as President of the Westport Volunteer Fire Department that any changes were minor and that there was a significant water supply available on the property. The Westport Fire Department recommended approval of the modifications without change. None of the directors or the public voiced any opposition to the proposal.

Motion: Director Grigg made a motion to approve the modifications requested in CDUM-6-2006/2012 without change. Director Knapp seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

##### b) Ten Mile Dune Restoration (CDP-12-2012)

This project includes the deconstruction of 2.7 miles of the haul road and removal of European Beach Grass. Comments from David Paoli noted that the plan that included the use of herbicides was removed from consideration so some changes could be made. Mr. Paoli expected a modified plan to be presented soon. Mr. Paoli expressed concern that the removal of the haul road could destabilize the dunes. Mary Ellen Shephard also expressed concerns including lack of notification to adjacent landowners. She also expressed concern about dune sand shifting. She also expressed concern that there was not enough thought about the historic aspect of the haul road. Jim Havlena noted that the haul road was in bad shape and would be expensive to replace. Directors Grigg, Knapp and Eyerly expressed concerns about the use of herbicides and that the removal of the haul road would preclude any future opportunity for walking or biking trail. There was also concern that no EIR was done and if the removal of the haul road caused unintended consequences that the damage would be difficult to mitigate.

Motion: Director Grigg made a motion to have the WMAC write a letter to the Department of Planning and Building Services regarding the following points:

1. Lack of notification to adjacent landowners
2. Lack of opportunity for a hiking and biking trail with the removal of haul road
3. Potential adverse effects of dune sands shifting
4. Possible unintended consequences
5. Use of herbicides

Director Knapp seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Director Van Bueren agreed to write a draft of the letter for approval.

**5) Old Business – Discussion and possible action**

a) Board terms per new BOS resolution – the resolution regarding board terms was scheduled on the consent calendar of the July 24 BOS meeting. After that occurs, the members of WMAC will determine at their next scheduled meeting (August 7) the ending date of their current tenure and report those dates to the secretary of the BOS.

b) Passing Opportunities on Route 1 – There was no update. Director Scott will have a report at the next scheduled meeting.

**6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only**

Director Van Bueren expressed concern regarding the problems with communication with the planning department. WMAC will work with the planning department to resolve the issues.

Director Van Bueren noted that the Coastal Commission meeting of Sept 12-14 will be held at the Caspar Community Center.

Discussions regarding the Pacific Coast Bike Trail along the Mendocino Coast will be held at the Westport Community Church on July 18, 2012 from 5:30-7:30.

**7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2012. The preliminary agenda for that meeting:

- 1) Passing Opportunity on Route 1 – Director Scott
- 2) Board terms – reset – Director Van Bueren
- 3) Dune restoration project update if needed

**8) Adjournment**

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 P.M.

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Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

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Chuck Eyerly, Secretary