



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Westport Municipal Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 1, 2015

- 1) Roll Call – Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Van Bueren. Present: Thad Van Bueren, Robert Scott, Sally Grigg, Bill Knapp.
- 2) Approval of July 7, 2015 Minutes – motion was made by Director Grigg and seconded by Director Scott, all ayes, minutes were approved.
- 3) Public expression – The meeting was noticed as having a question and answer session with Sheriff Tom Allman. Sheriff Allman was not present due to a misunderstanding about the meeting date. 7 community members did attend and a discussion was held presenting topics they had brought for Sheriff Allman.
  - a) Topics covered:
    - Tree blocking visibility of northbound vehicles at the only southbound passing opportunity between Westport and Fort Bragg, just south of Pacific Star Winery entrance (It was noted that this is really a CalTrans or CHP issue)
    - Westport home break in
    - Car break in in parking lot of business south of WMAC sphere of influence area
    - Multiple homeless people in Westport area
    - Topic of largest concern and most discussion was related to 4<sup>th</sup> of July illegal fireworks, primarily at Blues Beach and the beach at DeHaven Creek
      1. Larger crowds and more fireworks than previous years
      2. Fire threat to residents on Buhel Point Road. Branscomb / Dehaven Valley Road area and Howard Creek Road
      3. Concern that stricter fire works enforcement by Fort Bragg Police Department has “pushed” activity to Westport area where there are no local enforcement resources
- 4) New Business
  - a) SWoW Trash Collection & Recycling Center capacity issues:
    - Local residents have experienced lack of capacity to drop off trash
    - Trash pick up is only offered along Hwy 1 and in the Village of Westport
    - Concern is that a combination of insufficient pick up frequency/volume and unauthorized dumping of trash and debris at night is causing the problem
    - No direct contact had been made with SWoW as of this meeting
    - After discussion, no action to be taken at this time
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Outstanding Local Citizen Award – Director Scott provided an outline of a possible process for a Local Citizen Award. After discussion he agreed to contact other groups for feedback
  - b) Update on CDP#2015-14 Westport-Union Landing SB Vista Point permit – In July

WMAC had responded with support and comments to the CDP permit request from CalTrans. A response from the County was received which addressed WMAC's comments. A copy will be posted on the WMAC website.

- c) Update on Standing Dead Timber issue – Action is ongoing in the Albion Little River area, however, no action in the WMAC sphere of influence area. No action for WMAC at this time.
- d) Update on Speed Limit in Westport village – CalTrans will be installing speed limit signs that display actual vehicle speed at both the north and south ends of Westport later this year. Related to this issue is a report that CalTrans has set up a pull out to allow passing in the northbound lane of Hwy 1 just south of 10 Mile Bridge. There is a possibility of a southbound pull out being added in the same general area. Director Scott will write a letter to CalTrans thanking them for the northbound pull out and supporting the creation of a southbound pull out.
- e) Update on Legislators visiting the community – Assemblyman Wood and Representative Thompson had representatives at the WVFD BBQ in August. Both offices indicated the visit was positive and encouraged WMAC to start earlier and try again next year to get the Legislators to personally visit the community. Director Scott will send thank you letters to both offices on WMAC letterhead.
- 6) Announcements/Correspondence – None
- 7) Preliminary Agenda for next meeting, October 6, 2015
  - a) Recycling Capacity
  - b) Outstanding Local Citizen Award
  - c) Update on Standing Dead Timber
- 8) Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Bill Knapp, Secretary

Approved by Thad Van Bueren, President




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