



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE

August 3, 2021

WMAC Board Meeting

Held by Zoom at 7pm

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1) Roll Call: 7:05 pm

In attendance were Bill Knapp- Vice-Chair, Gary Quinton- Secretary, Thad Van Bueren - Director, Sally Grieg - Director, with Rob Scott Chairperson having to excuse himself due to technical difficulties and did not thereafter attend the Meeting. Also attending were two members of the local public. Mr. Robert Finnell and Mr. Art Crone. Each attendee could hear and be heard by the others.

2) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Approval of the draft minutes of:

June 1st, 2021, meeting was not heard due to technical difficulties.

3) Public Expression - (Discussion Only) The WMAC welcomes public participation in Westport Municipal Advisory Council ("Council") meetings. Comments provided in the Public Expression portion of the agenda are for matters under the jurisdiction of the WMAC (e.g., planning issues, local infrastructure, and safety). The Council may limit testimony on non- agenda items to 3 minutes per person and 10 minutes per subject. No action shall be taken on matters first presented by the Public to the Council, but the matter may be placed on a future agenda for action if appropriate as determined by the Council.

Mr. Finnell suggested that the Board provide an update or status on the issue of illegal fireworks activity witnessed or reported over the recent July 4th weekend. Ms. Grieg noted that this was currently on the Meeting agenda and that the Board would address at that time.

There were none.

4) Old business - (discussion and possible action)

a) Senate Bill 231 - Discussion regarding County Counsel's review and resolution of potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Quinton proposed that due to the lack of response from County Counsel on the potential conflict of interest issue that both Mr. Quinton and Mr. Van Bueren agree to recuse themselves from the consideration of SB 231 so the Board could move forward with a recommendation on the SB-231 issue. Mr. Van Bueren rejected the proposal, and the subject matter was closed.

b) Referral of Request for Past WMAC Minutes by Former Cannabis Growers to Mendocino County Attorney's Office (7:21 p.m.)

It was unanimously resolved (4-0) after Board discussion (with questions asked and answered), that the WMAC would consider responding to inquiries on the subject of disclosure of WMAC documents to Former Cannabis Growers only after being presented with a formal written request by the Mendocino County Counsel Office or a valid and legal subpoena that the Board would have the opportunity to present to its counsel for legal review and opinion.

c) State fireworks enforcement of County prohibition against fireworks.

Mr. Quinton gave a report on the 4th of July activities at Blues Beach and Mr. Van Bueren gave a report on Union State Park July 4th activities. Questions were asked and answered, and the Board stated that it was apparent that law enforcement oversight had occurred or was communicated well and was effective. Mr. Quinton noted that he visited Blues Beach on July 5, 2021 and the beach appeared to be clean and in good order. The Board agreed to send letters of appreciation to the agencies that assisted in the ordinance oversight and enforcement.

d) County Transportation Plan - update

The report on non-motorized transportation is due in mid-August 2021 from the County and the Board agreed to comment after reviewing the document.

5) New business

a) Sheriff's office bottle water program.

It was noted that the WVFD had received the same letter from the Sheriff's office (as the one that the WMAC received) regarding an office bottle water program and that Westport Volunteer Fire and Rescue was much better suited for this kind of program so the matter was closed from the WMAC Board's perspective.

6) **Announcements / Correspondence** - (Discussion only). None.

7) **Set preliminary agenda for next WMAC Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.**

County Transportation Plan - update
Coastal Permit violation U 2015-0018

8) **Adjournment. 8:05 pm**