



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### **DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **OF September 7, 2021**

Regular WMAC Board Meeting  
by Zoom Videoconference at 7pm

- 1) **Roll Call: 7:01 PM.** In attendance were all five WMAC Board members Members of the public attending: Mr. Robert Finnell, Mr. Travis Killmer (Mendocino Country rep), and Mr. Baile Oaks. Each Director could be heard and hear each other Director via the Zoom Videoconference.
- 2) **Approval of Prior WMAC Board Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the prior issued draft August 3, 2021, WMAC Board Meeting
- 3) **Public Expression - (Discussion Only)** The WMAC welcomes public participation in Council meetings. Comments provided in the Public Expression portion of the agenda are for matters under the jurisdiction of the Council (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 at the same Meeting on public expression items, but the matter may be placed on a future WMAC agenda for action if appropriate.

Robert Finnell made the statement that he nor his family had anything to do with the reporting of his neighbors (Connie and Richard Lazaro) to the Mendocino County Planning and Building department or any other agency resulting in the code violation the topic of tonight's meeting under 5 (b). Additionally, Mr. Finnell suggested the MAC place on its agenda for the next meeting the subject of the status of an operational public WMAC website. Mr. Finnell noted he had sent to the WMAC members the SB231 change requirements of recent from the California legislative subscription service.

- 4) **Old business - (discussion and possible action)**
  - a) **County Transportation Plan - update -** No comments were made.
  - b) **Coastal Permit violation U 2015-0018 -** Mr. Van Bueren reported that he had received a letter from the County and circulated same to the WMAC Directors. Mr. Quinton reported that the County had contacted him on this issue and stated that Mr. Will Jackson had agreed to hire an engineer to ascertain if the road that he had constructed could be engineered to meet California Coastal Commission requirements and possible new application for the same. Mr. Quinton reported that it was his understanding that Mr. Jackson has also hired an archeologist to assess the extent of any damage to the archeological site that was disturbed and that the County would keep him (Mr. Quinton) informed as the violation remediation progressed.



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**c) Coastal Accessory Dwelling Units** – Timing for possible comments to the California Coastal Commission. The time to respond to the California Coastal Commission meeting issues was discussed. Apparently, the issue of the CCC hearing was before the WMAC was informed of the CCC meeting. The actual CCC meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021 and Mr. Knapp volunteered to attend this virtual CCC meeting with the authority to represent the WMAC and speak to the issues if the opportunity arises during the CCC Meeting. Questions were asked and answered during the discussion.

**5) New business** (discussion and possible action)

**a) Official communication to the appropriate authority for the removal of a trashy, graffitied recreational vehicle on the access driveway at Blues Beach.** - Mr. Quinton circulated a proposed draft letter to the WMAC Board members before this WMAC Meeting on the subject and process to address abandoned vehicles along public roads. It was agreed the Board members would read the letter then provide Mr. Quinton input to create a letter that the Board could consider sending to the various governmental agencies responsible for removing abandoned vehicles in addition to Supervisor Gjerde, State Assembly Member Jim Wood, State Senator Mike McGwire. Questions were asked and answered. The target date for Board comments was stated as **September 15, 2021** to Mr. Quinton.

**b) Inquiry on Building Addition permitting for Lazaro, APN 01330059, corner of Highway 1 and Omega Dr in Westport.** - @ approximately 7:37 p.m., Mr. Van Bueren reported that an anonymous Westport neighbor, (*not Mr. Finnell as noticed in the Public Comment earlier*) informed him of the Lazaro's construction and after contacting the County Planning and Building department a stop work order and violation was issued to the Lazaro's after it was determined there was no building permits filed or issued for the work. The Building Department has agreed to keep Mr. Van Bueren updated on the issue and he will report the status at the next WMAC meeting.

**c). Opening of Cahto Road to east of Westport.** The Board discussed this issue. Mr. Oakes provided some input. The Board agreed there was a need for an emergency road from Westport to Fort Bragg if the slide area south of Westport of Highway 1 was to fail. After much discussion, with questions asked and answered, it was noted that the subject had been discussed by the WMAC in the past and that Mr. Gary Markley who lives on Clay or Cahto Road has recently been working on the issue. Mr. Quinton agreed to contact Mr. Markley and report any progress he has made in opening the emergency road.



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- 6) **Announcements / Correspondence** - (Discussion only). None presented.
- 7) **Set preliminary agenda for next Meeting.** October 5th, 2021

Suggested agenda topics: Abandoned vehicle letter status, update to Lazaro building code violation, Clay/Cahto Road update, CCC ADU Hearing status update, Coastal Permit violation U 2015-0018 status update, WMAC website development progress. Review Brown Act training videos for possible new WMAC Board applicants.

- 8) **Adjournment. 8:16pm**