



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### MINUTES

### November 2, 2023, MEETING

#### Westport Community Center, 24900 Abalone Street, Westport

1. **Begin Meeting/Roll Call: 7:04 pm** Directors Present: Chair Thad Van Bueren, Vice Chair Bill Knapp, Secretary Gary Quinton, Director Rob Scott, and Alternate Sally Grigg Members of the public were Robert Finnell and Beck Regalia.
2. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the October 5, 2023 draft WMVA minutes were unanimously approved by the Board and will be posted to the WMAC Website.
3. **Public Expression: (Discussion Only).** Director Scott wanted to recognize the effort made by our community for a local Halloween celebration. Beck Regalia wanted to add the status of the State Park trail at Abalone Point State Park to the next agenda, and provided an update to his appointment to the WMAC, noting it was still in process for review and approval by the County Board of Supervisors.
4. **OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**
  - a) **Homeowners Insurance Cost Escalation:** Director Quinton reported that several new insurance companies had been added to the list of companies who have withdrawn from the insurance business from the state of California since the last meeting. The Council requested that Mr. Quinton compose and submit an article for the Westport WAVE to encourage anyone in the community to contact him regarding any information or suggestions as to how the WMAC can assist in a resolution of the problem by contacting the various state agencies and elected officials.
  - b) **CDUM #22-0005 (Jackson-Grube):** Update on use permit modification for CDU #2015-0018 violation. A letter was sent to County PBS and the Archaeological Commission. Director Van Bueren will follow up with contact to those agencies.
  - c) **Howard Creek Inn Address Change:** Update on results of BOS hearing after WMAC letter was that the appeal was granted, and no address change will be made.
  - d) **Fix Radar Speed Signs:** Update from Director Scott on his contact with Caltrans resulted in Caltrans making the needed repairs.
  - e) **WMAC website update:** Director Van Bueren reported update progress on populating data into the existing WMAC is almost complete and is still in the process and will be complete very soon.
5. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**
  - a) **Repair of Streets in Westport Village:** Possible actions to urge street repairs by County Dept. of Transportation. Director Scott shared a personal letter (not under guise of the WMAC) that he had composed and intends to send to the Mendocino County DOT. The WMAC Board requested that Director Scott draft a similar letter for the WMAC's Board of Directors consideration and issuance under WMAC letterhead, which Director Scott agreed to compose and issue to the Board for review and discussion at the next WMAC meeting.



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- b) **Local Actions to Designed to Reduce Vehicle Speeding in Westport Village:**  
Discussion and possible action. Beck Regalia shared his view that local private property owners were best suited to display home-made signs regarding the vehicle speed limits in the Village.
  - c) **Branscomb Road Maintenance:** Alternate Grigg reported that she had concluded, after several inquiries, that to do very much in improvements would be a very expensive undertaking and this was not the time to raise the issue.
  - d) **Improving Community Participation in WMAC:** Director Knapp suggested that the MAC submit articles to the Westport Wave informing the public of the MAC activities . The WMAC Board agreed to include the draft minutes of the previous meeting with the issuance and posting of the WMAC agenda meeting notices.
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**  
Status of Beck Regalia's application for appointment to the WMAC was discussed, noting it is still pending. Other announcements if any.
7. **Preliminary Agenda for next Meeting: (December 7, 2023)**
- a) Branscomb road sign possibilities, such as the HWY 1 at Legget re: motor home and semi-truck maximum vehicle length advisories.
  - b) Wave article requesting input and process to address local homeowner's insurance premium costs based on difference between coastal communities and inland communities based on fire risk differences.
  - c) Update on **CDUM #22-0005 (Jackson-Grube)**
  - d) Review the letter being drafted by Director Scoot re: DOT street conditions in the Westport Village.
8. **Adjourn 8:32 pm**