



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Minutes: Submitted by Bill Knapp

Thursday April 4, 2024 —7:00 PM

Westport Community Center, 24900 Abalone Street, Westport

1) Roll Call – All Directors present except Gary Quinton

2) Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2024 meeting – Motion by Bill Knapp, 2nd by Rob Scott, all Ayes

3) Public Expression—(Discussion Only)

Gary Markley read a letter regarding the status of Clay Rd., copy attached to these minutes.

4) New Business— Discussion and Possible Action

a) Federal Community Development Financial Institutions Fund:

1. Rob Scott presented information about the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, a Federal program that funds community development in rural distressed areas. Rob pointed out that CFCU, a Credit Union with a Fort Bragg office, is a CDFI certified financial institution and that the Westport area in Mendocino County qualifies for the program. After some discussion, it was determined that Rob Scott and Bill Knapp would follow up by contacting the Chief Marketing Officer at CFCU who is in charge of the program.

5) Old Business— Discussion and Possible Action

a) Homeowners Insurance Cost Escalation:

1. Discussion was held about possible rate reduction related to defensive space work and getting more / better info on local risk assessment. It was mentioned that the CA State Fire Marshal's website has current risk assessment info for Mendocino Co. It is not apparent there is any action to be taken by WMAC.

b) Appeal for Road Improvements in the Village of Westport:

1. Rob Scott shared a personal letter sent to the BoS about deteriorating street conditions in the Village of Westport. After questions and discussion it was decided to draft a letter to the County Dept of Transportation with the goal of bringing the streets and drainage up to county structural and safety standards. Rob will redraft the personal letter and circulate to the WMAC Directors for input to prepare a letter from WMAC

c) Website migration Update:

1. The work necessary to enable moving the WMAC website from a private server, which is no longer functioning, to MCN is completed. Thad Van Bueren expects to have the website back in service prior to the next meeting.

6) Announcements/Correspondence—(Discussion Only) - None

7) Set preliminary agenda for next meeting—

a) Discuss possible response based on input from Gary Markley.

b) Follow up on 5)b) from above.

c) Discuss approaching PG&E about switches that can isolate canyon power outages from Hwy 1 to prevent propagation of a local road / canyon outage to a larger area. There was a recent incident where a tree fall on Howard Creek Rd caused loss of power north of Howard Creek to Rockport, affecting several homes and a lodging business.

8) Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM