



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING

October 5th, 2021

by Zoom at 7pm

1) **Roll Call: 7:05** Directors present were Mr. Robert Scott Chairperson, Mr. Bill Knapp Vice Chairperson, Mr. Gary Quinton, Secretary, Mr. Thad Van Bueren, Director. Director Ms. Sally Gregg was not able to attend. Members of the public attending were 4th District Mendocino County Supervisor, Mr. Dan Gjerde, Mr. Robert Finnell, Mr. Gary Markley (telephonically), Mr. Baile Oakes, and Mr. Travis Kilmer with Mendocino County Administration. It was confirmed that each attendee could hear the others and be heard by the others).

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

Sept 7th, 2021 - It was moved (Mr. Van Bueren), seconded (Mr. Knapp) and approved by unanimous vote of the Directors.

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 suggested that this meeting minutes mention the issue of SB231 (possible Blues Beach transfer by Caltrans) and the participation of the WMAC be so noted that the WMAC did not take a formal position regarding favoring or disfavoring SB231. The Board then undertook a discussion describing the involvement of the WMAC to create or enhance public awareness.

It was noted that State Senator's Mike McGuire's staff was in the process to set up a public Zoom Meeting to provide an update on the transition process regarding the now approved and existing SB231 law. Mr. Knapp noted that it would seem that the WMAC should be involved going forward in the administrative process. (At this time as a point of order, Mr. Knapp requested and received confirmation that Mr. Gary Markley was attending the Meeting via a telephone line.)

4) **Old business** - (discussion and possible action) (approximately 7:28 p.m.)

a) County Transportation Plan – Mr. VanBueren provided an update and Supervisor Gjerde provided additional clarification.

b) Abandon vehicles letter. - Gary Quinton provided an update of the present situation and Supervisor Gjerde provided information that the CHP was the primary responsibility for vehicles abandoned on the highways and the county was the lead agency on county roads. Questions were asked and answered, and Board discussion continued on the process for Code enforcement and the unsightly nature of abandoned vehicles in the WMAC area.

c) Coastal Accessory Dwelling Units - Possible comments to the Coastal Commission. Mr. Knapp provided an update of the process and situation as it now is, and Supervisor Gjerde provided additional clarification on the process and distinction between LDU (attached to main building) and ADU (detached but proximate). Supervisor Gjerde spoke to the fact that the Board of Supervisors is not focusing on limiting ADUs at this time, but noted that the Coastal Commission was concerned about the likely increase in vehicle traffic, noting a study showed vehicle traffic between downtown Fort Bragg to Simpson Lane was approximately 22k vehicles per year. Supervisor Gjerde also noted that the BoS view is that the ADU cannot be used as a vacation rental and a large obstacle regarding ADUs are bank lenders concerns. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Knapp noted the promising news is that ADUs are now possible.

(d) Clay Road update re litigation to open Clay Road (Cahto). Gary Quinton reported he had obtained copies of litigation that is in process on the subject, and it was provided to the Board members. Supervisor Gjerde stated he just had become aware of the litigation and the some of the details and would be looking into, then report back to the WMAC. Additionally, Travis Kilmer with County Administration stated he had been overwhelmed lately with other County issues but would now be looking into the County right of way issue around Westport as well. Mr. Markley also provided facts and information on status. An extended discussion ensued with questions asked and answered and facts related about views from the Westport Volunteer Fire Department perspective. Mr. Markley reinforced his growing concern that the various roads are opened for potential emergency evacuation use by the community. Mr. Oakes asked questions on the length and configuration for using the roads today. Mr. Van Bueren noted the probable need for additional research that would be best undertaken by a member or members to the public to document the roads and their status. A discussion on possible grant funding to clear low hanging branches and shrubbery blocking the roads is a possibility.

5) **New business** (discussion and action) (approximately 8:23 p.m.)

a) WMAC website. update, Mr. Knapp provided an update that the WMAC website had been "hijacked" a while back and then accordingly shut down by the ICANN governing body for URL registrations. Mr. Knapp is looking into the process to reestablish the WMAC website and noted that on or about November 24, 2021, the domain name registration expires.

b) County redistricting committee input. The WMAC received a letter from Mr. Kyle Farmer with the County offering to provide a meeting with the WMAC to explain the need and process of redistricting in Mendocino County. Chairperson Scott said he would send a letter of acceptance.

c) WMAC Director application process and update. It was noted that Mr. Baile Oakes had submitted an application to be appointed into the open position of the WMAC's Alternate Director. After some discussion Director Van Bueren made the motion to endorse the application and Director Knapp seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried and approved. Supervisor Gjerde said he would now make the recommendation to the Board of

Supervisors for Mr. Oakes appointment in due course. The Board then clarified the role of the Alternate Director.

- 6) **Announcements / Correspondence** – None presented.

- 7) **Set preliminary agenda for next Meeting.** November 2nd, 2021
 - A. MCOG update
 - B. Clay (Cahto) Road access update
 - C. Abandoned Vehicles update
 - D. WMAC web update
 - E. Invitation to Kyle Farmer on redistricting
 - F. Brown Act training Mendocino County – Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9am-11 am

- 8) **Adjournment.** 8:48 pm

Gary Quinton, WMAC Secretary
Signed: _____ 2021 .