



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— July 5, 2011

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on July 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, Vidaver, and Director Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, Vidaver and Van Bueren present.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No discussion

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Eyerly, the minutes of the May 3, 2011 were approved without change.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved unanimously.

3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – There was a request by Rob Scott to add “state beach closures” to the next WMAC agenda. The issue would be discussed at WMAC meeting to see if there was anything that could be done regarding the closure of state beaches in the WMAC area of influence.

4) New Business – Discussion and possible action

a.) Redistricting – Van Bueren – Mendocino County is currently looking at a plans for redistricting within the county. It is the understanding of WMAC that a committee is working on a redistricting recommendation to submit to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The final decision would then be made by the BOS. There were, at the time of our meeting, three redistricting options being considered by the committee. Two of the three options (A&B) were OK, but option C represented a significant change to Westport. Under option C Westport would move to District 3. Westport would then be lumped with inland areas.

A motion was made by Director Vidaver and seconded by Director Grigg: That we draft a letter to be presented to the Redistricting Citizen’s Advisory Committee and copy the BOS. The letter should say that the WMAC, reflecting the interests of the community, oppose Option C and favor either Option A or B. We believe our community is linked to Fort Bragg economically, culturally, and politically and we are dependent on Fort Bragg for commerce (including coastal tourism) and essential services.

Action – After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously and Director Van Bueren was given the action to draft and email the letter to the committee for their meeting on July 6, 2011.

5) Old Business – Discussion and possible actions

- a) Update on Broadband Grant – Knapp – Director Knapp will continue to pursue. There are no updates at this time.
- b) National Ocean Policy – Grigg/Vidaver – Director Vidaver sent out websites that can be reviewed. She will continue to monitor but there is no action that the WMAC can take at this time. Director Vidaver will try and find a local organization who is tracking the process. WMAC would look to that group for guidance as to when it would be possible for WMAC to give our input.
- c) Highway 1 Safety Issues – A meeting between WMAC, Caltrans, and MCOG was held on May 5 to discuss Highway 1 safety concerns. There was a list of concerns that have been previously outlined in letters to MCOG. Those issues and others were discussed. A follow up meeting was planned for Fall 2011. Director Van Bueren provided summary notes on the results of that meeting.

6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only

- a) There will be a draft Westport Coastal Trail Plan and meeting to be held on Saturday July 9, 2011.
- b) Director Van Bueren announced that both he and Director Knapp have been reappointed to WMAC for another term.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2011.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Redistricting
- 2) Rockport – remove them from map
- 3) National Ocean Policy
- 4) State Beach Closure
- 5) Coastal Trail plan

8) Adjournment

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary