



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Summary Minutes – September 6, 2011

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The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Grigg, Knapp, alternate Scott and Director Van Bueren presiding.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Directors Grigg, Scott, Knapp, and Van Bueren present. Directors Eyerly, and Vidaver were not present.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Scott, the minutes of the August 2, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved.

**3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only)** – Gary Quinton brought up the issue of inadequate Hwy 1 signage related to “sharing the road with bicycles”. During the discussion it was noted that this concern, along with the observation that bicycle traffic has increased significantly over the last few years, has come before the WMAC multiple times. The issue has been reviewed and recommendations made in the Westport Trail Plan that will be presented to MCOG on September 19. A copy of the plan is available on the WMAC web site, www.westportmac.org.

#### 4) New Business – Discussion and possible action

a.) CDP #18-2011 – Logan remodel, Ocean Meadows Subdivision

Discussion: It was noted that the remodel was modest in size and consistent with neighboring homes. Also, the changes were not visible from either the road or the public beach area below the bluff the house strands on. While not present, an immediate neighbor forwarded comments to the WMAC that they were not opposed to the submitted plan. No Directors expressed any opposition to the plan.

Action: Unanimous approval with discussion incorporated in the response sheet to County Planning.

b.) CDP #25-2011 – Risse/Cutino boundary adjustment, Kibbesillah

Discussion: It was noted that this was a straightforward, court ordered, boundary adjustment to maintain and existing access. There were no concerns voiced about the proposed boundary adjustment and approval was recommended. Director Van Bueren noted that one of the properties in question was a critical link for the proposed Coastal Trail and that current Coastal Plan policy would require the owner to record an offer to dedicate an easement for public access prior to the issuance of the permit. The land in question is about .25 acre connecting existing easements to the north and south adjacent to Hwy 1.

Action: Conditional approval, unanimous vote, a letter detailing the easement will be drafted by Director Van Bueren and included with the response to County Planning. The letter will also be available to the public on the WMAC web site, www.westportmac.org.

**5) Old Business – Discussion and possible actions**

- a.) Highway signage re: Rockport – Director Grigg reported that Caltrans is mandated to put up signs identifying any place included in the List of Communities. To remove Rockport would require action by the Board of Supervisors. An alternative would be to add a “No Services” placard to existing signs identifying Rockport. This would solve the identified problem of travelers arriving at Rockport expecting to find food and fuel. Director Grigg will get info from Caltrans on how to request the additional signage and forward to the other Directors.
- b.) Broadband update – Director Knapp has been in touch with Mike Ireton of Willits on Line. There is no current activity related to finding or writing grants to bring Broadband to Westport. Willits on Line is still interested in pursuing future opportunities and suggests touching base later in the fall.
- c.) National Ocean Policy Update – Director Vidaver was not present, no report.
- d.) State Beach Closure – A letter supporting AB 42, a Bill allowing certain non-profits to participate in operating State Parks slated for closure, was drafted by Director Scott based on a motion passed at the August 2, 2011 meeting. It was reviewed and approved via email and sent by Chairman Van Bueren to Assemblyman Wes Chesbro prior to this meeting. A copy of the letter will be posted on the WMAC web site. During the discussion period, concerns were expressed about how the closed parks, especially Westport-Union Landing State Beach, would be policed if closed.

**6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only**

- a.) The Board of Supervisors meeting on September 13, will include a vote on the county redistricting boundaries.
- b.) MCOG will meet in Ukiah on September 19. Director Van Bueren will be presenting the Coastal Trail Plan. Westport highway safety issues raised earlier by the WMAC will also be considered at that meeting.

**7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2011. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1.) MCOG meeting / Coastal Trail Plan update – Van Bueren
- 2.) Highway signage re: Rockport - Grigg
- 3.) National Ocean Policy - Vidaver

**8) Adjournment**

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 P.M.

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Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

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Bill Knapp, Acting Secretary