



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— March 7, 2017

1) ROLL CALL

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport. Roll call was conducted with following directors present Grigg, Knapp, Scott, and Van Bueren.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the October 4, 2016 meeting

No discussion of minutes or public comment. Motion by Director Knapp and second by Director Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – One visitor was initially present, Gary Quinton. A second, Beck Regalia, arrived later. Mr. Quinton described a bluff slide situation that closed the southbound lane (ocean side) on Hwy 1 directly at the end of Mr. Regalia's drive way. Currently the situation is being managed by a temporary traffic signal, affecting approximately a quarter mile of Hwy 1 around a blind curve. Mr. Quinton also said that Mr. Regalia had been informed by CalTrans that an emergency repair project was being planned to address the damage. Mr. Regalia arrived and provide more detail about the damage and the current traffic control situation. He confirmed that he had been informed that an emergency repair was being planned, but had no additional detail.

4) New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

a) Closing of Westport Recycling and Transfer Station

Both Rob Scott and Bill Knapp reported on discussions with Jerry Ward, CEO of Solid Waste of Willits (SWOW) they had prior to the meeting. Jerry Ward had visited Rob Scott's home on Pacific Heights Rd to determine the feasibility of end of driveway pickup. The conclusion was that Pacific Heights Rd was too steep for the trash and recycle trucks used by SWOW to negotiate safely. There was a discussion on other possible solutions and Mr. Ward agreed to provide a written summary to Rob by the end of the week. Bill had a phone conversation with Mr. Ward, discussing the problems from the perspective of both SWOW and the Westport community. Several possible solutions were also discussed. Both Directors felt they had positive interactions with Mr. Ward and that he, on behalf of SWOW, was willing to work with the community to help alleviate the loss of the Transfer and Recycle Station. Solutions would address trash and recycle pickup, but would not include payment for CRV or recycle.

After hearing the two reports the Directors discussed the issue and decided the best course was to work with SWOW. Jerry Ward will be invited to the April WMAC meeting. The Directors agreed on the following goals, in priority order:

- Reopen the old Transfer Station site for both Trash and Recycle drop off at least one day a week
- Make lockable dumpsters and recycle carts available at the bottom of private roads if residents on the roads want that service

- Explore end of driveway service for private roads that have reasonable access

Bill Knapp will write up a report on the solutions discussed at the meeting and incorporate input received from Jerry Ward. The report will be circulated to the directors for comment with the goal of having a consistent position prior to the next WMAC meeting. Bill Knapp will also be the point contact with Mr. Ward as we move forward.

- b) CDP 2016-0052 (CalTrans) Initial Study for Five Turnouts on Route 1
 - 1) Motion (Thad, Rob 2nd) Comment on proposal with strong support. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2) After additional discussion a motion was made (Thad, Rob 2nd) that Rob would draft a letter to CalTrans expressing WMAC's support and appreciation for work done to maintain and improve Hwy 1 in the WMAC sphere of influence. Mentioning that the addition of passing opportunities on Hwy 1 between Westport and Fort Bragg had broad community support expressed in several WMAC meetings. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Emergency Agenda Item – Hwy 1 lane closure due to bluff slide (from Public Comment above)

Chair Van Bueren asked the Directors to vote on adopting the Public Comment as an emergency agenda item. The vote was unanimous. After some additional discussion, which included additional input from the public a motion was made (Thad, Rob 2nd) to have Thad contact CalTrans for information on the plans for repairs. This section of Hwy 1 has been previously identified at community meetings and in MCOG/CalTrans grant applications as the highest priority corridor adjacent to Westport. The major points Thad will be looking for are:

- Schedule
- Scope
- Possibility of addressing long standing safety issues

5) Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

No old business pending

6) Announcements/Correspondence (Discussion Only)

Both members of the public attending were made aware of the alternate Director vacancy and asked to consider applying to the County Board of Supervisors.

7) Set preliminary agenda for next meeting (April 4, 2017)

- a) Recycle and Transfer Station status
- b) Hwy 1 lane closure status; response to Thad's communication with CalTrans

8) Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

_____ Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Bill Knapp, Secretary