



HOPLAND

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

April 18, 2018

5:00pm SIP Mendocino

13420 S Highway 101, Hopland, CA

Minutes

Members: Julie Golden, Dave Roderick, John Schaeffer, Anna Beuselinck, Amy Frost

Alternate: Patty Rock

Secretary: Kim Rodrigues

Administrative Support: Beth Burks, Rebecca Dalske - LACO Associates

Present at meeting: Julie Golden, John Schaeffer, Amy Frost, Anna Beuselinck, Patty Rock

1. Review/approve of minutes from March 21, 2018 meeting
March minutes were reviewed. Julie motioned to approve the minutes, with a second from John. All approved with Anna abstaining.

2. Public comment
Christa Roderick, wife of Dave Roderick, attended the meeting to express interest in potentially becoming a member of the HMAAC in the future.

3. Hopland railroad property
The Council initially looked into the possibilities for development of the Hopland railroad station property in 2016. Beth Burks was informed in 2016 that the property is available to rent in an "as-is" condition at a cost of \$15,000/year. Since that time there has been no progress made with NCRA.

The Council is interested in potentially turning the property into a community parking lot and/or park. Beth reported that there aren't generally grants for parking available, as parking spaces are traditionally offered by local businesses. As funding is the biggest stumbling block to pursuing the vision further, it will be further researched and explored. A bill to dissolve the NCRA and place the NCRA's assets into the hands of Caltrans has recently been introduced into the state legislature and will be further tracked.

4. PG&E light pole information
Last fall, one of the Council members received a notice in the mail about an impending change to the light poles. Rebecca contacted Joann, the PG&E representative who worked with the MAC last summer to get the banners up, and reported that only the bulbs were replaced on the light poles. The County continues to own the poles, while PG&E is responsible for their maintenance.



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5. SB 824 – the Wildfire Safety & Recovery Act

Rebecca reported that two bills were recently introduced to the California Senate: SB 824 – the Wildfire Safety & Recovery Act and SB 897 – Residential Property Insurance: Wildfires. Both bills would help prevent potential issues with insurance companies following a wildfire disaster. The Council was provided with a handout explaining the particulars of each bill.

In addition, Julie shared with the Council the letter that the Redwood Valley MAC drafted to the Senate Insurance Committee regarding SB 897 and the Council directed LACO to draft a letter in support of SB 824 for approval at the May meeting.

6. Board of Supervisors candidate meet-and-greet

A Meet the Candidates Forum will be held April 30th at 6pm at the Brutocao Event Center in Hopland. The HMAC will sponsor the event and K.C. Meadows of The Ukiah Daily Journal will be the facilitator. Amy will work on designing a graphic to accompany the brief event description that Julie has drafted. Once complete, the Council will work on advertising in various locations.

7. MCOG update

Phil Dow attended the meeting and shared the current status of the Hopland regrade project through Caltrans. The Project Initiation Document (PID) will be begun in August of the current year, with construction anticipated to begin in 2024. The re-grade project will have multiple components, all focused on complying with ADA requirements. If the HMAC puts together a list of specific sites project ideas it feels are important to the Hopland community, Phil may be able to take the list to Caltrans in order to see if there are any funds available for such projects. The Active Transportation Program grant program is a potential funding source, but would the grant would require a designated agency to implement, something that is lacking in Hopland.

Phil also reported that The Trails People will soon be doing an inventory of crosswalks, sidewalks, etc. of the County. This process will consist of community input and focus groups and may be a good outlet for the Council to express the needs of the Hopland community. The Trails People also helped Ukiah with the creation of its rail trail and may be able to provide insights on the potential future development of the Hopland railroad property.

8. Adjournment

Adjournment at 6:10.

Next Meetings: 05/16/18, 06/20/18 at 5:00-6:00pm