



HOPLAND

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

August 15, 2018

5:00pm SIP Mendocino

13420 S. Highway 101, Hopland, CA

Minutes

Members: Julie Golden (Chair), Dave Roderick, John Schaeffer (Treasurer), Anna Beuselinck, Amy Frost
Alternate: Patty Rock

Administrative Support: Rebecca Dalske - LACO Associates

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

1. Review/approve of minutes from April 18, 2018 and June 20, 2018 meetings
April minutes were reviewed. Julie motioned to approve the minutes, with a second from Anna. All approved, with Dave abstaining.
June minutes were reviewed. Dave motioned to approve the minutes, with a second from Anna. All approved, with John and Amy abstaining.
2. Public comment
Tiffany Gibson, a local resident and Director of Wellness Programs at the hospital, attended the meeting to express interest in the HMAC. She provided her thoughts on needed safety improvements along Highway 101 through Hopland, including the crosswalk located at the Mountain House Road turnoff. Tiffany expressed concern that many locations along the 101 corridor are potentially dangerous for pedestrians.
3. Appointment of Secretary
The Council would like to defer appointment of a Secretary to a later meeting, as no one has currently expressed interest in the position.
4. MAC/MCOG Relations – Nephele Barrett, new MCOG Director
The new MCOG Director, Nephele Barrett was unable to attend the meeting, however Dave and Julie will work on meeting with Nephele in the near future to discuss MAC/MCOG relations and transportation project funding.
5. Transportation/Safety Committees
Rebecca reported that she spoke with Taylor Morrison, from the office of Senator McGuire, and Senator McGuire has plans to arrange and facilitate a meeting between the members of the HMAC Transportation/Safety subcommittee (Julie and Dave), Caltrans, MCOG, CHP, and others to discuss Transportation and Safety projects and concerns in the Hopland area.

Dave and Amy reported that they will again begin working on the Downtown Plan, beginning with the Transportation and Safety sections.



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6. SB-1029 North Coast Railroad Authority bill

This topic was previously discussed at the March meeting. Rebecca shared an update from Taylor Morrison on the status of SB-1029. As of now, the bill has faced no formal opposition in Congress, but the debt of the NCRA remains a large barrier to approval of the bill. The NCRA has accumulated a nearly \$10 million debt that would need to be cleared before the Great Redwood Trail Agency proposed in the bill could be established.

7. NCRA Lease for railroad property

The Council has previously discussed this property at various past meetings. A portion of the property that had previously been offered for lease is now currently under a lease agreement with the owner of the hotel on Center St. The portion that is still available begins 150 feet north of Center Street and continues north until the end of the empty lot located there. If a lease can be obtained, the Council envisions this space being utilized for parking and public bathrooms, and/or a space for public events such as wine tasting events or a farmer's market. The Council will continue to look into lease of the space and will contact NCRA to begin renegotiating lease terms.

8. Sho-Ka-Wah Lot for Hopland Parking

The Council is interested in approaching the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians regarding a potential lease of the large empty lot located at the corner of Highways 175 and 101. The Council discussed the idea of paying for a potential lease of the property through a system in which local businesses would pay to sponsor a parking spot. They hope that parking would encourage drivers to slow down through town and/or stop and support the local businesses.

9. Adjournment

Adjournment at 6:00pm.

Next Meetings: 09/19/18, 10/17/18 @ 5:00-6:00pm