



# HOPLAND

## MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

October 17, 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, Amy Frost, Anna Beuselinck, Patty Rock

1. Review/approve of minutes from September 19, 2018 meeting  
September minutes were reviewed. Julie motioned to approve the minutes, with a second from John. All approved, with Anna abstaining.
2. Public comment  
Tiffany Gibson (local resident), Don Moser (local resident), and Hannah Bird (HREC Community Educator) were all in attendance but did not have any public comments.
3. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians – coffee cart project  
The HMAC was unable to make contact with the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians regarding an update to the coffee cart project that was originally presented to the HMAC at the August 16, 2017 meeting and followed-up with at the September 19, 2018. The HMAC will continue to invite tribal members to attend a future meeting to share progress.
4. HREC update – Hannah Bird  
Hannah Bird, Community Educator of the Hopland Research and Extension Center (HREC), shared information regarding current projects of the HREC and how it was impacted by the recent Mendocino Complex Fire. According to Hannah, approximately 3,000 of the HREC's 5,200 acres were burned in the River Fire, however no structures, animals, or people were harmed. In addition, many of the oaks within certain portions of the burn area are already starting to show signs of regrowth. Researchers from throughout the UC system have plans to visit the site to conduct research on the impacts of wildfires on the area.

Hannah shared that the HREC is interested in hosting public informational sessions to discuss methods for fire preparedness with the community. Such sessions could include information on: community prescribed burn programs, sirens, emergency systems, etc. In addition, the HREC has begun discussing the formation of a Hopland Fire Safe Council with the Hopland tribe. The HMAC would like to continue this discussion at the upcoming meeting.



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5. November meeting date

The November meeting is scheduled to be the day before Thanksgiving when many of the HMAc members will be out of town. November 14<sup>th</sup> was proposed as an alternate date for the meeting to occur. Julie motioned to change the meeting date to November 14, with a second from Amy. All approved.

6. Community garden

John shared that there is space available at Real Goods if someone wanted to take the lead on organizing a community garden. Various members of the HMAc feel that pursuing a community garden space should not be a high priority of the HMAc at the current time, as many of the other ongoing discussion points are of higher importance. They will keep the space at Real Goods in case further interest in garden space is expressed. Dave expressed that due to the rural nature of the Hopland area, space to have a Farmers Market is something that he thinks would be more important for the community.

7. HMAc Alternate position vacancy

At the June 20, 2018 meeting, Rebecca presented the HMAc with information on the term lengths and requirements of the HMAc members. At that time, the HMAc learned that the Alternate position was vacant, even though many believed that Patty had filled that role. Since that meeting, Patty has been unable to complete the application process to fill the vacant position, as she is not a registered voter in Mendocino County.

Rebecca reached out to Mendocino County Council, Katharine Elliott, for direction on how to proceed. Following that discussion with Ms. Elliott, a letter was drafted for the HMAc to review and approve to be sent to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, asking that they support Patty Rock's nomination to fill the vacant HMAc Alternate position. The HMAc reviewed such letter. Dave motioned to approve the letter, with a second from Anna. All approved.

8. Hopland School Committee updates

The Hopland School Committee comprised of Julie and Amy from the HMAc and Tiffany Gibson from the public met with Scott Sheldon regarding his evaluation of the Hopland School property that was completed for the Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD). Per the report from the UUSD that was presented to the HMAc at the December 20, 2017 meeting, one of the options the school district has for the school property is to sell the property for future development. Scott Sheldon informed Julie, Amy, and Tiffany that the UUSD now faces two options: 1. Seek interest in the property from the community; and 2. Look outside the community for lease or trade options.



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One of the main factors driving the UUSD to solicit options for selling/leasing/trading the property is that the majority of the buildings are located in the floodway and there are only approximately 122 potential students currently located in the Hopland boundaries. Amy shared that the UUSD is working on updating the floodway maps to show exactly which buildings are located in the floodway, as it is very difficult to get insurance for a school located in the floodway.

Amy has scheduled a meeting with Deb Kubin, Superintendent of the UUSD to discuss the immediate plans the UUSD has for the property.

### 9. Transportation/Safety Committee update

Dave reported that since the last meeting, he has been in contact with local officers of the California Highway Patrol. Sergeant Powers of the CHP has agreed to provide the HMAC with data on all CHP responses in the area and will attend future HMAC meetings if asked. In addition, Dave has spoken with Taylor Morrison from Senator McGuire's office regarding the meeting that Taylor said Senator McGuire's office would help facilitate between the HMAC, Caltrans, CHP, and any other interested parties. Dave hopes that this meeting can be scheduled before the end of the year and will continue to follow-up with Taylor.

In addition, Amy and Dave attended one of the meetings regarding the Mendocino County Pedestrian Needs Assessment and Engineered Feasibility Study (Mendo Pedestrian Project). They reported that at this time, this is funding for the studies, but not to complete any of the projects. It is believed that the final report will be utilized in a similar manner to the Hopland Corridor Engineered Feasibility Study that was completed by Caltrans for the Hopland corridor in 2015.

### 10. NCRA Lease for railroad property

This item has been continued from previous meetings. The HMAC has not recently heard from the individuals responsible for NCRA property leases, but will continue to follow up. This item will continue to be discussed at future meetings, until such time as it is no longer relevant.

### 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next Meetings: 11/14/18, 12/19/18 @ 5:00-6:00pm