



HOPLAND

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

September 19, 2018

4:00pm 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

1. Review/approve of minutes from August 15, 2018 meeting
August minutes were reviewed. John motioned to approve the minutes, with a second from Julie. All approved.

2. Public comment

As a member of the public, John Schaeffer shared information on an event taking place at the Solar Living Institute, this weekend. The event is called Permaculture Convergence and will occur Thursday, September 20th through Sunday, September 23rd. He wanted to share with the group that this event is in the process of receiving approval from the County of Mendocino for the event.

Also in attendance were Christa Roderick (a member of the public), Nephele Barrett (Executive Director of MCOG) and Donetta Gonzalez (Human Resources Manager of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians).

3. Hopland School Committee

The formation of a Hopland School Committee to work towards bringing a school back to Hopland was proposed. Amy motioned to approve the formation of the committee, with a second from Julie. All members approved. Amy Frost is the HMAC member designated to the committee and Christa Roderick and Tiffany Gibson are interested in participating in the committee as members of the public.

4. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians coffee cart project update

Donetta Gonzalez shared updates on the coffee cart project that was first presented to the HMAC at the August 16, 2017 meeting. The tribe hopes to place the coffee cart on their empty lot at the corner of Highways 101 and 175. Donetta informed the Council that the biggest stumbling block they're currently facing is the ADA-compliant employee restroom that the County is requiring for the project. In addition, the "cart" now has to be a semi-permanent structure that is compliant with safety codes.



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The Council proposed that the tribe consider a partnership with the community to potentially create a parking lot or other public space on that same lot. Donetta will invite the General Contractor working on the coffee cart project as well as the tribal chairman to a future HMAAC meeting to discuss potential partnership/development ideas.

The HMAAC expressed strong support of the coffee cart project and would like to continue to show its support moving forward.

5. MAC/MCOG Relations – Nephele Barrett, new MCOG Director

Nephele Barrett gave a brief update on the Caltrans project to correct ADA deficiencies along the Hopland/Highway 101 corridor. The Caltrans project team held a kick-off meeting on September 19th and, in February 2019, hopes to meet with the HMAAC, as well as potentially hold a public workshop to solicit public opinion on the project and project alternatives. Construction is not slated to begin until 2024, however.

The approximately \$7 million project is being funded through the Caltrans Roadside State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The intent of the project is to correct ADA deficiencies and would include projects such as grade correction of a portion of the Highway 101 corridor through Hopland, sidewalk infill, and crosswalk improvements.

Even with this project on the horizon, the HMAAC is concerned that safety will continue to be an outstanding issue along Highway 101 in Hopland, until such time as the project is completed. Nephele suggested that the HMAAC look at alternative solutions in the meantime, such as contacting the California Highway Patrol to help slow down traffic through town. Dave will reach out to the CHP in the area to try to come up with short-term solutions to the safety concerns.

6. Transportation/Safety Committees

The HMAAC Transportation and Safety Subcommittee (Julie and Dave) met with Nephele Barrett on September 10th to discuss the Transportation Committee that had been discussed previously with Phil Dow from MCOG and Taylor Morrison from Senator McGuire's office. The Subcommittee would still like the formation of the Transportation Committee to occur, but only if it will be useful for all parties involved. When Dave calls the CHP to discuss safety concerns he will also get the opinion of the CHP on the Committee.

7. Economic development plans for Hopland

This item has been tabled for a future meeting, as the HMAAC would like to focus much of its current energy on working with Caltrans and other interested entities on addressing transportation and safety concerns of the Hopland area.



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8. Community garden

John Schaeffer mentioned that Real Goods may have space available for a future community garden. This item will be continued to the next meeting.

9. 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. Nephele Barrett shared that *SB-1029 North Coast Railroad Authority* has been passed in the Senate and Assembly and may limit the NCRA's ability to enter into leases for any of the property it currently owns. This item will continue to be discussed at future meetings, until such time as it is no longer relevant.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.

Next Meetings: 10/17/18, 11/21/18 @ 5:00-6:00pm