



City of Fort Bragg

416 N Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Phone: (707) 961-2823
Fax: (707) 961-2802

Meeting Agenda Special Meetings

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N.Main Street and
Via Video Conference

AD HOC ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Committee Members are reminded that pursuant to the Council policy regarding use of electronic devices during public meetings adopted on November 28, 2022, all cell phones are to be turned off and there shall be no electronic communications during the meeting. All e-communications such as texts or emails from members of the public received during a meeting are to be forwarded to the City Clerk after the meeting is adjourned.

ZOOM WEBINAR INVITATION

This meeting is being presented in a hybrid format, both in person at Town Hall and via Zoom.

When: Jan 16, 2024 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Ad Hoc Culture and Education Committee

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86983516842>

Or One tap mobile :

+16694449171,,86983516842# US

+17193594580,,86983516842# US

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

+1 669 444 9171 US

Webinar ID: 869 8351 6842

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86983516842>

To speak during public comment portions of the agenda via zoom, please join the meeting and use the raise hand feature when the Chair or Acting Chair calls for public comment on the item you wish to address. Written public comments may be submitted to cdd@fortbragg.com.

1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1A. [23-516](#) Updates on Pomo Education and Visibility Initiatives

Attachments: [Visibility Initiatives](#)



City of Fort Bragg

416 N Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Phone: (707) 961-2823
Fax: (707) 961-2802

Text File

File Number: 23-516

Agenda Date: 1/16/2024

Version: 1

Status: Reported from
Committee

In Control: Special Meetings

File Type: Report

Agenda Number: 1A.

Updates on Pomo Education and Visibility Initiatives

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Fort Bragg acknowledges that the land on which we stand today is the original territory of the local Pomos of Sherwood Valley Rancheria. We acknowledge the critical importance of traditional Pomo methods of preservation of our land, waters, and sky. We recognize the sovereignty of the Pomo People, who are the original stewards of this land. We value, and seek to support, the many ways in which the Pomo People are working to preserve and revitalize Pomo culture, such as oral histories, dances, songs, regalia, basketry, and the Northern Pomo language.

We resolve to:

- Consult with the governing body of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo on initiatives, issues, or items of concern.
- Raise visibility and public awareness of the history and contemporary presence of the native population of our area.
- Coordinate with local schools, tribal members, as well as state and regional partners, to provide more and deeper education related to the history and contemporary culture of local indigenous people.

For more information about the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo, go to:

sherwoodvalleybandofpomo.com

Visibility and education in public spaces

Mendocino Indian Reservation

You're standing on land that was, in 1856, the Mendocino Indian Reservation. You might imagine that these 25,000 coastal acres were a refuge for our people, a place where survivors of European diseases, land theft, and white persecution could finally live in peace. Unfortunately, this was not the case. "Freedom and justice for all" did not apply to the Indians.

Like other reservations established along the coast, the Mendocino Indian Reservation operated more like a concentration camp. The Fort Bragg army post was set up to keep our people confined and to force them into slave labor at the mills and on local ranches.

In 1858, the Bureau of Indian Affairs illegally gave the Noyo River Lumber Company permission to build a sawmill on reservation land, at the mouth of Noyo River. Reservation authorities stole rations to

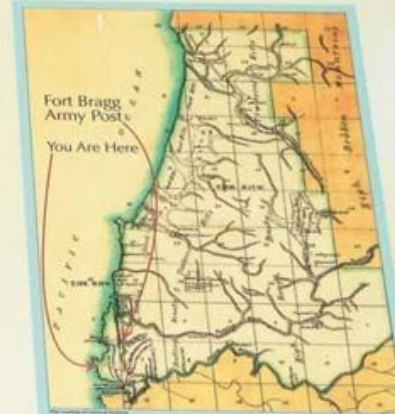
feed lumber mill workers, and many native people starved.

Our children were abducted, sold, and forced into child labor and our women were brutalized. The reservation was officially closed in 1868, amid these and other scandals, but whites had already settled much of the reservation land, using native improvements to justify property ownership.

Finally, our people were brutally force-marched 60 miles inland to the Round Valley Reservation.



Settlers killing Native Americans in the Mendocino Indian Reservation.



Mendocino Indian Reservation Map, 1856-1868
The Reservation consisted of 25,000 acres and extended north from the southern bank of the Noyo River to Alisal Creek near Chalfourne Gulch, and east from the Pacific Ocean to east of Bald Hill. Boundaries are marked in green.

"The Fort Bragg reservation, the way the government put it, was from Ten Mile River clear down to Noyo. That was what the government established. There were Indians here before that was established. That's just what the white man created. They created that barrier and then put

people in it and said it was a reservation, but before they did all of that, these Indians were all along here, living peacefully."

— Harriet Campbell Stanley, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo/Noyo Community, as quoted in Russell and Levene 1991: 370

All. Layout and Design: www.HistoricHeritage.com, 2013

This panel was created in collaboration with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo.
The basket used for the upper and lower border of this panel was made by Della Cooper Campbell

Design by Sherwood
Valley Pomo artist
and educator, **Buffie
Schmidt**





You Walk in Our Footsteps

We Live Where You Now Stand
Our people walked here for thousands of years, some living here for 10,000 years. Our people lived here long before Europeans ever first laid foot on the soil. Our people lived here long before the first white man ever set foot on the soil. Our people lived here long before the first white man ever set foot on the soil.

A 12,000-Year-Old Road
Each spring, we find the remains of a dirt or stone road that was used by our people. It is the same road that was used by our people 12,000 years ago. It is the same road that was used by our people 12,000 years ago. It is the same road that was used by our people 12,000 years ago.





KASHOY YA NA
WE ARE ALIVE

POP BOW YA NA
WE ARE STILL HERE



City of Fort Bragg

416 N Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Phone: (707) 961-2823
Fax: (707) 961-2802

Text File

File Number: 23-517

Agenda Date: 1/16/2024

Version: 1

Status: Reported from
Committee

In Control: Special Meetings

File Type: Report

Agenda Number: 1B.

Discussion about Tribal Learning Center in the Fort Building adjacent to City Hall.



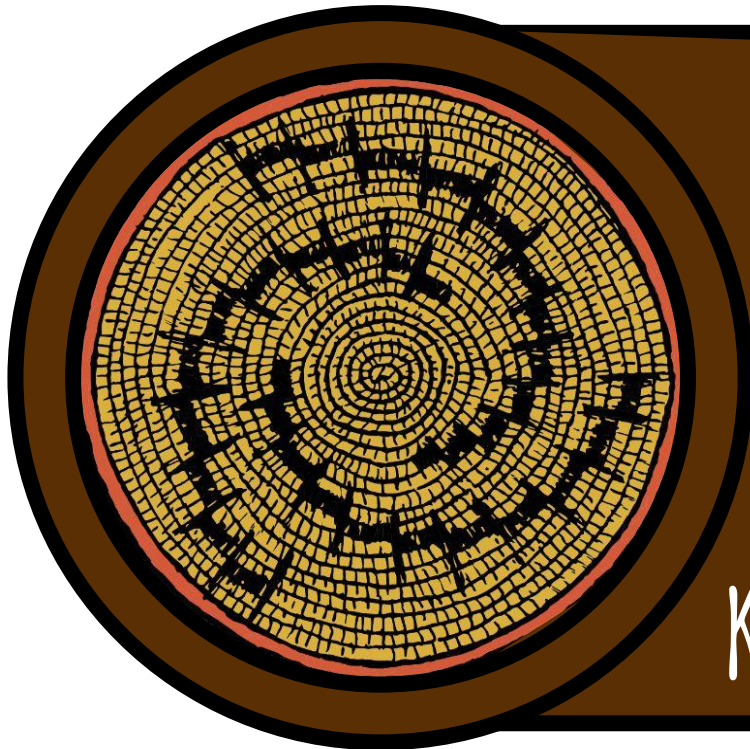
KASHOY YA NA
 WE ARE STILL HERE
 2002 BOW YA NA
 WE ARE ALIVE

Mendocino Indian Reservation

Since founding on that first day in 1856, the Mendocino Indian Reservation has a rich history that dates 22,000 years. The reservation is a place of beauty, history, and culture. The reservation is a place of beauty, history, and culture. The reservation is a place of beauty, history, and culture.



JARED NUNEMAN



TRIBAL LEARNING CENTER

KAI-POMA



Sherwood Valley
Band of Pomo Indians







