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Meeting Agenda Community Development Committee

Monday, June 2, 2025

4:00 PM

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [25-71](#) Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Community Development Committee

Attachments: [03032025 CDC Minutes](#)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 3A. [25-140](#) Discuss Coastal Trail Binocular Demonstration Concept Idea and Survey Results

Attachments: [Binoculars Survey March 2025](#)

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

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I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg and that I caused this agenda to be posted in the City Hall notice case on May 30, 2025.

Maria Flynn, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department

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Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Community Development Committee



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Meeting Minutes Community Development Committee

Monday, March 3, 2025

4:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Rafanan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Assistant Director of Engineering O'Neal, Assistant Planner Peters, Administrative Assistant Flynn

Present: 2 - Jason Godeke and Marcia Rafanan

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. 24-986 Minutes of the October 25, 2024 Community Development Committee

These Committee Minutes were approved for Council review

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Clark, Jacob Patterson

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. 25-7 Receive Oral Update on Installation of City Trees Downtown & Citywide

Mayor Godeke gave an update on the health of newly planted trees at CV Starr Dog Park and future tree planting at local schools.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson

3B. 25-12 Blue Zones Project Mendocino County and Fort Bragg Built Environment Projects

Lucy Kramer from the Blue Zones Project Mendocino and Assistant Director of Engineering O'Neal presented the report. Committee members asked clarifying questions and held a discussion about the project options.

Public Comment: David Jensen, Gabriel Quinn Maroney

Discussion: Under deliberation, Committee members directed staff to move forward with two Demonstration projects- Par Course and Binoculars on the Coastal Trail; the Policy/Plan program of a City Street Tree Audit; and a Marquee project that is connected to the one of the two demonstration projects.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

Mayor Godeke followed up on status of the Municipal Improvement District (MID).
Administrative Assistant Flynn gave updates on upcoming Limited Term Permit events.
Assistant Director of Engineering O'Neal gave an update on EV Charger installation at the Police Department and the status of Grocery Outlet permits.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Rafanan adjourned the meeting at 5:01 PM



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Discuss Coastal Trail Binocular Demonstration Concept Idea and Survey Results

What is your age range?	Are you local or visiting?	How often do you visit The Coast Headlands Trail in Fort Bragg?	On a scale of 1-5, how much do you enjoy binocular viewing in this location?	Do you believe permanently mounted binoculars would be a good addition to the Coast Headland Trail?	Would you be more likely to walk the Coast Headlands Trail if there were features such as mounted binoculars available for public use there?	Do you have any concerns with adding binoculars on the trail?	Would you pay money to use mounted binoculars if they were "pay-per-use?"	If there was fitness equipment along the trail, how likely would you be to use it?	Do you have any other suggestions for improving the Coast Headlands Trail?
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	5	Yes		Depends on who was recieving the fees.	5	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	No	No	5	
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	NA	No	3	NA
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	3	4	Maybe		No	5	
25-34	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	2-4 times a year	5	5	Yes		Yes	5	
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	No	None	Yes i would but i wouldn't have had the means when I was a young parent. Please make them free	3	
25-34	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	Once a year or less	4	5	Yes	Nope	Yes	3	No :)
35-44	Visiting from outside the area	2-4 times a year	4	5	Yes		Yes	3	Thank you
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	5	Yes	no	No	4	convenience makes use more likely
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe		Yes	2	
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	Vandalism	If it's reasonable	4	
55-64	Visiting from outside the area	2-4 times a year		5	Maybe	Vandalism	Yes	1	Binoculars in other areas up and down the coast from fort bragg
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	1	5	Yes	Making them wheelchair accessible height	No	1	Better wheelchair access
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	3	1	No	Ruins the natural beauty of the area. Spoils the sight-lines.	No	1	
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	3	No	Wondering how long it will last before someone decides to damage them and is it cost effective to repair?	No	5	To fix the spot that gets big puddle is a problem during running/walk events or walking with friends during winter. Overall great job maintaining the trail.
45-54	Local	5-10 times a year	5	5	No		Maybe	4	
45-54	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	5-10 times a year		5	Yes	No	Yes	5	
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	2	No	Yes. Look around. The City doesn't have the resources or isn't capable of maintaining what they currently have. Most things have been become rundown and look worse every year. Before long the binoculars will become an unusable eyesore by vandalism and/or neglect.	Maybe if we had visitors and not enough binoculars to go around.	2	Clean up messes and vandalism more promptly and make better, more professional looking repairs.
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	No	If they are directly on the trail, they may impede pedestrian, bike, skate, or scooter traffic. It would be great if they had designated spaces with a bench or two.	Yes. If it took quarters, I would bring them with me on my walk!	1	No, it is phenomenal. Thank you!

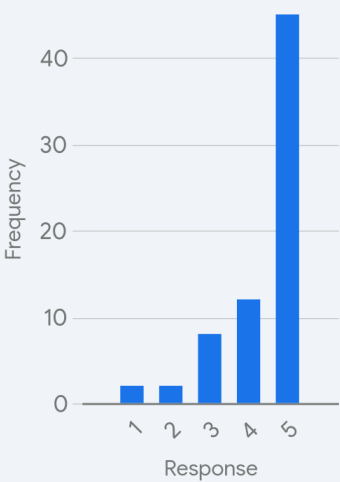
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55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	Yeah, they are going to be vandalized completely within 3 months just like the bike repair station at the Alder St bathrooms by the Mill pond. This is a great idea, but it will not work, and will fail as another disappointing public effort to make our city nicer. It's why we can't have nice things. I would be happy to be wrong, but I just see history repeating itself.	No	5	Empty trashcans daily and fix the ruts. Wildflowers would be nice and I would pledge good, hard, and substantial cash money for native wildflowers for the coastal trail and the mill site. A seeding project or similar.
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes		Yes	4	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe		Yes	1	
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	3	3	No	Vandals will break them and it will be costly to the city to maintain them. Sorry but that seems to be the case around here if it's not graffiti then it's destruction.	I would not, but a tourist probably would	1	Getting rid of the stinky smell of sewage by the crows nest
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	3	2	No	Maintenance cost/vandalism?	No	1	Benches to sit on along the path
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	No concerns	I thi k they should be free for all	3	Center trail access parking lot should be paved
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	Vandalism	I'd prefer them to be free, everything now a days makes you pay for something.	3	
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	Potential vandalism	No	1	
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	A way to protect them from vandalism	Yes	5	
35-44	Local	5-10 times a year	4	5	Yes	My only concern is the chance of them getting damaged by the weather/waves/salty air	Yes	5	More benches or seating areas. Maybe even a picnic table or few
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	No	No	5	Simple/minimal exercise equipment would be spectacular along the coastal trail. The type of equipment they have in Santa Monica would be perfect. This community has a serious obesity problem, I think locals would be really into it. Having some for the younger kids would also be really great.
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	No	No	2	Work on removing the invasive non native wild radish and ice plant!
65 or older	Local	2-4 times a year	3	3	Maybe	People my vandalize them	Depends on how much.	4	More distance markers. More benches.

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25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	2	2	No	Unfortunately, mounted binoculars are a gimmicky tourist attraction (especially pay per use ones) and would cheapen the coastal trail. Perhaps the Noyo Center could own and rent out regular binoculars instead. The coast should avoid cheap attractions like this, as they will make FB feel like a tourist trap, rather than a living breathing cultural space.	No	5	A good test for adding anything to the coastline would be to ask if tourists And locals are likely to use it. Can it build community in any way? The trolley, for example, will be a failure if it's Just for tourists, and isn't ultimately useful to locals. Exercise equipment would be both, and has potential to build community (similar to the exercise space on the beaches in Barcelona). Anything that would wear out its novelty so that locals won't like it in the end won't ultimately increase the experience for tourists either. Binoculars are not something that will actively increase tourism in Fort Bragg.
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	No	vandalism.	No	2	signage about proper trail behavior (ringing bike bells etc) and NOT FEEDING WIDLIFE- and ENFORCEMENT!
35-44	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	No	Yes	5	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	No	No	3	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes		No	2	
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	vandalism is my only concern.	No	3	Plant native plants to attract more native species of birds and small mammals. Provide natural food and cover for them to feel safe. Don't **BUILD** anything more on the trail unless it's a gazebo-like structure to protect the scopes/binoculars. Don't clear the brambles of berries during Spring and Summer (wait til winter!). Consider that we have visiting rare species on that particular stretch of coastline every fall and winter - the Burrowing and Short-eared Owls, among them. It's a spectacular sight to witness a Short-eared Owl hunting over the wide open expanses of headlands, looking for food. If we plant native plants that bear fruits and seeds, that will attract the prey animals the owls are looking for. It will create a valuable ecosystem for them, especially if there's low disturbance. I like the idea of leaving most of the headlands wild and free, for the sake of the wildlife.
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe	No	Yes	5	
35-44	Local	5-10 times a year	2	4	No	No	Maybe	2	
65 or older	Visiting from outside the area	Once a year or less	4	5	Maybe	Vandalism and on going cost of repairs.	Yes	3	Not at this time.
35-44	Local	2-4 times a year	4	5	Yes		No	1	
18-24	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe		No	1	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	4	Maybe	A couple here and there would be great, just hopefully with room in front of them to have an unobstructed view	I use my own	4	There are a few areas in the main part of the trail that become unusable when there's heavier rain. Needs to be fixed somehow

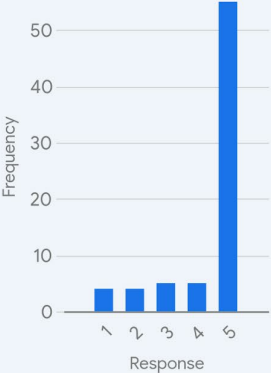
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65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	3	No		No	1	Keep it as natural as possible. Don't make it into an amusement park. It is a beautiful place to observe and experience nature. Leave it that way.
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	3	3	Maybe	Will they be weather proof - our coastal is particularly rough on equipment like this. What is the cost and longevity when faced with the "coastal cancer" effect	No	1	seats/pick nic areas, parking areas for bikes, better historical/education maps
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year		1	No	Visually unappealing, unsanitary, unnecessary- many people have binoculars and bring them with them.	No	1	
17 or younger	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	5	Yes	I worry if they are pay to use. They may be vandalized and they will not be used.	No	3	Add more garbage cans along the trail to reduce litter.
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65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	4	5	No	no.	Yes	5	
45-54	Local	2-4 times a year	5	5	Yes	Vandalism	Yes	5	
35-44	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	2-4 times a year	3	5	Maybe		Yes but not everyone may be able to afford	1	
65 or older	Local	5-10 times a year	3	1	No	I think they detract from the natural beauty of the area	No	2	I am not opposed to a "par course for fitness" as long as it is E of the trail
17 or younger	Local	5-10 times a year	5	5	Yes	Nope	Yes	5	Nope
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	Absolutely not i think is a grate idea especially if little kids can see the whales and boats and other marine animals.	Yes	3	Yes ha a bike trail and walking way for people separate.
17 or younger	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes		Yes	5	
45-54	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	4	Yes	No	Yes	4	No
65 or older	Local	5-10 times a year		5	Yes		No	1	I'm very against charging money! I'm sick of having to pay for everything. Let all people have the opportunity to use the binoculars free of charge.
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	2	No	Generally those type of mounted binoculars aren't very good and are difficult to adjust, especially for children and elderly folks.	No	4	perhaps putting a lane on the right side for bikes/roller blades and thereby separating the walkers from the bikers - it would be safer.
55-64	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Maybe		Yes	1	
25-34	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	2-4 times a year	5	5	Yes		No	4	
65 or older	Visiting from 30-90 minutes away	2-4 times a year	5	5	Maybe	I am always concerned with vandalism.	Yes	3	

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35-44	Local	2-4 times a year	5	4	No	People don't know how to act right	No	1	PPV for nature viewing is lame, and won't work anyway because everyone uses credit card, nobody will have quarters/change. If it has to be PPV, let viewers know explicitly where the funds are going. If you do something involving people needing change, I recommend the penny smasher machine because people love a tangible souvenir. I don't know if permanent binocular stations are a thing of the past/nostalgia, I grew up with and love them, but/and I would love to know what younger people think, the attention span and interest is different. Please survey a lot of younger people for this. I support small QR codes with info about leave no trace/why (i.e. this won't be here anymore if you don't). With any viewing thing, always present info about preservation/how to act in multilingual format (beyond Spanish/English bilingual), there are tourists from everywhere who don't have context or know how to engage with the natural environment (no fault of their own, it is an education opportunity).
65 or older	Visiting from outside the area	Once a year or less	5	5	Yes			5	
35-44	Visiting from outside the area	This is my first time here	5	5	Yes		Yes	4	
65 or older	Visiting from outside the area	This is my first time here	5	5	Yes	vandals	Yes	1	
65 or older	Visiting from outside the area	Once a year or less	5	5	Yes	no	Yes	5	It's beautiful! Thank you
35-44	Visiting from outside the area	2-4 times a year	5	5	Yes	no	Yes	1	no
45-54	Visiting from outside the area	This is my first time here	5	5	Yes		Yes	5	
25-34	Visiting from outside the area	Once a year or less	5	5	Yes	no	No	5	
25-34	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes	vandals		5	donation box
65 or older	Visiting from outside the area	2-4 times a year	1	1	No	no	No	1	
65 or older	Local	More than 10 times a year	5	5	Yes		Yes	5	

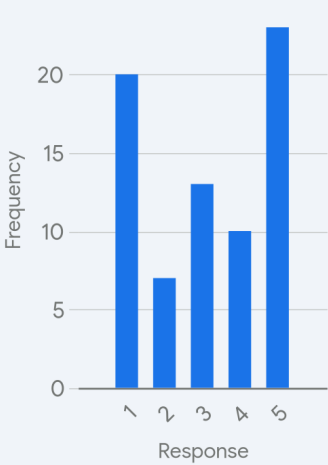
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Distribution of Respondents by Locality

