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Meeting Minutes Special City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY
AS THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1 AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSOR AGENCY*

Thursday, October 29, 2015

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Lindy Peters, Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Scott Deitz, Councilmember Doug Hammerstrom and Mayor Dave Turner

1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 1A. [15-456](#)** Hold a Workshop, Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff and the Project Consultant Regarding City of Trails Feasibility Study

Community Director Jones reviewed project background, introduced Paul Curfman WRA consultant, summarized the staff report, and presented the findings from the Drop-In Workshop. Director Jones explained the priorities of the workshop were to narrow down the number of trails based on feasibility and community feedback. The following was noted during discussion of this item.

- A large number of workshop participants expressed support for repaving the existing Haul Road Trail (Existing Trail #1).
- Director Jones went through the proposed trail list in alphabetic order. Item votes are noted (favor/oppose):
 - A. Elm St Improvements. (5/0)
 - B. Redwood Street-Coastal Trail Linkage - There was very strong support for connecting the Coastal Trail to downtown as soon as possible. (41/0)
 - C-1. People generally liked the synergy of this trail with the Maple/Alder Creek Daylighting Project. Council also discussed adding a multi-use trail connector to CV Starr Center from the intersection of Main and Maple Streets. This notion generated concerns about sidewalk widths and safety concerns associated with the addition of a crosswalk on Main Street at the Maple Street intersection.
 - C. Main Street Multi-use Trail - Discussion included working with Caltrans to have this trail segment constructed as part of the Caltrans Complete Streets efforts. (23/7)
 - D. Cypress Linkage - No comments. (11/3)
 - E. Noyo Harbor/Fort Bragg Coastal Trail Connection - This trail generated a lot of positive interest and remains a Council priority. (28/1)

- F. South Noyo Harbor Trail - Short trail and easy to connect to existing routes. (26/4)
- G. Skunk Train Railroad Tracks Trail - This trail has numerous challenges which include cost of construction, access, safety, and ownership rights. This was not a popular trail among Councilmembers and received a split vote among community participants. Additional discussion items included changing this trail to the North side of Pudding Creek, widening trail, dredging creek, dangers of the train and emergency access. (31/15)
- H. A&W Haul Road - Director Jones stated the gate is a violation as it was installed in the Coastal Zone without benefit of a Coastal Development Permit. The property is currently in the process of changing ownership. This trail got a lot of supportive community feedback with the primary opposition being property owners in proximity to the trail's location. (32/7)
- J. High School Multi-use Trail Loop - Councilmember Cimolino noted that the alley along the back of the CV Starr Center is actually private property so it would be a challenge to install a trail on the alley. (16/13)
- K. East Fort Bragg Recreational Loop - Councilmember Cimolino expressed concern with the City/County boundary lines. Director Jones said there was not enough right-of-way, and community members seem opposed due to proximity to property lines. (12/7)
- L. Solider Point & Noyo River Water Trail - No comments. (16/0)

Public comment on this item was received from: Lynne Ryerson Baumgartner, Michael Grady, Bob Curti, Carol Curti, Doug Habber, and Duncan Johnson.

- City commended for New Trails
- Concerns about transients and police accessibility
- Questions about "who pays for the trails"? Mayor Turner answered with "grants" and Councilmember Deitz said "taxpayer money."
- Trails are great on the West side of town, stay out of the East side
- Involve the property owners early and often
- Televise Special City Council meetings
- Concerns about cost of long term maintenance

The Council Members stated their preferences:

Mayor Turner - B, E, F, H (as a long term type project), mention A and D, No to G and K

Vice Mayor Peters - B, E, F, H and No to J

Councilmember Hammerstrom - B, E, F, and H

Councilmember Cimolino - B, F, E and L no specific order, No to G

Councilmember Deitz - Coastal Trail before B Linkage, E, and No to G

Community Director Jones summarized the Council trail selection priorities as:

1. B
2. E
3. F
4. H

This information will be used to create a conceptual plan which will include topographic information, route connections, associated costs, CEQA, maintenance, and property acquisition.

Council recommends concentrating on the four selected trails. The feasibility study will also briefly mention Trails A, C and D and repaving of the Old Haul Road north of town. Councilmembers directed staff to drop all further contemplation of trails G, K, J and L.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

June Lemos, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)