



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Facilities Committee

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Wednesday, April 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

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### Special Meeting

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Committee Member Turner at 6:00pm.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 2 - Dave Turner and Lindy Peters

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 Approve Minutes of February 18, 2016

Approved as presented.

2 Approve Minutes of March 17, 2016

Approved as presented.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

#### CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3 Receive Presentation from ABM Identifying Possible Savings in Public Works Department

ABM gave a powerpoint presentation, attached. In addition to ABM, there were also partners from Energy Solutions and EV Alliance present. There was talk about Drinking Water Supply, Wastewater Treatment, Street Lighting, and Energy Conservation and Zero Net Energy. Mentioned they were successful in securing \$3M of public money for another City. ABM would actually act as if they were the "General" contractor for any project they may help the City to secure. Measurement verification is part of the process, and any shortfalls would be paid for by ABM themselves. There was discussion of reducing the public works "workload" by having ABM handle a project themselves. ABM could help identify other projects and funding for those projects as well. The work would be done by local people. Committee Member Peters recommended the presentation be brought before the full Council. There was discussion of the fact that the City has twice before dealt with similar consultants. There was discussion about possible help financing the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. Before it comes to Council Committee Member Turner suggested ABM talk with staff.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff**

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Receive Report and Discuss Cedar Street Traffic Calming Features

Public Works Director Varga gave a brief overview of the staff report. City Manager Ruffing mentioned how important it is to seek community input, which have been gathered prior to removal of the "speed cushion." Committee Member Turner mentioned speed cushions on Fir street and that there would be a meeting prior to any possible removal of those. Committee Member Peters mentioned he used to live in the 700 block of Cedar Street and has perspective in this area. Committee Member Turner asked for community input.

Mike Mihos stated that the speed bumps on Fir Street just made people switch streets. On Cedar, you have no choice. 20 new signs up and speed bumps. A lot of streets could use a "slow down." 3 of his cars scrape as they are so low. He approves of the removal. A smaller bump might be okay. He mentioned Paul Clark will write in his comments.

Steve Funk stated his truck was hit 3 times in the last 40 years. Per the Chief there have only been 3 tickets in the last 27 months. Better enforcement and more courteous people would be helpful. He disapproves of the decision to take them out. He feels that Public Safety Committee should have been notified. He wants them back in and wants more of them. There are many speeders, and the police rarely issue tickets. He mentioned that one of the Seargents who was at his house after the accident didn't notice that the speed cushions had been removed 2 months prior. He would like another one added at the City Limit Sign.

Ronald Souza lives right next to where the speed cushion was removed. Several of his cats have been run killed due to speeders. He would like it put back.

Joel Hendricks lives right next to where the speed cushion was removed. The new sidewalks and speed reduction features made it safer. Since removal traffic has increased. The numbers of speeders have increased. He is concerned that one of his children will get hurt. Would like the cushion put back.

Scott Mayberry lives at 1345 Cedar St. He mentioned that the grant that funded the installation was for school safety and the speed cushion needs to be put back. West bound traffic has a tendency to speed. He would like it back and wants to know why it was removed in the first place. It was grant funded, and it shouldn't have been removed without notifying Caltrans and neighborhood residents. He appreciates that the City accepted responsibility for removal without consulting neighborhood.

Kathy Shotsky 1231 Cedar. Intersection of Sanderson and Cedar. Extra car traffic since removal during the hours when people are taking their kids to school, and during school lunch hours, as well as when school is over. A lot of foot traffic, children and dog-walkers. The speed cushion really made a difference and she would like to see it come back.

Teri Jo Barber who lives at 1050 Cedar Street would like them back.

Natalie Richards 169 N Sanderson thinks it's important to bring them back. At Sanderson between Cedar and Oak she would like to see another one. When the parking was made to only one side, it made speeding worse.

Marilyn Costa 1012 Cedar Street would like them put back and has noticed an increase in traffic.

Tanya Souza 1060 Cedar Street. She would like it back.

Mike White 1318 Cedar Street would like them put back. Would like another at the City limit. He has animals and grandkids that he is concerned about.

Ed Jones lives on Sanderson Way is very much against it. It's very intrusive. It's terrible to drive over.

Steve Funk returned to the podium and mentioned that there was supposed to be another speed bump at Morrow Street. It was discussed with Dave Goble when he was here. He believes they weren't put in because they cost too much money. Better enforcement will help with the problem as well. He invited the Committee Members to come and take a look in the mornings.

Committee Member Peters stated he thinks they should be put back, based on the comments that he heard at the meeting. They shouldn't have been taken out without notice or Committee review. The meeting was held at Town Hall at 6pm in order to accommodate as many people as possible so the public could comment. Public safety is a concern of an elected official.

Committee Member Turner stated that he thinks that they should be put back.

Public Works Director Varga stated they would be put back as quickly as possible.

City Manager Ruffing will speak to the Chief about more enforcement during the school hours.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff**

**5                      Receive Report and Discuss Draft Guidelines Regarding Neighborhood Notifications**

City Manager Ruffing went over the staff report and stated that the reason that this item was put on the PWC agenda is because the issue came up when a contractor was hired to remove some very large eucalyptus trees on the north end of Harrison Street. The project had been programmed for over a year before it was actually completed. There was one neighbor (a forester) who was really upset about the tree removal. She had met with this neighbor and promised her that a notification policy would be created.

There was discussion about having meetings at a time in the evening for those people that work. This could be added to the guidelines, that the neighborhood meetings would be held later.

Committee Member Peters mentioned getting "Neighborhood Watch" involved.

Committee Member Turner stated that "notification" of as many as 500 addresses should still be sent out.

City Manager Ruffing mentioned that parking in alleys needed to be added to "Major" notification.

There was discussion of painting the curb red where there is "No Parking Anytime."

"Questionable" items could be added to the PWC Pending Agenda Items and it can be discussed.

The "guidelines" will go forward. If anything needs to be modified in the future the item can be

brought back to committee for review.

## **MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**

Committee Member Peters mentioned the bad potholes on Boatyard Drive that need to be taken care of.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting was adjourned by Committee Member Turner at 7:47pm.**