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Meeting Minutes Community Development Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

3:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room
416 N. Franklin Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Deitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Scott Deitz and Michael Cimolino

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15-059](#)

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2015

A motion was made by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Councilmember Cimolino, that the Committee Minutes be approved for council review. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

2A. [15-142](#)

Presentation to the Community Development Committee by Lori-Rachel Stone

Lori-Rachel Stone made a presentation to the Committee requesting that the City Council promote more art and dance programs in Fort Bragg. Her suggestions for increasing the arts in Fort Bragg included community based art programs, grant funding opportunities for the arts, public arts in the schools, a fine art museum, dance festivals, outdoor theater and live/work opportunities in the Central Business District to entice artists to live here.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [15-129](#)

Receive Report and Provide a Recommendation to City Council Regarding Proposed Changes to the Municipal Code to Address Operational Issues at the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail

Community Development Director Jones recapped her staff report and asked the Committee Members to provide a recommendation to City Council regarding changes to the Municipal Code that would address several operational issues with regard to the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail. The issues include trespassing onto the replanted areas, rappelling over cliffs, removal of glass from Glass Beach, digging on the site and use of fireworks in the park. Jones said that all the glass on Glass Beach is over 50 years old and therefore considered a cultural and historical resource. Both Committee Members were in favor of amending subparagraph O to completely prohibit removal of glass from Glass Beach instead of limiting the removal to one small bagful. Committee Member Cimolino suggested changing subparagraph Q to add no scavenging.

Staff was directed to make changes to subparagraph O to prohibit removal of

beach glass and subparagraph Q to include no scavenging, and to bring the proposed changes forward to City Council with a recommendation for adoption.

3B. [15-135](#) Fencing on Georgia-Pacific Mill Site

Lori-Rachel Stone stated that the fences on Georgia-Pacific property are an eyesore, occlude ocean views, and negatively impact tourism. She thinks the City should ask G-P to remove the fences. Committee Member Cimolino said the fences have been there for over 75 years, protecting wildlife from vehicular traffic. Jones stated that the fences are considered legal, nonconforming, pre-existing fences, and with remediation of site contamination occurring, the Department of Toxic Substances Control would not allow the fences to be removed. Committee Member Deitz noted that it makes sense to leave the fences there now to keep people out and wildlife in.

3C. [15-133](#) Coastal Trail Update

Due to lack of time, this matter was continued to a future Community Development Committee meeting.

3D. [15-136](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Mobile Vending

Associate Planner O'Rourke summarized his staff report and requested direction from Committee Members regarding recommendations for modification of a City Ordinance governing mobile vending permits. Community Development Director Jones suggested inviting local business owners to a meeting to receive their input before taking the matter to City Council for discussion.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Staff expressed concern about the potential for trash littering the Coastal Trail and recommended a designated seating area with a requirement that people eat there and not take trash out on the trail.
- Committee Member Deitz suggested designated areas for mobile vending to provide more control of garbage and recycling.
- Associate Planner O'Rourke recommended having vendors bring their own recycle and garbage cans.
- Community Development Director Jones said the south end of the runway on the southern portion of the Coastal Trail could accommodate picnic tables, has a much bigger parking area, and trucks could park on the runway itself.
- Committee Member Deitz said mobile vending is a good idea for school and special events.
- The Committee discussed limiting vending to food and flowers only.
- There was a concern that mobile vending trucks could cause competition for local restaurants, and discussion was held about obtaining permission from restaurants within 200 feet of mobile vending locations.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: Mary Flores, Susan Winding, Scott Menzies, Larry Knowles, and Derek Hoyle. Items noted by members of the public included:

- The operating hours of the vendors might not conflict with restaurants, as many of them open after restaurants have closed.
- Concern about the potential effects of new regulations on the ability to refill empty store fronts.
- Revising regulations to lower barriers to diversifying markets that reflect local flavor would be good for business.
- Current mobile vending restrictions do not allow people to diversify and specialize.

- The new ordinance should take advantage of the "clustering" effect of vendors to draw in more people.
- More consideration should be given to defining the designated parking areas of vending vehicles.
- The ordinance should allow vendors to operate for ten hours at a time to cover two mealtimes (lunch/dinner).
- The ordinance should allow food carts as well as food trucks to operate from 10am to 10pm (or later).
- Consider vending on private property vs. public property.

Committee consensus was to reissue the staff report based on input from this meeting and the January 27, 2015 meeting and invite local business owners, restaurants and interested parties to a Community Development Committee meeting at Town Hall. Based on that input, the Community Development Committee may suggest bringing the matter forward to City Council for consideration.

3E. [15-138](#)

Receive Report and Provide Feedback to Staff Regarding City Surrounded by a Park Planning Project

Due to lack of time, this matter was continued to a future Community Development Committee meeting.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Deitz adjourned the meeting at 4:32 PM.