



Minutes for 2 August 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 2 August 2018 at the Gualala Community Center in downtown Gualala. Council Members present were: Lloyd Chasey, Melissa Finley, Charles Ivor, Robert Juengling, Eric Mills, and Jeff Watts. Administrative Secretary Mary Mobert and three members of the public were also present (see sign-in sheet). **Council Chair Juengling** convened the meeting at 18:29.

1. **Introductions and Announcements:** Council Members introduced themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

2..a. **Minutes: 5 July 2018:**

It was moved by Council Member Watts, seconded by Council Member Mills, and unanimously carried that the Minutes be approve as presented.

2..b. **Correspondence:** All acknowledged as received (see attached):

- i. Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG): Mendocino County Pedestrian Inventory Needs
- ii. Letter from Eric Ziedrich, President of Gualala Building Supply: North Gualala Water Company's (NGWC) inability to provide sufficient water for the community's growth.
- iii. Gualala Cypress Home Owner's Association requesting the Agenda and Minutes be posted on GMAC's website before meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved by Council Member Ivor, seconded by Council Member Chasey, and unanimously carried that the Agenda be approved as amended by adding:

- 1) Correspondence Item i to Item 7 a. Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape Planning) (GCAP);
- 2) Correspondence Item ii to Item 6. Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium, and;
- 3) Correspondence Item iii to Item 12. Website Report.

4. **Public Input on Non-agenda Items:** None

5. **Report: Mendocino County Law/Code Enforcement:**

Council Member Chasey stated a person he knew said the Local CHP officer was stopping drivers to issue tickets for not having their dog restrained with a seatbelt. This will be addressed at the Sheriff's Forum, 6 September.

Council Member Mills was reminded of the Cook's Beach parking issues discussed and the tickets written last year when recently seeing cars parked on both sides of County Road 526 with tires beyond the fog line.

6. **Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium:** Council Chair Juengling noted the Gualala River will go below the present 5.0 cubic feet per second this summer because of the low rainfall this winter. He read Eric Ziedrich's letter about NGWC and the water moratorium (attached).

Council Member Finley said the statement that NGWC was the only option for property owners within their service area was not true, a well could be drilled where permitted by law.

Council Member Ivor felt the community had a more urgent need: to talk about water issues. The community owns and must protect the water; nothing will change until the people make the change. Logging regulations only go back to 1975. Before that, there were no rules and trees were cut right down to the river's bank. Poor forestry practices have greatly impacted the Gualala River's ability to hold and carry water. Water flow from the forest to the river is low due to poor logging practices; that needs to change. It's in the public interest to support John and David Bower in conserving water. Future water supplies depend on river restoration. GMAC has a duty to help the community with water issues where coördination and coöperation between the public, State and Federal agencies, and timber companies in funding and research will help with conservation and future THP planning.



Council Member Mills has received “robo” calls regarding restrictions on car washing and driveway spraying; he will send copies to Members. **Council Member Ivor** thought warnings were only voluntary not mandatory.

Council Member Finley suggest GMAC run a campaign on conservation awareness. People should be sensible on water usage and awareness would help.

Council Chair Juengling suggested an article in the Independent Coast Observer (ICO) on water conservation might help. He will invite David and John Bower to the 6 September meeting and send Mr. Zeidrich’s letter to them as well. **Council Member Mills** will inform Mr. Ziedrich his letter will be addressed at that meeting.

7. **Council Matters:**

7..a. **Report: Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape Planning) (GCAP)**

Council Chair Juengling stated MCOG is requesting input from South Coast residents on the 51 page Point Arena Pedestrian Survey Needs at their website; the ICO has an announcement on it this week (see attached). The survey will impact the GCAP sidewalks and additional development funding for them. MCOG asked GMAC to spread the word; he will put information in the post office asking people go to the website (mendopedestrian.org) and complete the survey. The deadline is 15 August.

Council Member Ivor noted Point Arena crosswalks are located between the library and the bathrooms—he would like to see a flashing cross light installed there—, at school crossings, and the southern gas station. The southern sidewalk ends where there is no fog line, and people must walk onto the street edge to cross. This area needs attention. **Council Member Mills** saw the protruding bulges at the bathroom/library crossing as very helpful in seeing pedestrians and their seeing cars. **Council Member Watts** felt the curbing on the eastern side of the street was too high in places to allow people to step up onto the sidewalk or passengers to open their door.

7..b. **Discussion: Gualala Parking Issues:**

Michael Kleeman, Gualala-area resident, has developed a survey to be completed by business owners regarding their present parking and any future parking needs (see attached). He will deliver it to area businesses and report the results to GMAC when they are compiled. **Council Member Chasey** ask if the business owner’s opinion on how to solve the area’s parking problems could be added; Mr. Kleeman agreed to do so.

7..c. **Various CalTrans and; County Issues:**

i. **Mill Bend Coalition Speaker:** None

ii. **Invite Planning and Building Representative to Speak:**

Council Member Mills reported he left a message for Planner Julia Acker but has not received a reply. It was agreed to invite a planner to speak at the 1 November meeting.

iii. It was discussed and agreed that Council Chair Juengling will invite the candidate for 5th District Supervisor, Ted Williams, to speak 4 October.

8. **Chairman Juengling’s Report:**

Council Chair Juengling again asked people complete MCOG’s sidewalk survey. He noted, his office faces Highway One; he has seen a lot of bicycles as well as pedestrians this summer, more than in other years. Sharrows in the southbound lane for bikes and sidewalks are really needed. Gualala is not welcoming to tourists. The sidewalk survey comes at a perfect time. Hopefully, when GACP is finished the downtown will be more walkable.

The environmental phase will be completed by 2019; the planning phase has been approved and funded with \$575,000 by MCOG; right-of-ways will be acquired before construction begins 2020, and; Highway One will be repaved between the Gualala Bridge and Point Arena in 2020 as well.

Council Member Ivor felt the streetscaping was walker friendly but needed more crosswalks added to the plan.

Council Member Mills will be glad to see street parking eliminated. It will make crosswalks safer and the possibility of accidents with bicycles and other vehicles less likely. **Council Member Finley** felt Gualala will become quite walkable; that possibility was one of the reasons she moved here.



9. **Vice-Chairman Ivor's Report:** None

10. **Secretary Watts' Report:** None

11. **Treasurer Mills' Report:**

Council Treasurer Mills reported money was not deposited into GMAC's account as he reported last month. GMAC's account only has \$118 presently. Hopefully, \$2,500 to \$3,000 was deposited this week. Administrative Secretary Mober's June statement was paid. He will submit her July statement tomorrow. He paid for six months of GMAC's post box rent due 31 July.

12. **Website Report: Maintenance of GMAC Website:**

Council Member Mills reported he was referred to a person who will charge less for updating and keeping the website going. A neighbor referred him to another person in Fort Bragg as well. **Council Member Chasey** was concerned that paying less would lead to someone who wasn't as qualified and GMAC might receive less service. He will contact the Fort Bragg person and another local man about their services and report next month.

Council Chair Juengling noted the Gualala Cypress Home Owner's Association's letter requesting Agendas and Minutes be posted on the website before meetings. Everyone agreed this should happen as soon as possible.

13. **Broadband Report:** None

14. **GMAC Promotion, Citizen Participation & Recruitment:**

Council Member Juengling stated GMAC is looking for two more Members to fill vacant seats. Council Members Watts and Mills announced they will not reapply when their terms are ended leaving only four seats filled.

15. **Administrator Mober's Report:**

Administrator Mober reported she worked 12.13 hours; materials were \$4.08, for a total of \$186.08.

16. **Agenda for next meeting** – 6 September 2018,

16..a. Sheriff's Forum with Sheriff Allman and other law enforcement officers starting at 18:00.

16..b. Speakers David and John Bower on Water Issues.

16..c. Invitations to Future Speakers: (Council Members Juengling and Mills)

- i. Invite Ted Williams candidate for 5th District Supervisor to speak 4 October and request that, if he is elected, he attend a Council Meeting at least once a quarter to hear public concerns.
- ii. Invite a planner to speak and hear public concerns 1 November.

17. Adjournment: 19:44.

DRAFT Minutes prepared by Administrative Secretary Mober

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors established the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) to advise them on planning issues that affect or have the potential to affect the Gualala area. The GMAC's role is advisory only.

Public Attendance and Participation is Encouraged at GMAC Meetings.