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NOTICE AND CALL OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL

The Trinidad City Council will hold a regular meeting on
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM
In the Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA

NO CLOSED SESSION

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**
(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)
- V. CONSENT AGENDA – *No consent items***
- VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**
 1. Budget Goals & Priorities Workshop
- VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

Item: Goals and Priorities Discussion for 2017-18 City of Trinidad Budget

Summary:

This meeting is a workshop-style discussion of goals and priorities for the City in the coming year, as well as specific projects to help accomplish those goals.

This discussion will provide important information for staff as we develop the 2017-18 Budget and Work Plan.

Staff will present an update on the current year's budget, and an initial draft of next year's budget at the meeting to help set some context for the resources available to the City. However the intent of this discussion is less about detailed budget than to discuss goals and project ideas, and to prioritize among them.

Staff will come back with more budget presentations in May, building from this discussion.

Council members (and the public) are encouraged to come to the meeting ready to discuss and present:

1. A few (1-4) broader goals or focus areas that they want to see the City work on or work towards in the coming year. For example: Public Safety, Code Enforcement, General Plan, Septic Systems, Trails, Financial Planning, Community Engagement....
2. Specific project ideas, hopefully tied to broader goals. Examples could include ADA improvements at Town Hall, a Capital Asset Plan, implementation of the OWTS Permit program, Implementation of the new STR Ordinance....

The City had a community meeting along similar lines in 2015 with excellent public attendance and input. A summary of the results of that meeting are attached. The first version groups the project ideas, the second is a table reflecting the ranking or importance of individual projects as measured at the meeting.

Staff Recommendations: No specific action is required, but it will be important that the discussion includes not just generating a list of goals and ideas, but an effort by Council to prioritize among that list.

City of Trinidad
Project Ideas from Spring 2015 Community Goals Meeting

A. INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS AND PROJECTS

Maintain/beautify/Improve Entrance to Trinidad and other areas of town

1. Regularly pick up litter
2. Maintain the garden beautification areas at freeway gateway and around parking areas in Town, at Saunders Park
3. Enhance the entrance to Trinidad by moving the large whale sculpture that is on the north side of Main Street to north east corner of Main and Patrick Point Dr. I understand the sculpture is for sale
4. Remove ivy from city property, i.e. cemetery
5. Increase native plants in the museum garden and around town
6. Vegetation and historic tree protection projects

Improve Community Spaces/ youth-friendly facilities

7. Kids have a skatepark supported by our community
8. Building a site that informs people of the 1st indigenous inhabitants of the land
9. Improve maintenance at Saunder's Park. Develop Friends of Saunder's Park?
10. Build a community center
11. Create a safe, recreational area for families and young children since school is off limits 9am-5pm M-F. Toddler playground
12. Have more library hours
13. Provide bike rack at the library
14. Signage clean-up

Encourage solar PV—Town Hall and residential homes

15. Photo-Voltaic Solar Panels (PV) on City Buildings
16. Develop ordinance to encourage PV for home owners
17. Support PACE, Property Assessed Clean Energy

Trails and viewpoints development/ improvement

18. Lobby for faster Hammond Trail extension
19. Create or support an online interactive trail guide
20. Resurrect Trails Steward Group—partner with school and Land Trust

21. Prune Trinidad Head trail to improve views
22. Improve Van Wycke Trail—purchase easements?
23. Develop a Trinidad Lighthouse to Lighthouse Trail (memorial to BLM) and use as a marketing promotional for tourists
24. Install accessible viewpoints for tourists to utilize the beauty of the area
25. Better, intelligent, informative trail and park signage for all trails. Web site support as well as brochures and maps
26. Identify all trails by signs and maintain accessibility
27. Trail and vegetation management on all trails
28. Develop a trail to Strawberry Rock.

Improve Scenic Drive

29. Write a grant to improve Scenic Drive based on protecting Trinidad Bay
30. Address issues on Scenic Drive to improve it for bikers, pedestrians, vehicles and one lane roads, emergency routes
31. Underground wires and remaining utility poles and complete the street light project
32. Develop a Trinidad Boardwalk along existing bench/vista area above memorial lighthouse. Could include interpretive signs, telescopes, trail map to BLM lighthouse. Provides history, engagement and a destination for visitors and locals to enjoy. Could include making Edwards one-way street from Trinity to Wagner
33. Develop a zoning/planning/building permit flow chart that is displayed in City Hall
34. Provide municipal WiFi or internet (as in Chatanooga TN)

B. Community Character Goals & Projects

Protect fishing village and small town feel

35. Increase live in : vacation ratio
36. More small homes, single family homes
37. Protect and enhance the fishing village qualities that remain
38. Embrace the past—historical, cultural, fishing village—while looking forward to the future

Protect view-shed/unobtrusive structures

39. View-shed protection from public areas, i.e. streets, parking areas
40. Showcase natural surroundings—choose muted colors and unobtrusive structures during design review
41. Liberate Trinidad's Head open space from the commercial cellular communication facility

Work towards balance in the community between: Old/Young; Vacation/Residents; Affordable; Families; "VDU" limitations

42. Sustain a healthy balance between city, family residences, vacation rentals, and commercial rental businesses. Fear is that VRBOs will continue to displace family homes and long-term family rental units
43. Return city to a community of residents—moratorium on vacation rentals and phase out—decide on limit
44. Provide affordable housing for families (to keep kids in town) and senior housing
45. Maintain balance in low/med/high income housing options
46. Create a place where old/young, new/long-time, rich/poor are treated with respect
47. Determine a guiding principle—balance between the interests of residents of Trinidad and business interests which capitalize on town's setting—in order to maintain the town and surrounding environment
48. Encourage more basic commercial facilities (laundromat, ...)
49. Develop youth-friendly projects for residents and families to encourage, welcome and invite youth.

Recognize needs of homeless, transients

50. Work with county to plan for homeless and transients
51. Create a place where homeless (an possibly mental ill/addicted) travelers can easily interface with county DHHS social workers for help (avoiding thefts, etc)
52. Create a list of services for referrals

C. Community Engagement Goals & Projects

Respect and Honor indigenous people, culture, and land.

53. Build/improve relationships with local tribes Respect indigenous people and land. Honor indigenous cultures and sacred sites.
54. Community-organized projects to build trust and relationships between Tsurai Ancestral Society, Rancheria, Yurok Tribe and the City
55. Land return to Tsurai
56. Fixing what happened between Tsurai and Trinidad regarding the lighthouse
57. Promote the importance of the Tsurai and educate the community on their heritage. Build ongoing appreciation of Native cultures, heritage, contributions
58. Reconciliation with Native American heritage and people
59. Teamwork—partnering with Native American neighbors, State Parks, Museum, library, Land Trust, Cal Fire, business community, school, civic, city to leverage our individual capabilities, and meet regularly
60. Bring an end to the bickering and threatened lawsuits, and lawsuits waved would be a hugely desirable outcome for everyone—new and ancient residents of the area

- 61. Develop a maintenance project which would engage the whole community to fix Axel Lundgren Memorial Trail and 12.5 acres TSA. A work party to trim, clean, maintain entire bluff, including village site so Tsurai Ancestral, Yurok Tribe, and Trinidad Rancheria, and all of Trinidad, all feel the area is respected and loved. Volunteers would probably make themselves available to assist in trimming, especially berry vines
- 62. Take the American flag down at the town hall to not perpetuate colonialism
- 63. Leave the American flag in place at town hall, lighthouse and at school
- 64. Provide annual opportunities for input from the community
- 65. Develop a skills/needs match-making volunteer network

Trinidad as a role model as a sustainable, abundant and thriving community working together as a big family.

- 66. Quarterly or seasonal community potluck event promoting community betterment
- 67. Have broad civic engagement
- 68. Support a "village" project for senior aging in place
- 69. Develop community garden
- 70. Trinidad promotes itself as a destination for people to visit and engage with CA coastal trails, vistas, natural environments/beaches via a "Trinidad Boardwalk" or a Lighthouse trail
- 71. Develop a city newsletter

D. Public Safety

Increase law enforcement

- 72. Partner with Rancheria for additional security, i.e. patrolling security guard
- 73. Develop SCOP volunteer base
- 74. Expand/continue Neighborhood Watch in local neighborhoods, include businesses
- 75. Video surveillance at multiple sites
- 76. Increase sheriff department time/presence. Have deputy be more proactive in enforcing rules and regulations. 7 days/week police presence, especially at night (9pm-5am)

Improve pedestrian safety, bike

- 77. Develop speed bumps/traffic calming plan for city
- 78. Investigate safe routes to school funding
- 79. Replace all streetlights with like poles
- 80. Develop bike lanes
- 81. Re-paint the pedestrian crosswalks

Plan for natural disaster safety

- 82. Review city's emergency plan. Coordinate with all stakeholder—residents, businesses, school, Tribes

Address issues related to transient population

- 83. Reduce transient population
- 84. Investigate resources available in other cities in an effort to develop a plan for Trinidad
- 85. Keep people from camping on city property, especially museum, library and city park

E. Fiscal Stability and General Governance Goals & Projects

- 86. Fair and consistent enforcement of existing ordinances, especially trees, trails, and signs.
- 87. Focus on existing ordinances and limit putting forth any new ones due to limited city staffing
- 88. Finish sign ordinance process. Budget staff time to do it
- 89. Staff present real plan with budget and time to complete sign ordinance process
- 90. Old Wagon Road Trail—make it happen!
- 91. Have a long-term plan to develop a balanced budget to ensure fiscal stability (3-5 years?)
- 92. Direct staff to plan for and include long-term costs for projects, e.g. infrastructure projects should include post-project (ongoing) costs for staff, maintenance
- 93. Develop 3-year budget projections as part of the annual budget
- 94. Evaluate Revenue Sources
- 95. Increase city income from vacation rentals
- 96. Consider TOT rate via council
- 97. Plan ahead for sales tax expiration—renew sales tax?

E. Environmental Sustainability Goals & Projects

Forest Preservation

- 98. Forest stewardship should drive decision making
- 99. Save surrounding forest from clear cutting
- 100. Preserve forest around strawberry rock. Pressure Green Diamond to cancel two timber harvest plans around strawberry rock

- 101. Develop a docent program. It is an ecotourism opportunity
- 102. Link to California Coastal National Monument
- 103. Develop multi use trails—hiking, biking, rock climbing, birding, wellbeing

Protect Water Quality and Supply

- 104. Protect water quality, and develop long-term plan for water, ensuring adequate and safe water supply for future generations.
- 105. Improve water conservation.
- 106. Restored Luffenholtz Creek watershed. Upstream restoration, drought-resistant re-vegetation, develop plan for groundwater recharge. Engage with all landholders. "What if Luffenholtz Creek goes dry?"
- 107. Develop additional storage. One million gallon storage tanks "underground," cisterns
- 108. Streamline water catchment tank permitting for residents
- 109. Get a handle on water distribution system
- 110. Eliminate the city's stormwater discharge from Trinidad Bay
- 111. Have hydration station in town and more drinking fountains
- 112. Explore possibility of Mad River water lines to Trinidad and North
- 113. Increase recycling containers in public places
- 114. Upgrade septic systems that are failing
- 115. Provide environmental sustainability mitigation funding for removal of septic tanks, pollution of ASBS, help of residential septic upgrades
- 116. Be proactive regarding climate change. Address climate change at a relevant scale (do our part). We are all in this together.
- 117. Keep forests intact to increase O2 and decrease CO2, aka lungs of the earth. Maintains water quality. Increases biodiversity, habitat, native flora.
- 118. Plant more trees to prepare for the future
- 119. Be examples of health forests, watersheds and biodiversity
- 120. Prepare for sea level rising
- 121. Develop workshops on native plants and conferences on how native plants help decrease global warming

F. Other Goals & Projects

- 122. Take best advantage of our natural beauty, as Trinidad's attractiveness centers on the natural surroundings. That is our our tourism draw. Promote and market Trinidad's amazing coastal rocks and vistas/trails via a destination attraction

123. Develop a mission statement/vision regarding Trinidad's scenic/cultural resources to help us promote and protect our resources
124. Communicate the mission/vision statement via smartphone technology
125. Create a detailed list of and map of points of interest in Trinidad and surrounding area. (The existing one leaves out areas)
126. Increase city efforts to build infrastructure of natural resource recreation and market it as an eco-destination
127. Funding outreach for eco-tourism
128. Make city contribution to Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau
129. Develop new, annual events that promote arts and other events
130. Host tennis tournaments and bocce ball tournaments
131. Jazz festival
132. Support heritage arts music
133. "Trinidad, not Tobago" Festival with fans
134. Promote venues for fine arts
135. Communicate about events via smartphone technology
136. Develop marquis on Town Hall
137. Move whale sculpture to Cal Trans lot where bike locker was formerly

Project Ideas from Spring 2015 Community Goals	Total Rank	Category
Increase sheriff department time/presence. Have deputy be more proactive in enforcing rules and regulations. 7 days/week police presence, especially at night (9pm-5am)	186	Public safety
Protect water quality, and develop long-term plan for water, ensuring adequate and safe water supply for future generations.	177	Freshwater Resources
Increase live in : vacation ratio	172	Community Character (VDU)
Preserve forest around strawberry rock. Pressure Green Diamond to cancel two timber harvest plans around strawberry rock.	165	Strawberry Rock/Forestry
Return city to a community of residents—moratorium on vacation rentals and phase out—decide on limit	159	Community Character (VDU)
Keep people from camping on city property, especially museum, library and city park	147	Transients
Photo-Voltaic Solar Panels (PV) on City Buildings	143	Environment/Climate
Protect and enhance the fishing village qualities that remain	138	Community Character
Kids have a skatepark supported by our community	135	Parks
Keep forests intact to increase O2 and decrease CO2, aka lungs of the earth. Maintains water quality. Increases biodiversity, habitat, native	120	Forest-Parks
Have more library hours	116	Library Hours
Build/improve relationships with local tribes Respect indigenous people and land. Honor indigenous cultures and sacred sites	116	Native American Partners
Encourage more basic commercial facilities (laundromat, ...)	114	Community Character
Regularly pick up litter	109	Community Character
Liberate Trinidad's Head open space from the commercial cellular communication facility	103	T Head Cell Tower
Save surrounding forest from clear cutting	101	Forestry
Restored Luffenholtz Creek watershed. Upstream restoration, drought-resistant re-vegetation, develop plan for groundwater recharge. Engage with all landholders. "What if Luffenholtz Creek goes dry?"	96	Freshwater Resources
Forest stewardship should drive decision making	91	Forestry
Be examples of health forests, watersheds and biodiversity	88	Forestry
Reduce transient population	86	Transients
Sustain a healthy balance between city, family residences, vacation rentals, and commercial rental businesses. Fear is that VRBOs will continue to displace family homes and long-term family rental units	85	Character (VDU)
Provide affordable housing for families (to keep kids in town) and senior housing	81	Affordable Housing
Land return to Tsurai	80	Return Tsurai Village
Embrace the past—historical, cultural, fishing village—while looking forward to the future	78	Character (VDU)
Improve Van Wycke Trail—purchase easements?	77	Van Wycke Trail
Trail and vegetation management on all trails	77	Trails
Develop a maintenance project which would engage the whole community to fix Axel Lundgren Memorial Trail and 12.5 acres TSA. A work party to trim, clean, maintain entire bluff, including village site so Tsurai Ancestral, Yurok Tribe, and Trinidad Rancheria, and all of Trinidad, all feel the area is respected and loved. Volunteers would probably make themselves available to assist in trimming, especially	76	Community Project for TSA
Vegetation and historic tree protection projects	75	
Develop ordinance to encourage PV for home owners	75	Solar
Address issues on Scenic Drive to improve it for bikers, pedestrians, vehicles and one lane roads, emergency routes	74	Scenic Drive
Underground wires and remaining utility poles and complete the street light project	74	Underground infrastructure

Work with county to plan for homeless and transients	73	Transients
Maintain the garden beautification areas at freeway gateway and around parking areas in Town, at Saunders Park	69	Gateway Maintenance
Promote the importance of the Tsurai and educate the community on their heritage. Build ongoing appreciation of Native cultures, heritage,	69	Native American Partners
Prune Trinidad Head trail to improve views	68	
Remove ivy from city property, i.e. cemetery	62	Invasive Ivy
Develop additional storage. One million gallon storage tanks "underground," cisterns	62	Water Storage
Identify all trails by signs and maintain accessibility	61	Trails
Partner with Rancheria for additional security, i.e. patrolling security	57	Security
Old Wagon Road Trail—make it happen!	56	
Upgrade septic systems that are failing	56	Septics
Develop a Trinidad Lighthouse to Lighthouse Trail (memorial to BLM) and use as a marketing promotional for tourists	55	Lighthouse Trail
Develop a Trinidad Boardwalk along existing bench/vista area above memorial lighthouse. Could include interpretive signs, telescopes, trail map to BLM lighthouse. Provides history, engagement and a destination for visitors and locals to enjoy. Could include making Edwards one-way street from Trinity to Wagner	50	Trinidad Boardwalk
Enhance the entrance to Trinidad by moving the large whale sculpture that is on the north side of Main Street to north east corner of Main and Patrick Point Dr. I understand the sculpture is for sale	49	Whale Sculpture
Provide municipal WiFi or internet (as in Chatanooga TN)	49	City Wi-Fi
Teamwork—partnering with Native American neighbors, State Parks, Museum, library, Land Trust, Cal Fire, business community, school, civic, city to leverage our individual capabilities, and meet regularly	49	Partners
Increase city income from vacation rentals	49	VDUs for Revenue
Create a place where homeless (an possibly mental ill/addicted) travelers can easily interface with county DHHS social workers for help (avoiding thefts, etc)	48	Transients
Reconciliation with Native American heritage and people	48	Native American Partners
Video surveillance at multiple sites	48	Public safety Cameras
Review city's emergency plan. Coordinate with all stakeholder—residents, businesses, school, Tribes	48	Public safety - Emergency Planning
Increase native plants in the museum garden and around town	47	Native Plants
Resurrect Trails Steward Group—partner with school and Land Trust	46	Trail Stewards
Building a site that informs people of the 1st indigenous inhabitants of the land	45	Native American Partners
Bring an end to the bickering and threatened lawsuits, and lawsuits waved would be a hugely desirable outcome for everyone—new and ancient residents of the area	44	Tsurai Reconciliation
Fair and consistent enforcement of existing ordinances, especially trees, trails, and signs.	44	Enforcement
Create a safe, recreational area for families and young children since school is off limits 9am-5pm M-F. Toddler playground	43	Parks (Toddlers)
Lobby for faster Hammond Trail extension	43	Trails
Develop community garden	43	Community Garden
Signage clean-up	42	Signs
Develop a trail to Strawberry Rock.	42	Strawberry Rock/Forestry
Develop speed bumps/traffic calming plan for city	42	traffic calming
Plant more trees to prepare for the future	42	Tree Planting
Support a "village" project for senior aging in place	40	Senior Housing
Better, intelligent, informative trail and park signage for all trails. Web site support as well as brochures and maps	39	Trail Maps, Signs

More small homes, single family homes	39	Community Character (smaller homes)
Showcase natural surroundings—choose muted colors and unobtrusive structures during design review	39	Community Character (design)
Explore possibility of Mad River water lines to Trinidad and North	39	Mad River Water
Fixing what happened between Tsurai and Trinidad regarding the lighthouse	38	Tsurai Reconciliation
Investigate resources available in other cities in an effort to develop a plan for Trinidad	38	
Improve maintenance at Saunder's Park. Develop Friends of Saunder's Park	36	Park Maintenance
Take the American flag down at the town hall to not perpetuate	35	
Have a long-term plan to develop a balanced budget to ensure fiscal stability (3-5 years?)	35	Budget Plan
Develop new, annual events that promote arts and other events	35	Annual Events
Expand/continue Neighborhood Watch in local neighborhoods, include businesses	34	Public Safety (Neighborhood Watch)
Build a community center	33	Community Center
Leave the American flag in place at town hall, lighthouse and at school	33	
Create a list of services for referrals	31	
Take best advantage of our natural beauty, as Trinidad's attractiveness centers on the natural surroundings. That is our tourism draw. Promote and market Trinidad's amazing coastal rocks and vistas/trails via a	30	
View-shed protection from public areas, i.e. streets, parking areas	29	View shed Protection
Develop multi use trails—hiking, biking, rock climbing, birding, wellbeing	24	Trails
Be proactive regarding climate change. Address climate change at a relevant scale (do our part). We are all in this together.	23	Climate Change
Develop youth-friendly projects for residents and families to encourage, welcome and invite youth.	22	Youth Projects
Community-organized projects to build trust and relationships between Tsurai Ancestral Society, Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, and the City.	22	Community Projects/
Focus on existing ordinances and limit putting forth any new ones due to limited city staffing	22	Native American Partners
Install accessible viewpoints for tourists to utilize the beauty of the area	21	Vista Points
Streamline water catchment tank permitting for residents	21	Water Storage
Have hydration station in town and more drinking fountains	21	drinking fountains
Jazz festival	21	Events/Jazz fest
Eliminate the city's stormwater discharge from Trinidad Bay	20	Water Quality (no discharge to Bay)
Develop a mission statement/vision regarding Trinidad's scenic/cultural resources to help us promote and protect our resources	20	Mission Statement for scenic Cultural resources
Develop bike lanes	19	Bike lanes
Plan ahead for sales tax expiration—renew sales tax?	19	Renew sales tax
Create a place where old/young, new/long-time, rich/poor are treated with respect	18	
Determine a guiding principle—balance between the interests of residents of Trinidad and business interests which capitalize on town's setting—in order to maintain the town and surrounding environment	18	Community Character (balance)
Quarterly or seasonal community potluck event promoting community betterment	17	Community events (potluck)
Develop SCOP volunteer base	17	
Replace all streetlights with like poles	17	streetlight upgrades
Promote venues for fine arts	16	fine art venues
Increase recycling containers in public places	15	Recycling
Write a grant to improve Scenic Drive based on protecting Trinidad Bay	14	Improve Scenic Drive
Develop a docent program. It is an ecotourism opportunity	14	

Support PACE, Property Assessed Clean Energy	13	
Have broad civic engagement	13	
Link to California Coastal National Monument	13	
Improve water conservation.	13	
Provide environmental sustainability mitigation funding for removal of septic tanks, pollution of ASBS, help of residential septic upgrades	13	
Trinidad promotes itself as a destination for people to visit and engage with CA coastal trails, vistas, natural environments/beaches via a "Trinidad Boardwalk" or a Lighthouse trail	12	
Create or support an online interactive trail guide	10	
Support heritage arts music	10	
Maintain balance in low/med/high income housing options	9	
Develop 3-year budget projections as part of the annual budget	9	
Develop a city newsletter	7	
Develop workshops on native plants and conferences on how native plants help decrease global warming	7	
Develop a skills/needs match-making volunteer network	6	
Evaluate Revenue Sources	6	
Finish sign ordinance process. Budget staff time to do it	5	
Create a detailed list of and map of points of interest in Trinidad and surrounding area. (The existing one leaves out areas)	5	
Provide annual opportunities for input from the community	4	
Prepare for sea level rising	4	
Develop a zoning/planning/building permit flow chart that is displayed in City Hall	3	
Increase city efforts to build infrastructure of natural resource recreation and market it as an eco-destination	3	
Provide bike rack at the library	2	
Direct staff to plan for and include long-term costs for projects, e.g. infrastructure projects should include post-project (ongoing) costs for staff, maintenance	2	
Move whale sculpture to Cal Trans lot where bike locker was formerly	1	
Investigate safe routes to school funding	0	
Re-paint the pedestrian crosswalks	0	
Staff present real plan with budget and time to complete sign ordinance process	0	
Consider TOT rate via council	0	
Get a handle on water distribution system	0	
Communicate the mission/vision statement via smartphone technology	0	
Funding outreach for eco-tourism	0	
Make city contribution to Humboldt County Convention and Visitors	0	
Host tennis tournaments and bocce ball tournaments	0	
"Trinidad, not Tobago" Festival with fans	0	
Communicate about events via smartphone technology	0	
Develop marquis on Town Hall	0	