

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

- Mayor Bhardwaj called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: Morgan, Bhardwaj, Davies, Miller, Fulkerson.
- City Staff in attendance: City Attorney Paul Hagen, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, City Manager Karen Suiker.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION** – No closed session scheduled.

**IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- *Move Consent #3 to discussion agenda.*
  - *Move staff activity report to end of discussion agenda.*
- Motion (Miller/Fulkerson) to approve the agenda as amended. **Passed unanimously***

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2011 CC**

- *Motion Miller/Davies to approve the minutes as amended. **Passed unanimously.***

**VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Bhardwaj:

- **HCAOG:** Discussed pavement management plan, and update on Indian Gaming Grant awards.

Morgan: Trinidad event recap – Garden Tour, Spring Fling & School Play.

Fulkerson: Nothing to report.

Davies: Nothing to report.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

Karen Suiker – City Manager

- Highlighted accomplishments listed in updated staff report. Also announced that the City's ARRA grant for Saunders Park improvements may not be reimbursed as expected. A number of fatal errors have been listed in the Federal audit of the project that may jeopardize the funding. Fingers are crossed.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Susan Golledge-Rotwein** – Trinidad

Introduced Humboldt Wild Seafood brand & Fisherman's Wives Association banner proposal for the streets of Trinidad. Requested funding for hardware to mount banners on new light poles scheduled to be installed by PG&E and host the banners for the Summer.

**Jackie Hostler** – Trinidad Rancheria

Supports the effort of the Fisherman's Wives Association and encouraged the City to support the project.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Staff Activities Report through April 2011
2. Financial Status Reports for March 2011
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rancheria and the City regarding administration of the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project.  
*Motion (Miller/Fulkerson) to approve the amended MOA. **Passed unanimously.***
4. Authorize the Mayor to execute the amended Joint Powers Agreement with PARSAC  
*Motion (Fulkerson/Miller) to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Passed unanimously.***

## XI. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Set Budget Study Session for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:00pm.

There was no public comment.

*Motion (Fulkerson/Miller) to set budget study session for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at \*6:00pm.*

**Passed unanimously.**

2. Receive oral report from Marie-Kelleher-Roy on invasive plant issues.

Report was given. Council members thanked Kelleher Roy for the presentation. *No decision was made.*

3. Presentation/Report from Tony Smithers, Executive Director of Humboldt County Convention & Visitors Bureau on Tourism Business Improvement Districts.

Smithers presented a report that outlined Tourism Business Improvement Districts that entailed general tourism statistics in Humboldt County, highlighted the HCCVB accomplishments, explained that the Lodging industry decides whether or not to participate and the program has been developed to act as a supplemental revenue source for the growing demand for tourism promotion.

Public comment included:

**Robert Vogel** – Trinidad

Individuals can reach the global market through the internet. Why should the Hampton Inn make decisions about Trinidad lodging groups?

The Council asked various questions about the program. *No decision was made.*

4. Direct staff to prepare an ordinance allowing two people from outside City limits to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Bhardwaj explained that the Planning Commission board currently has 4 members. Attempts to recruit a fifth member from inside City limits have been unsuccessful. Recommend that the Council consider accepting additional applicants from outside the city limits in the Trinidad Area.

Public comment included:

**Robert Vogel** – Trinidad Area Resident

Great strategic effort to include voices from outside the city.

Council comment included:

**Morgan:** We should consider whether or not to have a Planning Commission all together.

**Fulkerson:** The Council has the authority to remove Planning Commissioners at any time.

*Motion (Fulkerson/Miller to direct staff to amend Ordinance 2007-03 to allow up to 2 members of the Trinidad Planning Commission to live outside the City limits. Passed 4-0-1. Morgan abstained.*

5. Consider creation of a Trinidad Head Study Group to assist in developing plans for the management of Trinidad Head.

Mayor Bhardwaj and Councilmembers discussed committee member selection, purpose, and goals.

Davies confirmed that if approved, the committee will not have authority to delegate work to staff.

Public comments included:

**Mareva Russo** – Trinidad

A number of people interested in this subject are out of town and had to miss the meeting. Please give them a chance to attend and voice their opinions before making any decisions.

**Patti Fleschner** – Trinidad

Trail maintenance and accessibility on Trinidad Head trails has always been important and should continue to be. TPW does an amazing job.

Motion (Miller/Fulkerson) to establish a 7-member committee to:

- Compile the regulations that already govern Trinidad Head
- Develop a set of guidelines that harmonize with existing ordinances and present them to the Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, and members of the Public.
- Recommend what additional work may be needed. **Passed unanimously.**

6. Consider appointment to the Committee of the Council to Recognize Quality Community Design as discussed at the April 13, 2011 meeting.

Motion (Fulkerson/Miller) to appoint the following members to the committee:

Susan Marquette, Jason Richie, Ben Hawkins, Ned Simmons, & Patti Fleschner. **Passed unanimously.**

## XII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ended at 9:55pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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**Gabriel Adams**  
City Clerk

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**Kathy Bhardwaj**  
Mayor