

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Maria C Bartlett <maria.bartlett@humboldt.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Trinidad City Clerk
Subject: Coastal Monument Festival

Gabe, Please pass on to Mayor and Council, thanks!

To the Mayor and City Council:

I am vehemently opposed to our town hosting the Coastal Monument Festival on Sept 26th. This is an irresponsible decision in the midst of a global pandemic. To put our community at deadly risk for a festival is morally and socially unjustified. Please reconsider and postpone until we have safely navigated the Covid virus.

I live in town and have had to deal all summer with hordes of out of towners not heading precautions. It has been difficult to be a resident and see scientific recommendations flaunted and rude responses as a result.

Please do the right thing and urge the Land Trust to postpone this event for a safer time.

Maria Bartlett
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Trinidad, CA

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Jacques Beaupre <jcqs.beaupre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Trinidad City Manager; Gabe Adams; azetter@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: Please forward to the City Council

Not sure if the pictures were sent so I am resending, sorry.

City of Trinidad,

Since our paid administration and decision makers do not live in Trinidad I thought you might want to see a small part of what you missed this Labor day weekend.

The ball was dropped on crowd control. The residents who live in the City limits of Trinidad are paying the price. Complete disregard for our safety and quality of life made even worse with the pandemic that is going on.

Just three pictures of my street but 3 days of it. As I type this it is still happening over most of Trinidad.

Parker Creek Drive should not have trail users parking on this private road.

We had people without masks in big groups. Dogs off leash running onto our yards. People changing clothes or into swimwear out in the field. People urinating between the cars acting like no one lives in this neighborhood.

Jacques Beaupre
City of Trinidad resident.



City of Trinidad
P.O. Box 390
409 Trinity Street
Trinidad, CA 95570

Trinidad City Council:

September 8, 2020

Please accept the following comments regarding the Connectivity project and Van Wycke trail.

As a 40 plus year member of the Trinidad community I would like to see the Connectivity project move forward as long as it does not have a negative impact on the repair and re-opening of the Van Wycke trail. In looking at the map of the project (Figure 1, page 52 of tonight's packet) it appears that part of the project includes "**Remove Failed Retaining Wall**" in the closed area of the Van Wycke trail. This would seem to indicate substantial ground disturbance, something that I thought we were trying to avoid? In addition, as stated by Supervisor Madrone at the August 19th Planning Commission meeting, there is reason to believe that this section of the trail can be repaired without removing the damaged section by using the existing wooden structure as support for an inexpensive temporary repair using stairs and clean native fill. Removal of the existing wooden retaining wall seems to me to be the first step in the ultimate permanent closure of the trail and I oppose that. I am also concerned about the placement of "**Proposed Vista Points 1 and 2 of 3**" at the top and bottom of the closed section of the trail. Installation of these vista points with any kind of a fence surrounding them will also be a step toward permanent closure of the trail.

Regarding the proposed "**Utility Stabilization Concept**" using concrete foundations to support a steel I-beam carrying the utilities, I would suggest that the City consider using pre cast concrete abutments that could potentially support the future addition of a second I-beam (which could be used in conjunction with the first I-beam) to support a pedestrian walkway, thus providing a ready made option toward the re-opening the closed section of the Van Wycke trail.

My wife and I enjoy the scenic beauty of the Van Wycke trail and the safety it affords pedestrians when accessing the harbor and beach area by avoiding the busy Edwards corridor. Should you decide to move the Connectivity project forward please continue to pursue a means to allow use of the trail by pedestrians.

Sincerely,



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Trinidad City Clerk

From: Bonnie Etz <banddetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2020 12:50 PM
To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov
Cc: Joey Wauters
Subject: Coastal Monuments Festival

I'd like to voice my concern over the plans to hold a Festival in our small town during a pandemic.

All the other events like this in the County have been canceled to protect the health of our citizens.

Though we all understand the desire of local businesses to thrive during these challenging times, it should not be at the expense of those who live here.

Clearly the presence of so many people disregarding social distancing and mask wearing indicates that Trinidad is not safe for a large gathering. And our lack of any kind of enforcement of safety measures or even compliance with existing regulations within the city (ie all the RV's camping on Edwards St) proves that Trinidad is not willing or capable of protecting it's citizens.

There is always next year. So I voice my opposition to this Festival.

Thank you for considering my request,

Bonnie Etz

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Dan OGara (penne.ogara@gmail.com)
Cc: citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov; Dave Grover; Jack West; Richard Clompus; Steve Ladwig; Tom Davies
Subject: FW:

From: Gabriel Adams <harborpride@icloud.com>
Hi Penne,

Message received and forwarded to the Council as requested.

Gabe Adams
Trinidad City Clerk
707.677.0223
www.trinidad.ca.gov

Begin forwarded message:

From: Penne Ogara <penne.ogara@gmail.com>
Date: September 6, 2020 at 5:21:07 PM PDT
To: Gabriel Adams

Dear Members of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust,

I am a member of the TCLT and have supported activities you have offered in the past, but I am appalled that you are sponsoring a festival on September 26, 2020.

All local groups, as far as I've been able to find out, have postponed Festival activities (even our treasured Father's Day Fish Fry) until a vaccine is available to protect all of us or a cure from this deadly Covid illness is found.

Our health official, Dr. Teresa Frankovich and our supervisor, Steve Madrone, have tried to discourage tourists from flocking to Trinidad and now we're sponsoring the Trinidad Coastal Festival !!! Our health department has time and time again stressed that gatherings outside of the household unit are the biggest driver of the epidemic.

There is a reason America is the number one in the world for being not able to deal with this virus effectively. Do you want to be a contributor? We thought only people blinded by politics or people disregarding science would be so irresponsible.

We are headed into the flu season with our first death reported in California just a few days ago. Do we want to create an environment where viruses have a better possibility to spread?

What are we doing this Festival for? Money? Publicity? Awareness for the environment? Socializing? Shouldn't we be doing our part to prevent Covid from making any more people sick or even die?

What is the point of a festival if you have no intention of it being well attended as you have alluded to? Of course, any organizer would want their festival to be well received and attended. How are you going to limit attendees and monitor their behavior?

If you look at the schedule of events for the Festival, many of the events encourage the congregation of people. Why not have a virtual festival like so many organizations have done? The virtual Sand Sculpture Festival and Oyster Festival are just a few local examples where people were kept safe and the festival went on. Face mask, six feet physical distancing, and hands washing may have only reduced the rate of transmission but not transmission of Covid itself. Who is going to enforce social distancing?

This Covid pandemic is only going to get worse. Now is not the time to encourage its spread. We need to do our part to slow the virus down.

Having the Trinidad Coastal Festival during a deadly pandemic is truly irresponsible !!

Gabe, please get this to the City Council.

Thanks,

Penne O'Gara

TO: Trinidad City Council & City Manager
FR: Ted Pease, 446 Mill Creek Lane, Trinidad
RE: Edwards Street overnight parking issues
Sept. 8, 2020

Sharon Winnett of Hector Street posted this on Nextdoor.com on Saturday morning, setting off another chorus of residents' complaints about the lack of controls on tourism in Trinidad.

I submit Sharon's post and the 53 comments it elicited to be part of the public record to inform the City Council in its deliberations on these and other parking and tourism-related concerns. I believe that the city has not fulfilled some of its most basic functions as regards tourists, parking and public safety this summer.

Edwards Street was nearly impassable and unsafe for drivers or pedestrians all weekend because of out-of-towners parking RVs, vans and cars on both sides of the street, often with street-side doors open, requiring traffic to swerve to get by. The State Beach and Pier parking areas were even worse.

I respectfully offer again my previous suggestion that Trinidad consider a parking ordinance with a mechanism to pay for enforcement, as many other cities do.

In fairness to the overnight parkers and daytime tourists, there is nothing on Edwards to tell them that they can't park there. As others suggest in the comments below, the city must install signage about overnight camping, and paint the curb red along Edwards in the interests of clear communication and public safety. And the city must figure out how to enforce its ordinances.

Sincerely,

Ted Pease



Sharon Winnett

Trinidad • 2 days ago



Camping along Edwards Street. We woke up at 6:30 this morning to 13 campers parked along both sides of Edwards Street with horns honking, traffic confused, and urine running down the street. This situation has been building all summer. The word must be getting out that you can camp for free overlooking one of the most beautiful sites in California and no one says a word!

Posted in **Safety** to **3 neighborhoods**



Like



58 Comments



19

[Star Place](#) • Trinidad

Oh no! That's horrible!

2 days ago

[Marina Marley](#) • Trinidad

This morning, I was shocked to see all the people camping on Edwards Street. Isn't it illegal to camp on Edwards? What is the city doing to stop this?

2 days ago

[Cheryl Kelly](#) • Trinidad

There is a City Council meeting, Sept 8th @ 6pm. It would be a good place to raise this concern during public comments. Parking ordinance 2010-02 limits parking on Trinidad streets and alleys to 72-hours. So, the problem will be moving people who claim to be “parking” vs “camping”. Vehicle “occupancy” at night would be the defining characteristic, I would think, and a call to the Sheriffs office may help. Longer term, “no camping” signs (respecting the view shed) should be considered.

1 day ago

[Christy Chandler](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Are there signs up saying no camping? I assume so, and the entitled tourists just don't care. Another argument for banning RVs within the city. City council people, are you listening??

1 day ago

[John Graves](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Trinidad has no ability to enforce ordinances. The city has a contract with the Sheriff's office for a certain number of patrol "hours" each month. How the city wants those hours used in up to the City Council.

1 day ago

[Ric Warren](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

A local patrol needs to be put together by City Council.

1 day ago

[Ben Morehead](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

On Scenic Drive, with no overnight parking signs, Trinidad Coastal Land Trust TCLT has been responding to a heavy summer tourist season with almost every other day trash pick ups and 2x/week cleaning of our two portapotties at Houda and Luffenholtz. No city, county or state park services. TCLT staff and volunteers contact sheriff weekly abt campers and problems. Sheriff also recommends reporting issues on their online form. Problem is sheriff not around at night to enforce.

1 day ago

[Cheryl Kelly](#) • Trinidad

Anecdotally, this has been a difficult year on Old Home Beach as well. The Sheriff has been out to evict on several occasions and the volunteer fire dept came to put out a log fire. I've deconstructed 6 fire pits and a few "cabins" to reduce the temptation for folks to move in and have a bar-b-que.

1 day ago

[Sharon Winnett](#) • Trinidad

Update...the sheriff just drove by and had to weave through the street to avoid our visitors. He did not stop to interact....hmmmm

1 day ago

[Ted Pease](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Since the deputy acts at the direction of the city, one assumed that he has been directed not to worry about traffic issues. Why would that be?

[Susan Stephenson](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Yes we saw it this morning, so many thoughtless people think that the pandemic safety protocol just applies to other people!

1 day ago

[Ted Pease](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

This is unacceptable. Trinidad has a variety of sensible municipal ordinances (no on-street camping, STRs, vagrancy, etc.) but has never committed the necessary resources to enforce them, and the City Council and City Manager have not been responsive to complaints/requests from residents to do so. When Edwards was repaved last month, the walk/bike lane lines disappeared; these were a slight deterrent to parking on the hill. The curb should be painted red and no parking signs should be installed (and enforced). Here's another idea: Create a parking ordinance with stickers/free parking for residents, paid nonresident parking stickers, designated municipal parking (meters?), and tickets/fines for those who park in restricted areas without permits. Enforcement to be paid by revenue for permits and fines. If Trinidad is going to be a wide-open tourist mecca, then it has to plan for ways to manage the onslaught and protect its residents.

1 day ago

[Sharon Winnett](#) • Trinidad

Excellent points, Ted! Thank you!

1 day ago

[Ted Pease](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Coincidentally, this Guardian story today is about the unprecedented flood of campers in CA, where parks are booked months ahead, and "stir-crazy Californians" and others looking for an outdoor experience during COVID end up camping just anywhere. Like on Edwards Street. Will it stop after Labor Day? I don't know . . . many of the local vacation rentals are booked through December. Maybe tourist dollars do support the town, but they're going to kill it in the process.

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/sep/05/its-a-race-to-get-out-there-stir-crazy-californians-are-overwhelming-campsites?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

1 day ago

[Marina Marley](#) • Trinidad

Outstanding solutions Ted I completely agree! There are camping areas for people to legally camp, or maybe traveling isn't such a good idea while our COVID cases continue to increase in Humboldt County. Also as Sharon mentioned, "urine running in the streets", I noticed this morning, the majority of these vehicles that are camping overnight, on Edwards Street do not have their own restrooms, which means people are urinating and defecating outside, within the city limits of Trinidad, which is also illegal. Enforcement should be a priority right now!

1 day ago

[Annalisa Rush](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Camel rock pullouts reek like toilets. I almost stepped in huge piles of vomit on the dirt pullout above Houda lot. So much trash everywhere along waterways , highways, trails.

10 hr ago

[Pamela A Lawrence](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Along the same lines, travelers camp overnight at our Trinidad southbound 101 rest stop. My understanding is that there is an 8hr. maximum "rest" time, but no overnight camping. I contacted both CalTrans, who operate the rest stop, and CHP Arcata who legally enforce it. Each was quick to defer responsibility to the other.

1 day ago

[Andrea Pucci](#) • Trinidad

Time to make it clear what Trinidad's boundaries are. Camping along Edwards St is not permitted needs to be enforced.

1 day ago

[Marina Marley](#) • Trinidad

Next Tuesday, there will be a council meeting, people need to voice their concerns.

1 day ago

[Zachary Rotwein](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

This town belongs to all citizens of the USA ,not just a bunch of wealthy retired year round residents some of whom I've witnessed being quite rude to its visitors

Edited 1 day ago

[Christine Hills](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Come again?

1 day ago

[Sharon Winnett](#) • Trinidad

Really? Specific incidents? Trinidadians as a collective whole are welcoming, generous, and kind-hearted citizens who love our community and strive to make it safe and clean for all until lines of civility are crossed. Your comment surprises me.

1 day ago

[Kym Frame](#) • Trinidad

Sharon Winnett, as always, is a class act. I have never seen anything but Kindness, courtesy, and a willing to help everyone.

Edited 1 day ago

[Joanne Keeling](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Are you kidding.. next time I'm at Murphys I'll tell them where you live and it's free camping there.

1 day ago

[Katie Darden](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Zach, all cities, towns, counties and states have rules and regulations. The current appropriate ones need to be enforced. Remember when it USED TO BE okay to park & camp on the highway across from Freshwater Lagoon?

1 day ago

[Joe Cusimano](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Maybe they could all stay at your place ? The point is there are places to camp and places NOT TO CAMP!! Your freedom trip is a good part of why this nation is in the toilet. Some rules must apply or there is CHAOS.

20 hr ago

[Ted Pease](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Update: At 9 p.m. Sunday, Edwards was still filled with vehicles parked along both sides, including a few large RVs and cars with people inside enjoying their cell phone entertainment as they settled in for the night. Looking forward to the Winnetts' photo of the scene tomorrow morning.

1 day ago

[Zachary Rotwein](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

I wonder how many of you have no problems with illegal immigrants coming to the country. Just saying.

1 day ago

[Christine Hills](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Non germane obfuscation.

1 day ago

[Laurie Marx](#) • Trinidad

12 vehicles counted at 6:50 this morning (from Ocean to west of Hector along Edwards).

1 day ago

[Sharon Winnett](#) • Trinidad

Yep...and the beat goes on...and on...and on...

1 day ago

[Zachary Rotwein](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Anyone ask if their fire or heat refugees?

23 hr ago

[Joe Cusimano](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Fire refugees or not ...without asking ...this is not something that should be ok .. get the Sheriff on it right away !!!!!!! WTF.

23 hr ago

[Jaime Powell](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

There are signs coming into town that say wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart. Can we add NO CAMPING IN TOWN?? Just to plant the seed that it's not ok.

22 hr ago

[Zachary Rotwein](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

Just like “question authority “and the old song,”sign,sign,everywhere a sign”wealthy,leftist,authoritarian control freaks have changed their tune now that they are the majority. Go ahead,since I’m calling the tune and,”hit me with your best shot”.

Edited 21 hr ago

[Sharon Winnett](#) • Trinidad

I’m sorry you are so angry.

21 hr ago

[Zachary Rotwein](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

What your side calls angry my team refers to it as being a happy warrior. I love you all and am praying you all don’t ignite a civil war. A mob is a scientifically documented dynamic.

Edited 21 hr ago

[Joe Cusimano](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

having campers camp "properly " won't ignite a civil war, but may ignite fires and not having any rules will, attitudes start wars . We love you too, this banter is what freedoms are all aboutain't it ?

20 hr ago

[Tammy Phrakonkham](#) • Trinidad

There’s been an RV parked at Ocean and Edwards with its generator running and it’s very loud and distracting with my Zoom classes. I thought they painted “20 minute parking only” near the bluff?

20 hr ago

[Cheryl Kelly](#) • Trinidad

I just did a drive through town and it seemed bustling, but well ordered. All the people I saw were wearing masks or social distancing (except a few folks near the gas station). There were two campers left on Edwards, but neither were there yesterday, and didn't appear to be camping. Perhaps the worst is over?

20 hr ago

[Tom Candrian](#) • Westhaven-Patricks Point-Big Lagoon

I like to drive by all the campers around 5am blasting my horn. Maybe we could set up a day and night noise parade to help campers move along 😊

19 hr ago

[Xtina Cortez](#) • Trinidad

I like jokes, but at the end of the day this seems like it would disrupt the neighborhood residents more than anything else.

18 hr ago

[juanice campbell](#) • Trinidad

In my opinion I think this Labor Day situation was caused by whomever was responsible for ensuring that the proper signs, road lanes, etc were completed, after the street was resurfaced and prior to this weekend. If the contractor couldn't get it done, then whomever was responsible for managing the subcontractor should have made arrangements to put out temporary signs along Edward Dr. Who was responsible for this task?

15 hr ago

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Ted Pease <ted.pease@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Trinidad City Clerk
Cc: Steve Ladwig; jwest@trinidad.ca.gov; tdavies@trinidad.ca.gov; dgrover@trinidad.ca.gov; Richard Clompus; Trinidad Manager
Subject: Public Comment: TCLT Festival

TO: Trinidad City Council
FR: Ted Pease & Brenda Cooper
RE: Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Festival

We are strong supporters of the work of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust and are grateful for their stewardship of our beautiful coastline and lands.

However, we share the concerns raised by Joey Wauters and Jim Webb and others about the wisdom from a public health standpoint of inviting 100 to 200 people to Trinidad for the day to celebrate the Coastal Monument, even in “dispersed” activities.

As the influx of tourists and the lack of crowd control this past weekend and all summer have demonstrated, Trinidad is ill-prepared to handle crowds. Even if the TCLT’s “dispersed” activities are conducted safely, as we are sure they would be, the fact remains that the event will bring hundreds of people into town, and they undoubtedly will spend the rest of their time elsewhere in undispersed activities.

We agree with the TCLT’s goals of celebrating the Trinidad coastline and its Coastal Monument status, but the pandemic continues and Humboldt’s COVID-19 case totals continue to rise. We do not believe that this is the time for this kind of activity.

Sincerely,
Ted Pease & Brenda Cooper

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Trinidad City Clerk

From: Ted Pease <ted.pease@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2020 10:23 AM
Subject: Edwards Street Trail Park

If they haven't seen it already, city officials should read and respond ASAP to Sharon Winnett's Sunday-morning post Sunday and the comments.



Sharon Winnett

Trinidad • 2 hr ago



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Posted in **Safety** to **3 neighborhoods**

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14 Comments

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Trinidad City Clerk

From: dan sealy <RangerDanS@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 1:55 PM
To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: RE: Concern about the Coastal Monuments Festival During the Pandemic

Dear Mayor and Trinidad City Council Members,

I understand the Trinidad city council will be considering a permit for the California Coastal National Monument Trinidad Gateway Festival scheduled for this month.

This pandemic has become more and more difficult for everyone; especially small business owners and non-profit organizations that in great need donations and financial support to carry out important work in the community. It is also difficult for families who want and need outlets to enjoy and celebrate our beautiful corner of the world. But I would like the city council to consider the downside of the plan to invite hundreds of people to gather in Trinidad for what should be a celebration of this place and people; but could become a tragic reminder we really are still in the middle of a pandemic. Other than a little more knowledge about how to practice safety when out of our homes, nothing has really changed since March of this year when it all began. There still is no proven therapeutic and no vaccine.

I worked for the National Park Service for many years and taught safety classes as a small part of my job. When there was to be large public involvement, we asked ourselves the question “what could possibly go wrong? Was there a risk and if there was, could we effectively mitigate that risk?”

I think if we take an honest look, we have to say our ability to mitigate the risks are minimal and the risks are high. In this case, people, many people including older folks and children, parents, can get sick either at the event or when they return home and come in contact with others. Their lasting memory of Trinidad and the celebration will be colored in an ugly way if they become sick or die.

And if we ask, “Could we have known better?” we don’t need to look very far. The website for the Arcata Office of the Bureau of Land Management, says, in part: *“Avoid congregating at trailheads and popular areas, and maintain group sizes consistent with federal, state, and local guidance.*

Visit public lands during non-peak hours whenever possible. Consider visiting public lands during a weekday.” (<https://www.blm.gov/site-page/blm-california-covid-19-updates>)

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust website says: *“TCLT has been following county guidance to reduce Covid-19 risk and we are just starting to do some limited education and stewardship*

programs. With all our programs we will be requiring face coverings, a minimum 6 ft. physical distance, providing hand sanitizer, and keeping small group sizes (8 max).” (<https://mailchi.mp/b6f267cddb18/trinidad-coastal-land-trust-news-happenings-and-volunteer-opportunities-3544785>)

If people do become ill and the place of infection points to Trinidad, with warning such as that in place literally with the folks hosting the event, but the City permits the activity regardless, can the city be help liable? Goodness, I hope not.

It is a heartbreaker to encourage the City not to permit the event. I care about these business owners; I completely support the protection of our outstanding coastal resources protected by the BLM and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust as well as the other organizations and the Rancheria. But again, “What could go wrong?”

Consider what we have learned from the example of the Big Moose Inn in Millinocket Maine. It is a family-owned, lakeside hotel – cabin – campsite business in central Maine has recently been covered for several days after several people attending a wedding reception there became sick with Covid-19 and just today an article said the wedding reception was the source of 140 directly linked cases and 3 deaths. Some cases are hundreds of miles away. Some are in nursing homes and some have affected employees of a jail and their families. I have been to this wonderful Inn and it is sad that now it will be remembered by many not as the warm, rustic place on a beautiful lake, but where a happy wedding became central to such sadness. Yes, that event was indoors but it is also remote. Large sporting events, where stadium-owners could easily distance the fans in seats have not opened stadiums this summer because there are always pinch points, or secondary congregating places near entrances where infections can spread before even entering the event. Let’s not let that happen to Trinidad.

I have only recently known about the plan to host this event and will be contacting the representatives of some of those host organizations to ask them to please withdraw thier request.

Thank you and good luck with a really tough decision you must make.

Dan Sealy

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Trinidad, California 95570



Tsurai Ancestral Society

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09/08/20

Trinidad City Council

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RE: IV Workshop Session

Dear Council,

The Tsurai Ancestral Society respectfully requests this workshop be pulled from the agenda and held at later date that would reasonably allow for notification to stakeholders and the general public to maximize attendance and input, as well as allow staff time to research and provide all of the information regarding this project. This would include history of past decisions made by Council, previous agreements made with stakeholders, current discussions with stakeholders, and other relevant information missing from this packet.

The City Council meeting notice was sent out at 5:45pm on Friday, September 4th before a three-day weekend where businesses would be closed until today, September 8th. Therefore, organizations such as the Yurok Tribe, a stakeholder, would not have received notice until this morning.

The Tsurai Ancestral has no time to prepare for this workshop or the following discussion by Council, given the notice was sent out after the close of business on Friday and Monday was a holiday. The Tsurai Ancestral Society is a stakeholder and received no stakeholder notice.

For private citizens, there was only a bare minimum effort to advertise the meeting, but no active effort to publicize this important event concerning a trail project that is aimed not just at Trinidad citizens use, but for the greater community as well. While this may be technically in

compliance with the Brown Act requirement, it does not appear to be a genuine effort from staff to educate the public on the project or elicit their input.

Sincerely,

The Tsurai Ancestral Society

CC: Yurok Tribe Council



Tsurai Ancestral Society

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09/08/20

Trinidad City Council

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RE: Consent Agenda Item: #5 ASBS Storm Project Update

Dear Council,

The Tsurai Ancestral Society respectfully requests this item be pulled from the consent agenda and put on for discussion at the next City Council meeting.

This item is on for a brief update, however, there is not enough information for the public to ascertain what the Trinidad Rancheria's project entails, where within the City's right of way the project is located, or why the work is being done. Before allowing staff to move forward with next steps, the Tsurai Ancestral Society requests at a minimum all project information be presented to the public, not as a verbal update by staff, but included in the next meeting packet.

Due to the area, the Galindo Street Right of Way, the Tsurai Ancestral Society has concerns about possible disturbance of cultural resources. Proper consultation with the Tsurai Ancestral Society during the planning phase has not happened for this project. There is no indication within this update that consultation has occurred with the Yurok Tribe either, therefore, the Tsurai would also recommend City Council ensure that has happened before allowing staff to move forward.

Further, the City of Trinidad had met with the Tsurai Ancestral Society regarding the City's ASBS Storm Drainage Project Phase II. During that discussion, it was our understanding the City Engineer had designed the plan to block off the old storm drain outlet to launcher beach, but not remove it. Removal at this site was not discussed, therefore Tsurai Ancestral

Society is requesting additional consultation to ensure proper protection of any of our cultural resources that may be impacted.

The Tsurai are a part of the City's general plan and have been working with the City since the City was founded. We ask that staff and Council honor that relationship so that we may continue to work together.

Sincerely,

The Tsurai Ancestral Society

CC: Yurok Tribe Council

Trinidad City Clerk

From: canine bliss <caninebliss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Gabe
Subject: Fw: September Coastal Monuments Festival

Dear Mayor and Trinidad City Council Members,

We are shocked and saddened to learn that local organizations are actively planning to hold the Coastal Monuments Festival as usual this year on September 26 in the town of Trinidad. We know the organizers are very excited about the tourism promotion and fundraising opportunities this event will offer, but we think it is a terrible idea to bring more crowds of tourists to flock to our tiny community during this pandemic when there is no vaccine available to help protect us locals.

This is a socially and morally irresponsible proposal which could result in deadly consequences for innocent town residents.

We understand that many organizers do not live downtown or even in Trinidad city limits at all. Thus, they may not be aware that our town has already been inundated with masses of tourists all summer long, and that, unfortunately, many of the visitors have been rude and threatening to citizens and businesses who have asked them to take such basic precautions as wearing face masks. Festival organizers also may not realize that many of us in town are senior citizens, and some of us have underlying health conditions that put us at especially high risk for infection. We ask you as our public officials to consider such factors when deciding if it is time to invite hordes of out-of-towners in to descend upon our community for a large public gathering, especially when we do not have adequate public safety officials to enforce compliance of rules of courtesy or safety re mask wearing and social distancing.

Festival organizers have assured us that they ONLY expect hundreds of visitors for this Trinidad event, not thousands. Somehow, we do not find these numbers comforting! Do they not know that events as small as an outdoor wedding for just 65 guests in one state resulted in multiple Covid illnesses and deaths? And, alas, the deceased did not even have the fun of attending the great party before they expired in agony alone in a hospital bed on a respirator! These poor victims were collateral damage for those attendees who brought it home with them to their parents or grandparents at their place of home or work. And of course many young people from Humboldt State University and elsewhere will be attending this Trinidad festival event since it features youth-oriented activities such as surfing and kayaking. As has been shown by recent Humboldt County Covid results, some of these healthy young students are unaware that they are carrying and transmitting the virus since they are asymptomatic.

We fear the Trinidad festival organizers are ignoring some very important and obvious facts about virus spread here in California, which now has the most new cases of any state in the union. Many folks assume Covid can't touch us because we live behind the safe rural redwood curtain, so they gloss over the fact that our state already has over 13,000 deceased from this virus and a projected death rate of 1,000 MORE citizens per week through the end of September! And if we decide as a community to further spread the disease here during their Trinidad Coastal Monuments Festival, we can expect our local numbers of hospitalized and dead to rise during October also...Is this community event really worth the potential price?

We love our town and are eager to celebrate it with special events such as this when it is again safe for large groups to mingle together. We are counting on you to recognize that the time for such public festivals is after a vaccine for Covid 19 has been approved and disseminated.

You have a choice here, Council Members--please don't let Trinidad become known as the naive little beach town that stuck its head in the sand and ignored the pandemic to start partying prematurely for the benefit of some more tourist dollars, at the cost of local lives.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue which affects all of us who live and work here in Trinidad.

Sincerely yours,

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James R. Webb
806 Edwards Street
Trinidad, CA 95570

Sent from my iPad