

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
December 6, 2016**

**“For all items *NOT* on the agenda”**

**(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)**

**Voluntary Sign-In Sheet  
(Public Appearances – 1:30 pm)**

1. Charles L. Ciancio
2. Don Rusby
3. Bill Timm
4. Vivian Deniston
5. Antoinette Skiles.
6. Muzzi Wade
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To: Everyone

Subject: Real World Realities

Some real world realities that have occurred to me are as follows:

Everything needs sunshine, water, and nutrients (food)

Disturbance and active management solves many real world problems.

I do not see humans doing anything to change things

Other thoughts to consider:

1. As a college graduate, I believe the electoral college was put in to help rural areas, but I do not see this working and helping rural areas counter the popular minority vote. I see this democratic republic letting a voting minority democracy again gain control.
2. Humans do not understand or learn all that is thrown at them using hi-tech or otherwise.
3. I learned from tough inspectors and they learned from me.
4. Trump is smart, California is a basket case, and Trump is naïve about Rural America.
5. Diversity has its place, but separation into groups destroys the melding of groups into what makes the United States great.
6. You get more flies with honey that you do with vinegar.
7. There isn't a person somewhere, in someway, at sometime that has not violated some law or regulation put in place by a human.
8. I believe diplomacy works better when the sword is sharp.
9. I can see field experience providing better results.
10. Humans do not understand fire.
11. Recently, I see more attention given to the negative and less attention given to the positive.
12. I have talked to many working people, and I have found no one who said under Obamacare their insurance premiums were not going higher.
13. As my dad has said, we are headed for revolution and possibly headed for World War III

I could go on and on and on about problems; however, I find few now in control do not wisely listen to old field experienced farts like me. Being at the end of my lifetime, I can only hope something happens to change things before I leave this world.

Charles L. Ciancio

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(An old tired field forester no one gives much attention who has lived in a working man's world)

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Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt  
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Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

On the 19th of November I received a letter of appreciation from the Board of Supervisors regarding my service to the community through my commitment to serving on the County Human Rights Commission. I wondered how that might have happened since I was only just composing my letter of resignation as well as a document in which I offer recommendations to the Board regarding ways in which the commission may become a more effective and functional advisory body. The first hint of how this may have occurred came on December 5th, yesterday, when the November minutes of the Human Rights Commission were publicly posted explaining, "At this time, Commissioner Wade verbally resigned from the Human Rights Commission. The remaining Commissioners accepted the resignation by consensus." There is no recording of a motion and seconding of a motion in order to arrive at consensus in the meeting minutes.

At the November regular meeting I stated my intention to resign from the commission and left the meeting experiencing great frustration due to the continuing improper conduct of business. I have struggled with my frustration and participation on the commission over this lack of consistency and follow through with protocols, since my appointment to the commission.

Upon my departure from that meeting, knowing fully the only way to properly resign is to tender my resignation to the appointing authority, the Board of Supervisors, I began formulating my letter to the Board and my intention to ask to be on the next commission regular meeting agenda in order to articulate for the commission the grounds for my resignation, prior to tendering my resignation to the Board of Supervisors.

Even if the commission had the authority to accept a resignation, which they don't, they could not have acted upon it because it was not an agenda item. Furthermore, the commission did not authorize conveyance of their misunderstanding to the Board of Supervisors, according to the minutes. This misinformation from the Commission did get conveyed to the Board via Supervisor Bass. How Supervisor Bass came by it is not clear. The commission apparently severed communication with me at the November meeting.

A reporter left me a phone message querying my resignation the day following the November meeting, but since I had not yet resigned I did not deem it appropriate to discuss unfinished commission business. I chose not to respond. Later in the week, I was informed by friends in the community that an article had come out saying that I had resigned "on the spot." I simply saw this as poor journalism and a misquote or misinformation as well.

All of the above highlights the ongoing lack of following appropriate protocols and my great frustration with the Human Rights Commission. One need only review the meetings, comparing the agendas for each meeting with the post meeting minutes. There are many inconsistencies, and the motions are not recorded or business is conducted without following the required processes. Much is omitted. The commission clearly needs training in how to do business.

In addition, the lack of term limits has resulted in an atmosphere in which groupthink is pervasive and new members of the commission are often led into following poor methods of handling commission business; for example, the way in which message line calls are taken in, responded to and reported upon. The violation of confidentiality for those calling the message line occurs regularly when reporting on calls regarding human rights issues and abuses or violence towards people and their property or by the actions employed in handling communications to the commission and others outside the commission.

The commissioner assigned to the phone line (in essence a courier) has the authority to refer callers to other resources, and, if a caller agrees, the commissioner can initiate communication between the caller and additional resources in making referrals. The commissioner (courier) does not have the authority to act on behalf of the commission. If that person does not have recourse in helping or responding to a caller's requests, he or she should send the intake information on to the secretary of the commission in order to be shared with all commissioners. In the event that the situation or complaint is deemed critical, the Chair or any three commissioners can call a special meeting if they have the information indicating it is warranted. Each commissioner has the authority to send information to the commissioners, but in the Brown Act training we received from County Council, the commission was advised to send all communications to the secretary and have the secretary disseminate communications as the most appropriate way to avoid violations of the Brown Act.

It was in relationship to the message line calls and email communications retrieved by a commissioner acting as the courier for the commission, that I became extremely inflamed over the course of two consecutive meetings (October and November) in which the reports and communications sent to the commission describing instances of vigilante violence in Southern Humboldt reported to the commission via the phone line and email were not revealed to the commission in a way that allowed the grave situations described in these communications to be disclosed to the commission. A violation of privacy and confidentiality occurred when the commissioner acted upon the information in the communications without authority from the originators or the commission, by disclosing the names of complainants and their issues to parties outside of the commission thus compromising the investigation and the ethical standing of the commission in the community. A real travesty occurred when the actual situations of violence were minimized and reported in their entirety as "possible vigilante activity" rather than actual occurrences with the documentation. The standard forms for intake on the message line were never submitted to the secretary nor email declarations of the victims of vigilante violence as clarified when I requested copies of them from the secretary, received no response prior to the November meeting, and was informed by the secretary that the commission did not have them; thus, no one had access to the information except the commissioner acting as courier at that point, nearly two months beyond the initial reports. It was in this context that I stated my intention to resign which I am now acting upon.

That the commission was quick to act on eliminating my participation is not surprising, it is standard practice to keep things under wraps within the commission, keeping things tidy. I am more surprised by the Board of Supervisors acting on hearsay rather than upon receiving a document confirming, in this case, my resignation.

I hereby inform the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors of my resignation from the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission effective December 6, 2016.

Jannez (Nezzie) Wade

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nezzie Wade". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

## **REQUEST FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO MEET IN SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT**

**Date:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**To: Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department** to request that the upcoming SHCP GPA DEIR Planning Commission Meeting be held in Southern Humboldt.

**From: Kristin Vogel**, advocate for over 600 petitioners from the southern Humboldt community who love the Southern Humboldt Community Park and who contributed to its purchase, but don't want it to be rezoned for amplified events and camping.

**Purpose:** I'm here today to represent over 600 petitioners who want a quiet Park next to Garberville. We would like the upcoming GPA, DEIR/CUP public meeting of the Humboldt County Planning Commission currently scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (or later) to be held in Redway or Garberville. This meeting will determine whether a General Plan Amendment applicant, the Southern Humboldt Community Park Corporation, will be approved or not to rezone 405 acres next to Garberville for high impact public use, most controversially for staging amplified events. This is the biggest land use decision in Garberville's recent history. People realize how much is at stake and would like to attend the meeting locally. There is no bus service to Eureka and back at the usual time of the monthly Planning Commission meetings. We would like the meeting agenda to be dedicated just to the Park issues. There have been many declarations by the Park Board that there would be public meetings with them before their project went before the final decision-makers. In fact this has not happened. None of the Park Board's own meetings have been open to the public for the last six years and no open public meetings with the local community have been proposed by the SHCP Board to discuss their rezone project.

**The Redway Elementary School Auditorium** might be available on January 5<sup>th</sup> or later dates if there is another postponement. **Rypley, the Redway school secretary at 923-2526**, has the schedule and will know by Dec. 12, if their auditorium will be available on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

Another possible venue for the Planning Commission to meet in southern Humboldt is the **Redwood Playhouse** in the former old school on 286 Sprowel Creek Road. **Dan Miller at 932-0932** handles requests to use the space for meetings. He upgraded the space to have a wireless public address system.

I'm registering this request today because I was told that the first step in getting a Planning Commission meeting to happen in southern Humboldt is to submit it in person to you, the Board of Supervisors, during Public Comment.

Thank you for your time on this request. I'm available at 923-9284 to be of help if you wish.

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