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FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESS/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER

The Fort Bragg City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6 PM at the John Diederich Center, 208 Dana Street, to solicit public input regarding the acquisition and rehabilitation of a property for use as transitional housing and for a homeless and mental health services center. The former Old Coast Hotel at 101 North Franklin Street has been proposed for this activity. Previously, a property at 300 North Harrison Street was proposed for this use, but that project location was rejected.

The City of Fort Bragg has been awarded a \$1.2 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to acquire and rehabilitate a facility for transitional housing and homeless/mental services on behalf of the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center. The owners of the Old Coast Hotel property have signed an Option to Purchase Agreement, giving the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center exclusive option to purchase the property at a substantial discount from the original listing price. Plans for the facility include transitional housing units, vocational training programs, mental health services and administrative offices.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed activity. The City Council will consider a resolution approving the use of the CDBG funding for the project at 101 North Franklin Street.

Persons who are unable to attend the hearing may direct written comments to the City of Fort Bragg, attention Community Development Department, 416 North Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, or telephone the Community Development Department at 707-961-2827 with questions or comments.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Jennifer Owen, Housing & Economic Development Coordinator, at (707)-961-2827 ext. 109.

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