# County of Placer

## SHERIDAN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2007**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Houck, Lee Bastien, Don Norris Jr., Turk Ozcan, Adam Carpineta

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve Minutes for February 14, 2007:

Approve minutes, as corrected on page 3, line 4, to add "and the house" between H Street and "behind the

school:

Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve Agenda for February 14, 2007: Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

#### 5. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Mr. Houck noted the fire department was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to calls. He reminded citizens to change smoke detector batteries and to be cautious when tending burn piles. Last weekend a fire totally destroyed the home of a volunteer fireman, and the family is in need of donations, preferably gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and Sam's Club. An account has also been set up at Bank of America in Lincoln. Mr. Knutson requested Mr. Houck get back to him with the ages of the children, and Mr. Houck noted the United Auburn Indian Community will donate \$1,000 to the family.

- B. Placer County Sheriff: Deputy Rick Padilla noted several suspects have been apprehended regarding stolen ATM and credit cards. Property theft has been reported in Sheridan, and officers are on the lookout for two men in an older white pickup truck with handicap plates in connection with suspicious activity. A suspect is being sought regarding a local child molestation case involving several victims.
- C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams reported Highway 65 safety corridor improvements are underway from 8:00pm-5:00am. The first fatal accident of the year occurred 2/15 at a home near Baseline and Elders. The Placer County Auto Task Force goes into effect 4/1. "Zero Tolerance" will be held on Highway 80 on 4/17. Sleep Train Amphitheater events begin 5/1. Mr. Houck noted county code enforcement is expected to remove a car in the canal off Lichty Lane in the spring. Mr. Williams noted that, if the property owner removed the vehicle from the water, CHP will haul it off. Regarding a white vehicle on the old Reggie's property, Mr. Houck noted that is a code enforcement issue as it is private property.
- D. Sheridan School: Principal Kris Knutson reported that, in light of law enforcement activity in Sheridan on 3/13 requiring the school campus to be locked down, he is concerned about student safety and is looking at the possibility of a memorandum of understanding with the sheriff's department. The school has monthly drills involving lock down, evacuation and other procedures. Vandalism occurred at the school on 2/18 involving the preschool playground area, including one of the recently-installed cameras. The campus will be fenced off for approximately four months to close it to use when no classes are being held. A \$380,000 three-year grant was received for parent participation pre-schools at Sheridan and the First Street School in Lincoln. Mr. Knutson reported the ongoing reading program is very successful.

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#### 6. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. United Auburn Indian Community Update

Doug Elmets, Elmets Communication, reported the 1,100 acre UAIC Rancheria residential community project is on hold due to the Bureau of Indian Affairs working with the tribe regarding issues with Fish & Wildlife Service. Mr. Houck inquired where the UAIC proposed to obtain water for their project and noted the MAC would be interested as the town of Sheridan would also benefit from having additional water. Mr. Elmets noted the UAIC Community Giving Program established in 2002 has provided \$4.6 million to non-profit organizations in South Placer County, including the latest donation of \$73,500 to the Sheridan School for new computers, playground and other equipment. The Clover Valley Project is still moving forward as the developer has mitigated sacred sites. The tribe funded the newly opened Foothills Boulevard North roadway. Current construction at Thunder Valley Casino will include a new portico on the east and additional office space. A hotel and performing arts center is planned for the future on the tribal land and will go through all environmental processes.

#### B. Rental Policy for Stewart Hall

Mr. Houck noted this item would be discussed at this meeting and then scheduled as an action item for the 4/11/07 meeting. At the February meeting, Albert Richie of Facilities Services had provided a comparison of rental rates, hours of operation, and other criteria for various facilities in the area. Mr. Bastien noted he was awaiting a response regarding Wheatland's hall. Following discussion, recommendations included the following: swap current parking lots, with the overflow lot to be used as primary lot and vice versa; change close-down time from midnight to 11pm; route rental applications through the sheriff's office so officers are aware should problems arise; and; install "no parking" signs where necessary, especially if parking lots are not swapped. MAC members also questioned if the road leading into to the current primary parking area was a county road or a private road.

#### 7. ACTION ITEM:

## A. Vegetated Screening for New Sewer Pond

Leslie Gault and Dave Atkinson, Placer County Department of Facility Services, gave an overview of two possible options for vegetation to screen the new holding pond at Ranch House Road and E Street from a resident's property. Option #1, the "North Fence", would provide screening at lower and upper levels for 170 feet. Option #2 would extend the screening for 50-60 feet south. Both options would be 15-20 feet from the road, and would contain either sycamore or eucalyptus type trees and photinia or oleander type bushes. No funding is yet available for installation or ongoing costs of the project. If the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors, it is believed residents' rates would increase \$2-3 per month. Following discussion, the consensus was that the cost is not warranted, and the MAC took no action.

## 8. MAC COMMITTEE AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA (CSA) REPORTS:

- A. County Service Area (CSA) 28, Zone 6A1.
- 1. Sewer & Water: No report.
- 2. Parks & Recreation: Mr. Bastien noted a new staff person will replace the trees that were cut down on the park property, and he will notify Albert Richie that the hall roof still has problems.
- 3. Mosquito Abatement: Mr. Bastien spoke with the new manager, Mitch Bernstein, who will try to attend the 4/11 MAC meeting. The district is taking orders for mosquito fish and will be putting out sentinel chickens. He announced the retirement party on 3/29 for retiring manager Charlie Dill will be held at Loomis' Veterans' Hall from 4-7pm.
- B. Land Use/Code Enforcement/Placer County Ms. Pereira reported most projects are still going through the environmental process. Placer Vineyards was approved by the County Planning Commission (6-0) and is expected to be considered by the Board of Supervisors in the future.
- Ms. Pereira has extended an invitation to attend the MAC meetings to Cemex's new general manager, Dusty Hodge.
- Ms. Pereira has asked the City of Wheatland and Yuba County to include the MAC on their notifications of proposed projects.

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Nancyjo Riekse would like to attend a future MAC regarding the possibility of a Farmers' Market in Sheridan.

Supervisor Weygandt would like to see another "Sheridan Clean-Up Day" this year, possibly in early summer. Mr. Knutson offered the school site, except for a couple of weeks in July.

Steve Rice, newly appointed to the Lincoln Cemetery District Board, would like to update the MAC in April re: the proposed cemetery expansion.

Soon, each county supervisor will have his own website. Supervisor Weygandt's website is proposed to include MAC agendas and minutes.

Four members of the Board of Supervisors recently traveled to Washington, DC to lobby legislators for funding. Placer County's legislative platform is used for this effort.

Creek Week will be held 4/21-4/28, focusing on cleaning up creeks in and around Lincoln. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed this week as creek week.

Former Lincoln City Clerk for 22 years, Linda Stackpoole is now a new city council member. The Board of Supervisors formally acknowledged Council member Stackpoole at the last Board of Supervisors meeting by presenting her with a commendation.

Regarding traffic issues, Ms. Pereira reported the following: Sunset-Athens connector road (now Foothills Boulevard North) is now open.

Construction on the Sunset/Highway 65 interchange is expected to begin in 2008.

Ms. Pereira noted all code enforcement issues from last month were reported to code enforcement, and the owner of the home that burned on H Street was given seven days to clean up the site.

Responding to Mr. Carpineta's question regarding a neighbor possibly starting up a chicken and egg business, Mr. Bastien noted over 100 chickens requires a minor use permit. Regarding the neighbor's several inoperable motor homes, Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

D. City of Lincoln - Mayor Kent Nakata noted the last meeting to obtain public input regarding Lincoln's 50year General Plan Update will be held 4/4/07 at 6pm at McBean Pavilion, and is scheduled to be heard by the Lincoln Planning Commission in 5/07. The new 39,000 sq. ft. regional library will open in 8/07 and is a joint project with the school district and Sierra College. The updated Carnegie Library in downtown Lincoln will remain open. The city is still negotiating with Western Placer Unified School District regarding space in the new City Hall at 6th and F, expected to open in spring of 2008. The old city hall will remain a city building, later to house the Chamber of Commerce and Lincoln Arts. The current cost of \$319 million for the Highway 65 Bypass is fully funded with the exception of the interchanges, the first of which will be the Ferrari Ranch interchange. Responding to Mr. Houck's question regarding heavy trucks using the back roads, Mr. Nakata noted the City is working with the county on this issue. Commercial projects coming soon to Lincoln include Hampton Inn Hotel, Mimi's Café, Chili's, Panera Bread, Petco, Staples, Old Navy, Lowe's and two banks. Lincoln Farmers' Market will be held Thursday nights from 6/2/07 to 9/20/07. The Foskett Ranch Park behind Sierra Pacific will contain eight playing fields and a future aquatic park. Gladding McBean expects to eventually put a museum on its property. Regarding the Lincoln rodeo, the non-profit Lincoln Riders Association is looking at purchasing another property to provide a better facility. MAC members thanked Mr. Nakata for attending the meeting.

E. County of Placer - See Item 8B.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

Mr. Bastien provided updates on the Johnson Ranchero of 9,300 homes in Wheatland and the Yuba Highlands Project of 5,000 homes. A new gravel plant is expected near the Cemex plant. The Highway 80/Sierra College interchange groundbreaking will be held 3/20, and in 4/07, the Riverside to Douglas auxiliary lanes project will begin. "Dial-a-ride" currently extends only as far as Lincoln and would cost approximately \$20,000 per year to extend to Sheridan. He is now a board member of the Animal Services Advisory Committee to Animal Control.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting:
Carpineta/Bastien/UNAMIMOUS.
The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.