

County of Placer
GRANITE BAY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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MAC Minutes
Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

1) Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the agenda. Motion passed, 6-0.

4) Introduction of MAC Members

Don DeSantis, Eric Bose, Virg Anderson, Walt Perkarsky, Suzanne Jones, John Thacker, Secretary Ashley Gibian and Field Representative Linda Brown.

5) Approval of the Minutes

a) **August 1, 2012 (absent Suzanne Jones and Walt Pekarsky)**

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the minutes. Motion passed, 4-0.

6) Public Safety Reports

a) Placer County Sheriff

Sheriff Deputy Woo reported that crimes, across the board, are down right now compared to last year. Door kicks have become a problem across the country, not just in the Granite Bay area. A couple more door kicks have happened in the area since the first offender was caught, but there hasn't been any more. Arrests have been made in connection with a couple burglaries. If you see something suspicious, call the Sheriff's Department. The areas of highest concentration of crime in Granite Bay really vary. Gated Communities are not full proof, but they do seem to limit opportunities for crime. A community member asked if there is a correlation between lighting and safety: generally the more lighting, the better, but some criminals are very brazen. You can find a list of safety tips on Supervisor Kirk Uhler's website by navigating to the MAC page and then clicking on crime. Be sure to still set alarms as they do scare people away.

CSO Lynn Harrison announced an upcoming Community Awareness Event. There are two per year, by reservation only. Participants will become familiar with how the department is run and where your tax dollars go. A press release with more information is on the county website.

b) South Placer Fire District

There were no major fires this month. The arson fire at the top of Sierra College is still under investigation. September is often one of the worst months and lightning strikes are common. On September 28th, Granite Bay High School will have a small fireworks display at the beginning of the Varsity game and at half-time. The SRA fee is scheduled to hit in late September. Even with budget constraints, our fleet of vehicles is in very good shape. There are a couple high mileage units but everything is in good shape.

c) California Highway Patrol

There were 15 traffic collisions near Granite Bay this past month. Almost all of them happened on or near Douglas Boulevard. There were four on Auburn Folsom as well, and one fatal collision in Auburn involving a solo motorcyclist who was driving too fast. There were 29 DUI's in all of Placer County. On Labor Day weekend, statewide there were 12 collisions with 18 fatalities. Nearly half of the fatalities weren't wearing seatbelts. There were DUI check points in the area over Labor Day weekend that may have caused some back up traffic. There will be a car seat check up at John L Sullivan this Saturday. Loomis Community Park will be hosting a Child Safety Day on Saturday the 28th. There are lots of bicyclists in Granite Bay. Bicyclists DO have to follow the same rules that vehicles do. Bicyclists cause around 60% of collisions.

7) Public Comments: Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Little Bliss Cakery brought in FREE mini cupcakes for everyone to try. The new "Cakery" is located in the Granite Bay Village Shopping Center and has been open for six weeks. Frequent MAC attendee, Frank's son and daughter-in-law own the new Cakery.

Another frequent attendee, Whitney wanted to give a thank you to those responsible for the paving at Auburn-Folsom and Douglas. There were issues last winter and he was happy to see the holes being filled. There are also large pot holes on Quail Oaks as well, but he's been told they will get fixed in two years.

Kristie Greiss is running for re-election with the Eureka Union School Board and believes that the School Board and the MAC have similar goals in that they benefit the community. Good schools bring people into the community; bringing business, customers and revenue to the area. This year, the Eureka Union School District was #1 in the entire Northern California region for standardized STAR testing.

8) Supervisor Report (If Supervisor Kirk Uhler is not present, Linda Brown will present)

Supervisor Kirk Uhler was proud to announce that the Board of Supervisors came to terms with the County's largest labor organization. In the past the Board has had to impose terms but now negotiations are going well. Employees will be picking up more of pension and health care plans and in December 2013 there will be a 2% wage increase across the board after no wage increases for five years.

In regard to illegal signage around Granite Bay, the Board has temporarily suspended the current law because of bad economic conditions. The suspension is for a year and will come back to the Board for review around March 2013. There are still provisions on what is allowed; only certain types of signs are temporarily permitted.

9) Informational Item/Non-Action:

a) **Community Centers; Presented by: Paul Thompson, Deputy Planning Director, Placer County Planning Division (15 min.)**

Planning Services Division staff will be providing a presentation on Community Centers including how they are defined in Placer County Code, which Zoning Districts allow Community Centers, and the recent Planning Director determination regarding processing of entitlements for Community

Centers.

Paul Thompson with Placer County Planning presented on this issue. Wineries in the area are applying for Community Center permits. These requests have many Placer County citizens concerned. They believe the definition of “community centers” has been construed from its original intentions. There are only two ordinances which apply to community centers. One is in regards to parking and one is in regards to sign size. Citizens are asking that the MACs recommend to the Board that some ordinances be made to regulate these Community Centers.

This item came to Planning on August 9 and the Commission agreed that it was too much so they asked the applicants to re-evaluate what they were asking for re-apply, if desired. Use permits seem to be the best way to handle these requests because there are too many variables to make set ordinances and have constant applications for variances.

b) **Placer Mosquito & Vector Control Update, Ada Barros Heiser, MPH, Public Information Officer, Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District (15 min.)**

Provide a summary of last year’s season, an update on what is currently going on at the District and expectations for the upcoming season.

Joel Buettner presented on behalf of Placer Mosquito and Vector Control. The big outbreak of West Nile in Texas has people concerned. We are nowhere near the outbreak they are experiencing. Based in Roseville, this group is meant to protect the public from Vectors. They are not to be construed as public pest control. They work 90% in prevention, on an outside community basis rather than in the home. Penryn was the first place to have a Malaria Campaign. Malaria was eradicated from 1906-2001 and now the disease “of the day” is West Nile. Mosquitoes are at the height of their population this time of year, so preventative care is still needed. We have had more birds test positive for West Nile this year than in the past. Field technicians sample standing water to gauge the mosquito larvae count. The goal is one larva per 20 “dips” or less. West Nile Virus in dead birds and mosquitoes has gone up but has gone slightly down in sentinel chickens. There have been 69 human cases of West Nile in California with two fatalities as of last month. There has only one case in Placer County. Remember the three D’s, “Drain, Defend and District staff can help.” Early signs of West Nile appear 2-14 days post bite. They can include fever, headaches, body shakes and chills. In a small percentage of people, the virus gets into the brain and that is what causes the fatalities, blindness, numbness, paralysis etc. Residents asked if frogs and tadpoles eat mosquito larvae; they do, but mosquito fish are more effective because their eyes and mouth point up and that’s all they eat. Chickens cannot pass the virus onto their eggs but mosquitoes can pass it to their larvae.

c) **Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission; Presented by: Karla Gustafson, Senior Services (15 min.) Overview of the Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission and an introduction to basic gerontology facts.**

Karla Gustafson presented on behalf of the Older Adult Advisory Commission. Birth rates are down and longevity rates are up. Boomers are about 65 years old now are expected to live to about 85. Many of us will end up caring for our parents. Some of us will be caring for our parents and children at the same time. We’ve never had this many people as “caregivers.” The Commission wants to hear what is happening in the community so that they can report to the Board of Supervisors on what our needs are. Funding for the Commission starts with the President at the Federal Level, moves down to the Department of Aging to the California Department of Aging and finally to the Area 4 Agency on Aging which sends funds to the local jurisdictions. These funds go towards programs such as Meals on Wheels, Adult Daycare, Health Services etc. Programs vary greatly from county to county. You can go to www.California.gov and click on the Department of Health and Human Services to learn more about what the local Commission is doing.

10) Action Item: (NONE)

11) Correspondence – Found on Table at the rear of the room.

12) Next Regular Meeting – October 3, 2012

13) ADJOURNMENT 9:00 PM