

Granite Bay MAC Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

1. Call to Order- 7:03

3. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the agenda, 7-0

4. Introduction of MAC Member

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

5. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the minutes. Approved, 5-0

6. Public Safety Reports

April was distracted drivers month. In a 28 day period (March) there were ten traffic collisions including one fatality. This went down to six during the distracted driving campaign. DUI's went down to 28 in April. We talked about bicycles last month; May is bike month. There will be even more bikes on the road. In the past 3 years there have been 52 bike collisions in Placer County, although only seven were in the Granite Bay area.

Sheriff Deputy Lew reported a "nice lull the past couple weeks." The series of door kick-in during the winter have come to a halt as a group responsible for burglaries a few years ago were found responsible. They are back to jail. Car burglaries are still an issue. The prescription turn in program brought in 391 lbs in Granite Bay, Loomis and the Tahoe Basin. The next drop off will be in the fall.

7. Public Comment

No public comment.

8. Supervisor's Report

CEO, Tom Miller, announced his retirement the end of last year. Holly Heinzen is acting as interim CEO. The county received over 50 applications. Nine applicants were interviewed and three were invited back. By June we will have identified and announced the new CEO. It was very flattering to have everyone so eager to come to Placer County.

Placer County is a Charter County, not a General Law County. Every five years the board appoints a Charter Review Commission to offer recommendations. They will meet over the summer and come back to the Board in August with their recommendations.

Will the Winter Olympics be hosted in Placer County? The Tahoe area is trying to attract the 2020 winter games. All resorts have put together a committee for this effort. Placer County is not playing a formal role but is more than willing to help where they can. There is even talk that they would require the use of facilities down near Sacramento. The County has not been asked to pay for this but they do have funds in place for tourism efforts if asked.

9. Information Item/ Non-Action:

a. **2-1-1**

Ed Morgado handed out a brief summary of the 2-1-1 Program. There is currently a program in Nevada and Sacramento County but there is not one in Placer County. It is a phone number like 4-1-1 or 9-1-1 that quickly connects people to vital community services. It is free to use, always available, local information, answered by a real person, confidential, multilingual and online. 82% of the U.S. and 90% of California is connected to 2-1-1 which operates like 9-1-1 only for personal ongoing needs. Placer is the most populous County NOT yet connected. 2-1-1 also helps take the load off 9-1-1 when people are not reporting an emergency but rather trying to get information on an emergency. If Placer had 2-1-1, you could talk to someone about: emergency shelter, food and clothing, financial assistance, substance abuse programs, senior services, disability services, domestic violence, veterans' services, volunteer opportunities, child care, etc. There is no actual cost to the County; it is funded by private donors. Counties and law enforcement often see the value and do contribute.

10. Action Item:

a. **Amazing Facts Ministries**

EJ Ivaldi reported that this project has been in the County's process since 2008. Most of that time was spent in the EIR process. The final EIR was released this week and there is a ten day public comment period. It is currently scheduled for the June 7th Planning Commission Meeting.

Dave Cook, represents Amazing Facts Ministries through the RCH Group. The ministry is comprised of the 7th Day Adventist Church that stems from a Sacramento Branch and has been meeting locally since 2007. They record and broadcast their sermons. They also host Community programs.

The location is a 74 acre parcel off of Sierra College between Nightwatch and Ridge Park Drive. The area is zoned as a 20 acre minimum. The surrounding areas are comprised of low-medium density residential and offices.

The project is proposed in two phases. Phase one is a multiuse worship facility, adjoining kitchen, fireside Chapel, greenroom, resource center, Sabbath classrooms etc. The multiuse facility will be 106,000 square feet. The Resource Center will be 11,000 square feet. Parking will include 625 spaces. The buildings will be constructed in a Prairie/Craftsmen style with colors that were chosen to help the buildings blend in to its surroundings. There will be a sign for the facility at the corner of Sierra College and Nightwatch. Included in the project are drainage and pond improvements. The total potential project square footage is 208,020 square feet, most of which is in Sabbath classrooms. This project has

been to multiple meetings (MAC, Cities, County, different bordering neighbors, etc) to discuss the project, address concerns and make changes. There is no development proposed for the lower section of the property at this time. The 75 foot antennae has been removed and will now be smaller and sit on top of one of the buildings. They will re-stripe Sierra College to have two lanes each way rather than three lanes Southbound and one lane Northbound. This change isn't mandated by the County but the Church feels it is the right thing to do and will benefit the entire community. All issues in the EIR have been reduced in Insignificant with the changes they have made, except noise and visual which is classified as significant and unavoidable. The Resource Facility Hours will be Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

The applicant went through the Granite Bay Community Plan and found all issues applicable to this plan. The project is considered consistent with the Plan.

They also conducted a balloon exercise to help show the visual impact the building would have at various points in the community.

Community Comments:

Sandy Harris believes this project is beyond the needs of the Community.

Maryann asked how the property generates tax revenue. The portion of the property used for the house of worship will be tax exempt 501c3. The remainder of the property will be taxed normally.

BJ asked how the buildings would tie into the plumbing (sewer.) Sewage will tie into Cavitt Ranch and it will be boosted over the hill to the SMD2.

Susan Ziegler pointed out that all current development is residential. There are typically transitions from lower to higher intensity which aren't being used here. Use permits are used to address the size and scale of the development. She would feel better if the re-striping was imposed to guarantee that they are done. She has nothing against a house of worship but this seems far beyond a house of worship. She is also very concerned about the traffic study and the discrepancies in the different reports. She requests that the project is not approved.

Mike Ziegler- Wanted to know if there will there be drug and alcohol counseling along with the depression counseling. The counseling sessions are more like seminars that happen once or twice a year rather than an ongoing counseling.

Steven Friend can really see the benefits to the community in this project and wonders why it has taken four years.

Robert Duper is with the 7th Day Adventist Church and wanted to speak in favor of the project. "We want to be good neighbors and serve the community, give us a chance."

Retired USAF Officer stated that we need to take into account that a place of worship is not a one day a week project. He also stated that this was the most thorough presentation he has ever seen. "Better than any war presentation he's ever seen." He is also a member of the Granite Bay Church.

Jane is concerned about traffic still. The promise of re-stripping the road is wonderful but to see it go forward not set in stone is troubling.

MAC Discussion:

Virg Anderson wanted to thank the applicant for working with the community. They went beyond the call, talking to everyone and making changes to please their neighbors. He would like to see the line striping as a condition because it seems to be the only concern left.

Don DeSantis is concerned about the size but the plan but said it is very well thought out.

John Thacker noted it is a difficult issue in finding a balance. This applicant has gone the extra mile to address concerns. Another point that speaks in favor of the project is that we don't know who or what else will be there if they are not. He is reluctant to get into that kind of speculation but it is something to consider. He asked for clarification on the traffic concerns.

Dave Cook clarified that the level of service will be "C or D" on Nightwatch which is Rocklin's jurisdiction. The discrepancies in numbers occurred because the original numbers were done in 2007 and the traffic statistics have actually dropped since then.

Walt Perkarsky noted that the visual will be worse if that area is filled in with residential properties. Yes, traffic will be worse but that's what happens with growth and development and we try to make it as palatable as possible.

Gloria Freeman said this is a Farm zone, but according to the US Constitution churches can go in these areas. Dave Cook has built some very beautiful projects and that speaks in its favor.

Suzanne Jones asked how they would project their growth without this facility. Large homes raise property values and are often landscaped like parks. They also bring huge tax revenue. She feels that the services they provide are already covered by Bayside. They referenced growth in Rocklin, but that's not Granite Bay and it's not what we want.

Stephanie Holloway, PCTPA, puts together a plan collaborating with cities and the county on projects like these. Four lanes are technically on the ground but it is up to the jurisdictions how it is striped. A big wide pavement section will be laid with this project and it will be striped accordingly. The Right of Way in this area is in Rocklin.

Motion was made (and seconded) to approve the amazing facts ministry project, motion passed 6-1

11. Correspondence found on table at back of room.

Adjournment