# County of Placer SHERIDAN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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# **MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2006**

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

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Ozcan

STAFF PRESENT: Lois Clausen

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve Minutes for February 8, 2006: Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

# 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for March 8, 2006:* Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Sterling noted there have been several robberies in his neighborhood. Also, property owners' fences have been destroyed and cars dumped in the canal. South Sutter Water District removed the vehicles, which they left on the property. Ms. Harrison took the information and offered to follow up. Mr. Houck volunteered to contact the water district. Mr. Sterling also reported loud music has been heard from Stewart Hall when rented. Mr. Houck noted curfew for the hall is midnight and Mr. Bastien will notify renters to keep music to an acceptable level.

Christine Costigan reported her parents have purchased Mike's Place and opened as "Costa's", to serve breakfast and lunch and as a deli.

# 5. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Greg Guyan cautioned drivers to be careful due to flooding and hazards during the rainy season. He suggested residents change smoke detector batteries when daylight savings takes place in the spring and reminded residents to report any suspicious activity, especially near abandoned buildings.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Lynn Harrison noted the department's helicopter has been in the air frequently lately. The day shift has warned juveniles riding ATVs that the vehicles would be seized if problems continued. Recent reports included juveniles on a roof with paintball guns, "shots fired" near the school, several domestic disputes, and underage drinking. The Cemex plant (Patterson) reported rugs stolen off conveyor belts. Mr. Bastien reported tagging at Stewart Hall has been cleaned up. Mr. Knutson noted local graffiti taggers were displaying various gang symbols.

C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams announced the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Auburn Fish Derby & Steak Fry will be held June 18-21 at Tahoe Donner Stampede, with proceeds going to local charities. Two fatal accidents have occurred on Highway 65. Compared to the same time frame in 2005, statistics for the first two months of 2006 show a 56% increase in traffic accidents on Highway 65. CHP, Placer County Public Works, and CalTrans will meet next week to set dates for the Highway 65 safety improvements. It is expected the plans will include lowering of the speed limit to 55 mph, posting of "no passing" and daylight headlight zone signs, and a media campaign including a billboard placed on private property, with installation of rumble strips to follow. CHP aircraft are splitting time between Sac Metro airport and Auburn. Responding to citizen questions, Mr. Williams noted a "yellow" tagged vehicle by CHP can be removed if the vehicle is disabled or stolen, and others will be removed after 72 hours. A "Zero Tolerance" will take place 3/9 on Highways 80 and 65 and six-agency patrols will be out in force 3/17 to mainly target drunk drivers.

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D. Sheridan School: Kris Knutson reported there have been only minor tagging problems in the last 1-1/2 years. He noted the largest problem is that 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are served by only two teachers in mixed 6-7 and 7-8 classes, with no electives available. The Lincoln middle schools currently provide more advantages to students there. Regarding the possibility of bussing Sheridan middle school students to the Lincoln schools, the committee has met four times and collected data to make an informed report to the school district and a recommendation. The school board will then make a decision for the 2006-07 school year. Parents are concerned about transportation and safety issues if students are bussed to Lincoln. Although Sheridan parents prefer keeping the children in Sheridan as long as more advantages provided, no funding is currently available for any possible additional advantages. The committee has voted (8-4) and will recommend keeping students at the Sheridan School, with additional advantages to be provided. Citizens are encouraged to attend the school board meeting on 3/21 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Street School in Lincoln. Mr. Knutson reported the "Chili Cook-Off" was successful.

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

A. <u>Patterson Sand & Gravel Expansion Proposal / Public Comment:</u> No comments.

#### B. Sheridan Clean-Up Day

Jim Durfee, Placer County Department of Facility Services Director, reported the Sheridan Clean-Up Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 22 (also "Earth Day"), most likely from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a joint effort with Auburn-Placer Disposal, who is providing the funding. A series of dumpsters will be set up for only Sheridan residents to deposit metal, green waste and general rubbish. No hazardous materials will be accepted. In response to Mr. Bastien's question, Mr. Durfee noted appliances and tires will be accepted. Flyers are expected to be distributed about two weeks prior to the event.

Mr. Durfee reported that construction is scheduled to begin this summer on a fourth sewer pond south of Sheridan. During heavy rains, the county has historically dumped treated wastewater into Yankee Slough. That permit will run out this year, necessitating another pond to accommodate the runoff. There has been a building moratorium in Sheridan, and the new pond could possibly provide service for homes to be built on existing undeveloped vacant lots. On 3/21 the Board of Supervisors will award a contract for an EIR for the proposed new regional treatment plant. Regarding sewer repair in Sheridan, Mr. Durfee noted \$200,000 in CDBG funds are available for work in the Sheridan area in 2007.

# C. Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA)

Eric Oddo, Placer County Department of Facility Services, gave an overview of the WPWMA and its benefits for Sheridan. The WPWMA was founded in 1998, under a joint powers agreement. It consists of the following facilities: Materials Recover Facility (MRF); Household Hazardous Waste (HHW); regional landfill; and a buyback center. Under AB 939, the State previously mandated a 50% reduction in garbage by 2000. All of Placer County has reduced by over 50%, with unincorporated areas exceeding 60%. As of 2/06, batteries can no longer be routinely discarded, but can be taken to the HHW for disposal. The MRF now accepts all home electronics free of charge. The WPWMA is working on expansion to double the plant's capacity to accommodate regional growth. Further information can be obtained from the facility website: www.wpwma.com.

#### D. Local Area Formation Commission

Kris Berry, Executive Director, gave an overview of LAFCo processes, with special attention to the annexation procedures. The Placer LAFCo regulates boundaries of cities, agencies and special districts, and redefines spheres of influence upon application by those agencies. Following the adoption of its General Plan Update, the city of Lincoln is expected to come to LAFCo regarding their sphere of influence maps. LAFCo will require a municipal service review at that time. Regarding the Lincoln 270 Project, which is in the existing sphere of influence, the city has applied to LAFCo. A tax-sharing agreement between the city and the county is still required. More information can be found at the local website: <a href="https://www.placer.ca.gov/Lafco">www.placer.ca.gov/Lafco</a> or the state website: <a href="https://www.calafco.org">www.calafco.org</a>. Mr. Houck will request Rod Campbell, Lincoln Director of Community Development, attend the April MAC meeting to provide further information.

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#### 7. ACTION ITEM:

None.

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

A. County Service Area (CSA) 28, Zone 6A1.

- 1. See 6B.
- 2. Parks & Recreation: Mr. Bastien reported the hall rentals are down.
- 3. Mosquito Abatement:

Mr. Bastien spoke with Placer Mosquito Abatement Director Charlie Dill recently. Mr. Dill reported some birds with West Nile Virus have been found on the coast and in Santa Clara County. If there are any reports of positive findings in this area, Mr. Dill will bring a report to the MAC.

B. Land Use - As Ms. Pereira was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Houck gave the following updates:

Patterson Sand & Gravel (Cemex, Inc.) - No change. Working toward FEIR. Jack Blanton has replaced Lloyd Burns as project manager. Ms. Pereira has invited Mr. Blanton to attend the MAC meetings.

Bickford Ranch - A settlement has been reached with three of the five litigants. Approximately \$7 million will be paid by Bickford to protect Blue Oak woodlands in Placer County, as a result of the county's environmental work and approval process being upheld. Still outstanding litigation involving the Town of Loomis and WPCare.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposal (Lincoln 270 Project/"The Finger") - Still need tax-sharing agreement between the city and the county before annexation can proceed..

Safety of Highway 65 (North of city of Lincoln) - Current proposal includes "no passing" north of city to the county line and designated as daylight headlight section. These signs are ordered, with installation likely within 1-2 months. Rumble strips planned to be installed when weather conditions improve.

Renaming of Highway 65 - Discussion to continue, hopefully with DPW to facilitate community input.

# C. Code Enforcement No report.

#### D. City of Lincoln:

Mr. Houck noted Rod Campbell, Lincoln Director of Community Development, will attend the 4/06 MAC meeting regarding Lincoln's General Plan.

# E. County of Placer:

Mr. Houck announced Paul Thompson, Placer County Planning Department, expected to attend April or May MAC meeting to provide update on projects in western Placer County.

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# 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Mr. Bastien announced that, at the 10/05 meeting, the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency had stated there would be no public transportation service scheduled for Sheridan. At a Metropolitan Planning workshop held in Roseville, various funding mechanisms were discussed, including developer impact fees and the possibility of a ½ cent sales tax for transportation on the November, 2006 ballot. On 3/18, an Equine Clinic will be held in Newcastle and on 4/22, an Avian Flu Seminar will be held in Fresno. The Sheridan 4-H meeting will be held 3/9 at Stewart Hall.

Mr. Patterson noted his father had donated land years ago for the local ball field. He suggested a plaque be placed in honor of his father's donation. He also requested the MAC look into installing lights in the park for night use.

Mr. Bastien announced a Sheridan Park meeting will be held in either April or May. Stewart Hall is owned by Sheridan Park, not the county.

# 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting:* Carpineta/ Bastien/UNAMIMOUS.

The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.