

County of Placer
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MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Houck, Lee Bastien, Adam Carpineta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Norris Jr., Turk Ozcan

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for October 11, 2006:*

Approve minutes, as corrected on page 2, Item 8, A, 3, line 3, to change "century" to "sentinel"; page 4, line 6, add "East" following "existing"; page 4, Item 9, line 6, change "will be" to "was":

Carpineta/ Bastien/UNANIMOUS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for November 8, 2006:*

Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave McKenzie thanked Kevin Taber for the Department of Public Works' quick response in cleaning ditches and culverts near his property. Mr. Houck expressed appreciation for the large audience turnout.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Scott Witt noted fire season is winding down. Burning of only natural materials is now allowed with a permit, although burn barrels are outlawed. Residents can call a station for the free chipper program which runs year-round.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Lynn Harrison noted the abandoned vehicle on Lichty Lane was reported to code enforcement. There has been a recent rash of residential burglaries from Lincoln to Sheridan, resulting in two arrests. A recent report of graffiti at the Sheridan School noted a black Chrysler was seen on the school grounds. She questioned if recent magazine sale solicitors had obtained business licenses.

C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams reported no fatal accidents since the last meeting. Accidents in the area are down 11%. A Toyota truck commercial was filmed on Nader Road today. No CHP motorcycles have been replaced as yet. CalTrans has added an "Enforced by CHP" sign to one daylight headlight zone sign on Highway 65 just north of Lincoln. Mr. Houck spoke with a CalTrans representative who stated the Highway 65 improvements should be completed between 12/06 and spring of 2007.

D. Mr. Knutson was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Houck reported the new computers have been installed at the school. The Christmas program will be held 12/15 at Stewart Hall.

6. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Cemex (formerly Patterson Sand & Gravel) Expansion Proposal/ Public Comment:

No comment.

B. Roadside Ditches in Sheridan

Kevin Taber, Manager Road Maintenance Division, Placer County Public Works, reported several local ditches have been cleaned and widened, including those on 10th, 11th and E Streets, with a culvert added across 10th Street. The main obstructions appear to be driveway culverts, which would be the homeowner's responsibility. If a homeowner wishes to replace culverts, they should purchase the pipe and public works would install at no charge. If the homeowner wishes to do all the work themselves, a "no fee" encroachment permit would be required. The department will now work on culverts and ditches on Camp Far West as far as possible, depending on the weather. Mr. Houck noted culverts under Highway 65 are CalTrans' responsibility. At Mr. Weins' suggestion, Mr. Taber offered to place gravel around eight cluster mailboxes.

7. ACTION ITEM:

City of Lincoln's 2050 Lincoln General Plan Update

Rod Campbell, Director of Community Development, gave an overview of the City of Lincoln's Draft 2050 General Plan. He distributed cd copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report with Appendices and noted it could also be viewed on the website: <http://www.westplanning.com/docs/lincoln/index.htm>. The 45-day comment period on the DEIR ends 11/16, with the first formal hearing to be held 11/21 at McBean Park Pavilion at 6 p.m. Additional hearings are planned after the holidays, and the city hopes to adopt the General Plan in the first quarter of 2007. Any possible amending of the city's sphere of influence with LAFCo could take another six-nine months. The proposal for a 50-year planning horizon would add approximately 14,000 acres to the city's sphere of influence, with an estimated build-out to a population of 120,000 to 132,000, with seven villages and three special use districts. The village concept plan would include low, medium and high-density housing, 35-40% open space with a mixed-use central focus. Water from Placer County Water Agency would be supplemented by Nevada Irrigation District, and reclaimed water could be used for landscaping, landscape medians and agriculture. Expansion of existing wastewater treatment facilities is planned, as flows from sites such as Auburn and Bickford Ranch are anticipated. Comments from members of the MAC and the audience addressed the following concerns:

Believe the proposed increase in the sphere of interest brings the city too close to town of Sheridan;

Believe proposed population figures would result in intolerable traffic on both major and rural roads in the area;

Prefer Alternative #4 (Highway 65 Bypass Corridor) limiting population growth to approximately 106,000 on 22,130 acres with 42,130 dwelling units (no Villages).

As the 45-day comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report will end at 5 p.m. on 11/16/06, the chairman requested a motion. MOTION: *To forward all public comment to the Placer County Board of Supervisors: Carpineta/Bastien/UNANIMOUS (3-0).* The secretary was directed to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors, with the concerns to be included in comments to the city.

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

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

1. Sewer & Water: Mr. Houck questioned if the sewer work project had been completed, particularly on Riosa Road and 10th Street. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

2. Parks & Recreation: Mr. Bastien reported steady hall rentals. A recent rental resulted in damage to the hall. The county and several local residents cleaned up trash. The case has been referred to the County Counsel. Mr. Bastien noted no liquor license is required for rentals, as no alcohol is sold. Costs for hall rental are: \$150 for residents; \$350 for non-residents; and \$35 for non-profit agencies, plus cost of insurance to cover the rental. In response to citizens' comments, Mr. Houck noted the need to review hours and rules of rental, and suggested installation of "No Parking" signs to avoid renters parking in private driveways. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up. Mr. Bastien noted the dead trees have been cut down and will be replaced.

3. Mosquito Abatement: Mr. Bastien reported no change in West Nile Virus statistics. Mosquito ponds and the E Street ditch are checked regularly and treated.

B. Land Use - Ms. Pereira thanked the audience for attending and offered the following updates:

Bickford Ranch - Construction is moving forward. The only litigation remaining involves the Town of Loomis regarding traffic-related issues.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - In his final decision, the judge felt phasing of reclamation and water supply needs were not adequately addressed. To address environmental issues, a draft DEIR will be recirculated, expected for public review in approximately four months. The Third Appellate District Court recently held a hearing, with a decision expected in 90 days.

Cemex (formerly Patterson Sand & Gravel) - Applicant and county are working towards the FEIR, with public hearings anticipated to begin spring, 2007.

Placer Ranch University - Working toward release of the DEIR, expected in early 2007.

Regional University and Community (formerly De La Salle Specific Plan) - Working toward release of the DEIR - no expected timeframe.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - Applicant has changed project description, resulting in some chapters of DEIR needing to be revised and recirculated, with comment period ended 9/14/06. FEIR expected in 10/06. Project expected to be considered next by the Planning Commission (two out of four public workshops still to be held) and Board of Supervisors by early next year.

Reggie's Gas Station - Minor Use Permit for proposed convenience store/gas station has expired. Applicant will need to reapply.

UAIC Housing Project - NOP released 1/06. Another public scoping meeting to be held following completion of DEIR and before FEIR is prepared, no dates set as yet. MAC was added to mailing list for project-related notifications.

California Motocross Park - Applicant and county working toward the DEIR.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposals - LAFCo has received only the Lincoln 270 Project (the Finger) application. Tax-sharing agreement between the city and county not yet completed.

Yankee Slough - Project application expired 6/06 and applicant resubmitted application to extend until 12/27/06. Code violations being addressed by the county.

Regarding traffic updates, Ms. Pereira reported on the following:

Sunset-Athens Connector Road - Construction underway, expected to be completed 1/07.

Sunset Blvd./State Route 65 Interchange - Project expected to be under construction in 2008, with completion expected 2009.

Highway 65 (improvements) north of Lincoln - Completion estimated between 12/06 and early 2007.

Highway 65 Bypass Project - Expected to go to bid in fall, 2007, with construction beginning spring, 2008. Right of Way workshop was held 10/30/06.

Road name change - Regarding Highway 65 to be relinquished north of Lincoln city limits to Sheridan, the county is working with affected property owners to determine their preference of continuing "Lincoln Boulevard or changing to "Sheridan-Lincoln Boulevard". Ballot results will be shared with the MAC prior to going to the Board of Supervisors for actual renaming. DPW expected to attend an upcoming MAC meeting.

Ms. Pereira noted that, through the Placer Legacy program, the county opened the first 200-acre portion of the new Hidden Falls Regional Park proposed to eventually be 1,100 acres total. She distributed maps and the press release. Mr. Houck and Mr. Bastien attended the opening.

Rocky Rockholm was elected to replace retiring Supervisor Santucci as supervisor for the First District. As Supervisor Ted Gaines was elected to the State Assembly, the Board of Supervisors must appoint a replacement within 30 days.

Supervisor Weygandt presented the Board of Supervisors highest awards of commemorative coins to Joe Ferrera, who has been instrumental in the Lincoln Lighthouse program and to local historian Jerry Logan.

Mr. Houck noted Placer County Library is conducting a survey and would like public input. Those interested can give their input online at www.placer.ca.gov/library or at a local library branch.

Regarding the bluebag recycling program, Mr. Houck suggested a representative from the Materials Recovery Facility Division of Placer County Facility Services Department attend a future MAC meeting. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up. A resident thanked the county for this year's successful "Sheridan Clean-Up Day". Ms. Pereira noted the county is working on making this an annual event.

Dave McKenzie suggested trees be planted to line the edge of the new holding pond to screen it from residents' properties. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up. Regarding noticing of properties within approximately 300 feet of a project, Mr. McKenzie suggested the notices be sent by certified mail.

A resident reported a number of farm animals have been straying onto his property. Mr. Houck suggested they call the animal control and code enforcement departments. He believes the animals' owner would be responsible for any damage. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

D. City of Lincoln - No report.

E. County of Placer - See Item 8B.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

Mr. Bastien reported he attended the PCTPA meeting on 10/25 regarding unmet transit needs, noting Sheridan has no public transit and requested the agency obtain "Dial A Ride" in Sheridan. A PCWA public hearing will be held at 2pm on 11/9 to discuss a raise in water rates for all customers. The "Wheatland Citizen" newspaper has requested articles for submission, and Mr. Bastien mentioned tonight's MAC meeting to the paper. The Sheridan 4-H meeting will be held 11/9 at 7pm at Stewart Hall. Mr. Houck noted the Fire Department Annual Santa Run is expected to be held about 12/15.

As the Sheridan MAC has traditionally canceled the December meeting, the chair requested a motion.

MOTION: *To cancel the December MAC meeting:*
Carpineta/Bastien/UNANIMOUS.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.