



COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patricia Beard, Larry Jordan, Dan Macon, John Nitta, Wayne Vineyard

Members Absent: James Brenner, William Morebeck, Stewart Perry

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2012. Motion to approve: *Macon/Aguilar/MPUV*
 - III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
 - IV. PRESENTATION AND SOLITATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WISE VILLA WINERY COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATION – Lisa Carnahan, Placer County Planning Department, and Applicant

Lisa Carnahan presented the details of the Wise Villa Winery Community Center application.

- Located at 400 Wise Road, comprised of two ten acre parcels totaling twenty acres, zoned Farm with ten acre minimum with.
- Proposing small events of fifty or less people, three to four times a week for wine and food pairing or chef cooking classes, and twice a month, larger events of one hundred or less people.
- Proposed hours of operation: 11:00 am to 8:30 pm, seven days a week.

At the conclusion of public input and Commission discussion, the following action was taken: **Motion to support Wise Villa proposal as written. Nitta/Beard/MPUV**

- V. PRESENTATION AND SOLITATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ROCK HILLS WINERY COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATION – Lisa Carnahan, Placer County Planning Department, and Applicant

Lisa Carnahan presented the details of the Rock Hill Winery Community Center application.

- Located at 2970 Delmar, comprised of fourteen acres.
- Proposing events of up to two hundred people, two times a week from November to April, and three times a week from May through October.
- Proposed hours of operation: noon to 10:00 pm, seven days a week.

At the conclusion of public input and Commission discussion, the following action was taken: **Motion to support Rock Hills Winery proposal as written. Beard/Aguilar/ Motion Carried 5-1 (Nitta no).**

During the course of the discussions, the Agriculture Commission expressed concerns and requested a letter be sent to the Planning Department regarding the definition of community centers versus event centers, minimum lot size, ending hours of operation, road access requirements, and agricultural impacts on agriculture zoned land.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – Josh Huntsinger

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting are on county holidays. The October meeting will be held on October 29, 2012, and a date for the November meeting will be discussed during the October meeting.

VII. REPORTS

A. Agricultural Marketing Program – Josh Huntsinger

- Merlot continues monthly meetings with the Agriculture Advisory Committee.
- Celebrate PlacerGrown Week is October 8 through October 14, 2012.

B. Economic Development Board – Lyndell Grey – No Report

C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor – Cindy Fake for Roger Ingram

- Multi Species Academy is this weekend.

D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor - Cindy Fake

- The mentoring program for beginning farmers and ranchers has begun.
- The Farmer to Farmer Breakfast will begin the last week of September or the first week of October.
- The Small Farm Economic Focus group will be meeting tomorrow evening.
- The Beginning Farmer/Rancher Training program is receiving national recognition.

E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas - Patti Beard – No Report

F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update - William Morebeck – No Report

G. Rotating Agriculture Industry Update – No Report

H. Agricultural Water Supply Issues - Josh Huntsinger

- Mountain Counties Water Resources Association are hosting an event September 18, 2012 at Blue Goose Fruit Shed to discuss Northern California water supply.
- I am the CACASA representative for Long Term Discharge Requirements for the Irrigated Lands Program. I will be attending a meeting on September 12, 2012 to present a proposed set of waste discharge requirement to the Regional Quality Control Board.

VIII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Josh Huntsinger

- Placer County was accepted as a primary drought county for the disaster declaration covering April 1, 2011 through April 1, 2012.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEM)

- Tony Aguilar announced the Mountain Mandarin Growers Association Orchard Days will be December 1, 2, 15, and 16, 2012.

X. ADJOURNMENT