



MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;

Chairman Fowler called the 120th Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Fowler, Karla McAnally, Mike Whitney, George Alves, Deirdre Lefty

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Don Chandler.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for January 23, 2006:*
Lefty/Whitney UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for February 27, 2006:*
Lefty/Whitney UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Chandler thanked CHP Officer Mark Williams and expressed his sympathy regarding the six CHP officers lost in the line of duty in the past few months.

The Mount Pleasant "Country Store" fundraiser will be held 3/11/06, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department:

Greg Guyan cautioned citizens to be careful driving as the recent rains have created hazardous conditions on local roads. He reminded them to leave any downed power lines alone and report them to authorities. A grant has been received for labeling private road signs and house addressing. Forms will be available next month at the firehouses and at the MAC meeting.

B. Placer County Sheriff:

Lynn Harrison noted recent theft at Lakeview Farms area, with two suspects arrested on warrants. Several disturbance and domestic violence calls were received last month. In Thermalands, a family target shooting on their property had shells pierce the walls of a nearby house. The guns were seized and the case turned over the district attorney's office. A citizen noted the "Salmon Habitat" signs were down at Doty Ravine. Ms. Harrison offered to follow up. Deputy Lew noted a 6-year old child had been airlifted out following an accident in which he was run over by a trailer at his home.

A citizen suggested Garden Bar be renamed either Upper and Lower Garden Bar or North and South Garden Bar to ease confusion for dispatchers and the public.

C. California Highway Patrol:

Mark Williams noted the Highway Patrol has lost another officer, making six CHP deaths in approximately five months. Commander Mike Brown had requested a "Stand Down" for 48 hours, in which supervisors will meet with personnel to look at safety and enforcement tactic issues. CHP aircraft is splitting time between Auburn and Sacramento Metro. On 2/24/06, a CHP helicopter was key in apprehending suspect in a stolen car. On 2/24/06 the first 2006 fatal accident occurred at Highway 65 and the Galleria. On 3/6/06 "Zero Tolerance" will occur on Highways 80 & 65, and on 3/16/06 a six-county saturation enforcement will blanket Highway 49. The CHP has requested CalTrans to post "No right turn" signs from Sunset Blvd. onto Highway 65, with no response. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

D. Western Placer Unified School District:

No report.

7. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Renaming of Highway 65 (portions that fall within the county area)

Rick Eri, Placer County Public Works Department, provided an update on the Highway 65 Bypass project, which may be delayed due to budget constraints. The remaining portion of existing Highway 65 from Lincoln to the county line, including city and unincorporated areas, will need to be renamed to avoid confusion for emergency dispatchers and the public. The City of Lincoln is presently considering renaming the portion within the city limits, meeting with business owners to obtain a consensus. The county will consider the renaming of portions outside the city limits.

B. Flood Control in Western Placer County

Carl Walker, City of Lincoln Public Works Department, and E. Brian Keating, Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, gave an overview of flood control efforts in western Placer County. A 100-year flood plain map was displayed, which will be available at the Placer County Office of Emergency Services in the next few months. Efforts are underway to obtain grants toward flood and conservation easements on agricultural land. The 10-year storm event on New Year's Eve, 2005 was the first activation of the storm water retention basin. FEMA is conducting research in a 30-mile area, which includes the Auburn, Markham and Pleasant Grove Ravines, and expects to hold public hearings in the future.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Placer County Park Dedication Fees

Albert Richie, Placer County Facility Services Department, reported on the need for additional funding for improvements at the new Placer County Regional Park (formerly the Didion/Spears Ranch properties). The necessary improvements include: paving of the parking lot, widening of the bridge over Dead Man's Creek to allow emergency vehicle access, purchase and installation of a 20,000 gallon water tank, and construction of restroom facilities. He noted Placer County Park Dedication Fees must be used to improve recreational areas and facilities in the specific area in which they were generated, and suggested the MAC request the Board of Supervisors allocate uncommitted fees for the needed improvements. In response to Ms. McAnally's question, Mr. Richie noted no other county park projects had requested use of these funds. Following roll call, the MAC voted unanimously to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting \$180,474 of uncommitted Placer County Park Dedication Fees be allocated for the necessary improvements at the new regional park.

9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Traffic & Public Safety - Mr. Whitney reported on a Traffic Calming Committee meeting which he had attended.

Mr. Chandler expressed need for fog lines on the sides of local roads due to frequent dense tulle fog in the area.

B. Schools & Parks:

No report.

C. Land Use:

See 9F.

D. Health Issues:

No report.

E. City of Lincoln:

Mr. Fowler expressed thanks to Council Member Nakata for the City of Lincoln's temporary improvements made to the west side of Nicolaus Road.

Mr. Nakata reported the City Fire Marshal had checked Ace Hardware in Lincoln for possible infringements and found none. The City Council has purchased all necessary property at the corner of 6th and F Streets and approved plans for the new City Hall/Western Placer Unified School District building on the site. Demolition of existing buildings and construction of the new building is expected this summer, with completion scheduled 18 months after that. Lincoln has traded approximately 1,200 acres around Lincoln's airport to the City of Roseville to be used as a "foreign trade zone". Regarding the Aviation Business Park, the Council is in the process of approving the master plan which will develop 80 acres, with three to four parcels to be sold to developers. A RFQ has gone out for conceptual ideas regarding the old wastewater treatment plant. Regarding the proposed Highway 65 Bypass, the Planning Commission has approved the Airport Right of Progress and the city hopes to have all releases by 5/06, with purchasing of necessary rights of way expected in 2007. Mr. Chandler questioned "Road Closed" signs at Moore Road & Joiner Parkway while the road seems passable. Mr. Nakata offered to follow up.

F. County of Placer:

Ms. Pereira gave the following updates:

Bickford Ranch - Settlement has been reached with three of five litigators. Potential settlement could result in over \$6 million paid by Bickford to protect Blue Oak woodland in Placer County. This comes as a result of the county's environmental work and approval process being upheld. Mr. Whitney requested a representative of the project speak to the MAC at a future meeting.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - No change on litigation. Mr. Nakata questioned if another EIR is required regarding water issues. Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

Patterson Sand & Gravel - In response to Mr. Whitney's concern, Ms. Pereira noted RMF had been bought out Cemex. The FEIR is expected in spring, 2006.

Placer Ranch - Working on reissuing NOP. A scoping meeting is proposed soon. Mr. Nakata questioned if excessive odors around the landfill could affect the project (per the concern that was mentioned about a strong odor in the area). Ms. Pereira noted if such excessive odor were originating from the landfill or any other location, anyone finding this odor offensive would be affected and was something the applicant would want to consider.

Regional University - Additional work needed, with Administrative Draft EIR forthcoming.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - Due to applicant's change of project description, release of revised DEIR expected to be released early spring, with public hearings beginning in the fall. An informational session was planned for 2/23/06.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposals - LAFCo has received application for Lincoln 270 project. Next step before consideration for annexation is tax-sharing agreement between City of Lincoln and the county.

Anthem Telecom Cellular Tower - City of Lincoln has dismissed their lawsuit and tower will remain.

Sunset Blvd./Athens Connector Road - Construction for 2-lane road from western termination of Sunset Blvd westward for .5 miles, turning northward for 1.5 miles to connect with Athens Avenue expected to be complete January, 2007.

Sunset Blvd./Highway 65 Interchange - Project in environmental review, with Negative Declaration expected to go to Board of Supervisors in spring. Project expected to take one and one-half years for design and two years for construction.

Safety of Highway 65 (north of city of Lincoln) - Current proposal includes "No Passing" north of Lincoln to county line and designated daylight headlight section with signs ordered. Rumble strips planned to be installed in summer in better weather.

Sunset West - Needed striping planned by Department of Public Works when weather improves.

Ditch off Amuroso on Sunset Blvd. West - DPW allowing property owner to install pipe with drainage inlet at low spot and then filling in ditch, allowing safer shoulder and carrying water away from roadway.

Odor near Amuroso - Solid Waste Division tracks odor complaints as part of management of the landfill. The reported odor could have very many sources and they have followed up with Mr. Kennedy.

Signage for North/South Brewer and North/South Dowd - Signs are now in place.

Lincoln Creek Week will be held 4/22-4/29/06 as part of the national effort to clean up waterways.

Mr. Whitney requested Ms. Pereira to make sure the MAC is on the mailing list of the United Auburn Indian Community.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

A Town Meeting will be held 3/6/06 at the Lincoln Pavilion. Metropolitan Planning meetings are coming up later in the spring.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

