



MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;

Chairman Fowler called the 129th Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Alves

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lyndell Grey, Lois Clausen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Warren Bostick.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for October 16, 2006:*
Lefty/McAnally/UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Bostick thanked the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Engineering and Surveying Department for assistance in requesting the property owner remove an incorrect address sign "158 Moore Road".

6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Greg Guyan noted the area was very fortunate to have come through the fire season with no major fires. Burning is now allowed with a permit. Regarding the upcoming rainy season, he cautioned drivers to slow down, change wiper blades and to program emergency phone numbers into cell phones. Heaters, pilot lights and fireplaces should be inspected. He advised residents to replace smoke detectors every ten years and noted most brands are UL approved, with voice-recorded detectors best for homes with children. Illegal dumping of 55 gallon drums has been reported locally and owners of the property where the drums were dumped are responsible for the safe removal.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Deputy McKenzie reported a very quiet month.

C. California Highway Patrol: No report.

D. Western Placer Unified School District: No report.

7. INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None.

8. ACTION ITEM:

A. City of Lincoln's Draft 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:

Could boundaries that extend approximately two miles west on Dowd Road be reconfigured to avoid incorporating very rich agricultural land and be exchanged for less fertile agricultural land in another area?
Are projected park lands adequate for the projected population?

The city does not seem to view agriculture as an important limitation to growth. Could the agriculture issue be revisited and deemed a solid limitation?

Regarding adequate buffer zones and the "Right to Farm" ordinance, how can the City integrate agriculture and be a good neighbor?

Highways and roadways are currently unable to handle present traffic. Even the proposed Highway 65 Bypass will not be able to handle projected traffic.

Years ago the city did not take advantage of property owners' offer to sell land to the city to expand Airport Boulevard to Wise Road. Access to the airport has now become very difficult.

Can PG&E supply power for all the expected growth?

In the village concept, how will stores and service providers be encouraged to open businesses?

Are dwelling units planned in flood plain zones?

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: McAnally/Whitney/UNANIMOUS (4-0)*. The secretary was directed to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors, with the concerns to be included in comments to the city.

9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Traffic & Public Safety: No report.

B. Schools & Parks: Ms. McAnally reported the 10/30 ribbon cutting to open the new Hidden Falls Regional Park was very well attended. Ms. Pereira distributed the press release and maps of the new 200-acre park.

C. Land Use: No report.

D. Health Issues: No report.

E. City of Lincoln: No report.

F. County of Placer: Ms. Pereira offered the following updates:

Bickford Ranch - No change. Only litigation remaining involves Town of Loomis regarding traffic-related issues, currently on appeal in District 3 California Appellate Court. Decision expected 90 days following the oral argument in the appeal, which is expected to take place before end of the year.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - Placer County and Teichert won the appeal before the District 3 California Appellate Court. DEIR work expected to be discontinued unless this appeal is appealed to the Supreme Court.

Cemex (formerly Patterson Sand & Gravel) - Applicant and county working on environmental documents, with public hearing expected early next year.

Regional University and Community - applicant and county working toward DEIR.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - DEIR expected next week. Board of Supervisors expected to consider early 2007.

California Motocross Park - Applicant and county working toward DEIR. Mr. Whitney requested staff update the MAC when appropriate.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposals - LAFCO has received application for Lincoln 270 project. Tax-sharing agreement between city and county not yet completed.

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

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

Sunset-Highway 65 Improvements (north of Lincoln) - Work expected to be completed late 2006-early 2007.

Highway 65 Bypass - Expected to go to bid fall, 2007, with construction expected to begin spring, 2008. Right-of-way workshop was held 10/30.

Road name change - City of Lincoln approved "Lincoln Boulevard" for portion of Highway 65 to be relinquished within city limits. County to mail ballots to property owners re road name change for portion relinquished north of city limit line to Sheridan to vote on continuing "Lincoln Boulevard" or to change to "Sheridan Lincoln Boulevard". The issue will come back to the MAC following property owners' ballots results.

Regarding future agenda items: Ron Nelson is expected to update MAC in 12/06 regarding the Lincoln Area Water Treatment Plant and Bob Costa, DPW, will address the MAC in 1/07 regarding NPDES.

In the recent election, Rocky Rockholm was elected to replace retiring Supervisor Santucci in 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 Jerry Logan, local historian and Joe Ferrera, who has been instrumental in the Lincoln Lighthouse program. Mr. Bostick suggested the community be informed prior to next year's awards ceremony.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

None.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Pereira noted the Sheridan MAC skip their regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. The Rural Lincoln MAC opted to hold a meeting in December.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:48 p.m.