



MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;

Chairman Fowler called the 130th Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lyndell Grey, Lois Clausen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Don Chandler.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for November 13, 2006:*
Whitney/McAnally/UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chandler again shared his concerns regarding diesel exhaust from trucks affecting children attending the school on East Avenue. Mr. Bostick suggested a representative attend a future MAC meeting to explain why taxes are not available for new schools. In response to Ms. McAnally's question, Ms. Pereira noted she will contact Scott Leaman, the new WPUSD superintendent, and request he attend a meeting soon.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Greg Guyan reported a recent rash of structural fires, including an arson fire in Sheridan. He warned against using kerosene heaters, barbecue briquettes, etc. inside homes. He also cautioned drivers to be aware of black ice, deer and other animals on the roads. To avoid fire hazard, Christmas trees should be removed shortly after the holiday. Mike Whitney and Sheridan MAC Chair Jim Houck organized the successful Santa Run in Sheridan on 12/15.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Deputy Lew noted the department is working on fraudulent check cases with five arrests pending. During the holiday season, patrols have been increased at local malls and roads, and a saturation patrol will cover the casino area on 12/31. Statistics since 1/06 include 90% increase in aggravated assaults and 15.5% decrease in property crimes. The department is investigating reverse mortgage fraud locally.

C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams DUI checkpoints have been increased during the holiday season. Last weekend CHP and Sheriff's Department deputies manned Salvation Army kettles at the BelAir Market on Highway 49, raising five times the donations. Two fatal accidents occurred locally since the last meeting. On 1/10/07 "Zero Tolerance" will take place on Highway 80. Ms. Bachman noted a double yellow line should be painted on Wise Road and Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

D. Western Placer Unified School District: No report.

7. INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Proposed Water Treatment Plant in Rural Lincoln

Ron Nelson, Nevada Irrigation District General Manager, noted the Lincoln area needs have changed as the area has grown and moved from commercial agriculture to residential ag to residential users. Placer County Water Agency, NID and the City of Lincoln reached an agreement to serve treated or raw water in the NID area. PCWA pays NID for raw water and customers pay PCWA for the treated water. Several sites for a new water treatment plant are being investigated, with environmental impact studies running about \$4,000,000. The preferred site in the area of McGonigal's Hill (previously known as Mt. Pleasant Hill) requires the CEQA process be complete before purchase of the land. The City of Lincoln is totally underwriting costs so far, with no rate increase to NID customers. According to the current City of Lincoln General Plan Update, the decrease in ag water usage would allow the new plant to serve approximately 14,000 homes north and west of Lincoln. In response to Mr. Fowler's question, NID Board President Paul Williams noted water carryover has been maximized since 1977 in consideration of any drought emergencies. In response to Ms. McAnally's question, Mr. Nelson noted many existing canals could be used with additional canals purchased from PG&E. Residents have opportunities to address concerns at bi-monthly NID board meetings. The website is <http://www.nid.dst.ca.us>.

B. 2006 Governor's Historic Preservation Award

The old Country Fruitvale School in Lincoln was one of seven awardees of the prestigious 2006 Governor's Historic Preservation Award. Fruitvale School President Dr. Lyndell Grey noted MAC member Karla McAnally also serves as Fruitvale School Board President. The project to restore the school that was built in 1889 began six years ago, using volunteer labor and many donations, in order to provide opportunities for children to participate in a variety of activities that were common 100 years ago. A Living History Day Program, a one-day time-warp educational experience for area third-graders has evolved. The Fruitvale Country School also launched its new after-school program for elementary-aged school children.

8. ACTION ITEM:

None.

9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Traffic & Public Safety: Ms. Pereira reported Dowd Road is expected to be closed for two weeks for repairs on the bridge.

B. Schools & Parks: No report.

C. Land Use: No report.

D. Health Issues: No report.

E. City of Lincoln: Mayor Kent Nakata reported the Annual Lincoln Parade of Lights was not held on 12/9 due to inclement weather. On 12/12, former City Clerk Linda Stackpoole was installed on the City Council, with Mr. Nakata taking the role of mayor for the coming year. The City Council approved naming Foskett Ranch softball fields "Eleanor Carnisecca Sports Complex". General Plan Update meetings are scheduled for 1/20/07 and in February. In response to Mr. Chandler's concern regarding diesel emissions on East Avenue and 12th Street, Mr. Nakata noted the air board is currently looking at various mitigation measures. Mr. Bostick noted a reduction in new local housing starts and a reported layoff of 25% of Home Depot employees. Mr. Nakata noted road work is expected to create delays between Ferrari Ranch and First Street until early 1/07. Mr. Chandler questioned if a crosswalk would be installed at the intersection of Gateway and Highway 65. Mr. Nakata offered to follow up.

F. County of Placer: Ms. Pereira noted no significant changes regarding land use since last month, all land use proposals working through environmental review stage (Cemex, Placer Ranch, Regional University, Placer Vineyards, California Motocross Park). The County and Teichert prevailed in the appeal over the Teichert project. No movement on the Lincoln 270 annexation by the City of Lincoln.

Regarding traffic updates, Ms. Pereira noted no change in schedule with the Sunset-Athens Connector Road, Sunset Blvd/Hwy 65 Interchange or Hwy 65 Bypass.

Future agenda items will include a DPW report on results of name changes for relinquished portions of Highway 65 and a report from Placer County Community Development Resources Agency (CDRA) regarding storm water runoff.

At the 12/19 meeting, the Board of Supervisors will appoint Sheridan resident Stephen Rice to the Lincoln Cemetery District. Dr. Grey and retiring Sacramento EMS Executive Director Leonard Inch will each be recognized at that meeting. In addition, the board is expected to appoint a new supervisor to finish out Supervisor Gaines' term. Also the county's Legislative Platform was approved at the last Board meeting as well as contracts with the County's Federal and State lobbyist.

On 1/11/07, the Placer County Mental Health and Alcohol Board will host an event at McBean Park. Further details can be found on the website.

On 1/23/07, the Board of Supervisors will make a decision regarding the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP). Ms. Pereira encouraged residents to educate themselves about this compelling issue and attend this meeting. The public is welcome to also write letters. More information will be provided to the MAC prior to the hearing.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

None.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held **1/22/07**.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 8:47 p.m.