

County of Placer
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MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Houck, Lee Bastien, Turk Ozcan, Don Norris, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for October 12, 2005:*

Ozcan/Norris/UNANIMOUS

Note: As the November 9, 2005 meeting was an informal, informational-only meeting due to lack of a quorum, minutes were also informational-only and no motion for approval was necessary.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for January 11, 2006:*

Bastien/Ozcan/UNANIMOUS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Greg Guyan reported on an accident that evening at Riosa Road and Highway 65 with minor injuries. He warned motorists to be careful due to fog, rain and possible flooding during this season. He noted investigators were working on recent abandoned structure arson cases, and requested citizens be aware and report on anything suspicious.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Deputy Lew reported on holiday burglaries and a pursuit in Sheridan in December. The Sheriff's Office is working with County Code Enforcement to clean up properties in Sheridan. He offered to do security checkups for residents and suggested lighting up of house numbers and possibly installation of motion sensors and other security measures. The Sheriff's Office has met with Sheridan store owners regarding reconfiguring the store set-up for security.

Mr. Bastien noted the Community Clean-up Day will probably be held sometime between March and May of this year.

C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams announced some officers have retired and the two new area officers are Dan Brill and Nelson Ocieveto. As of 1/1/06, the freeway service patrol has expanded hours for free service on Highway 80 from the Placer County line to Sierra College, and Highway 65 north to Sunset. He noted no fatal accidents since 1/1/06. "Zero Tolerance" will occur 1/31/06 on Highway 80. Legislative highlights include a change to one year for provisional driver's licenses and curfew to 11:00 p.m. for first six months. In 2005 area fatal accidents were up 22.7%, with injuries down 1-1/2%. He reminded motorists to put on headlights if windshield wipers are needed, as enforcement began 7/05. The district is sending out bids for motorcycles.

D. Sheridan School: Kris Knutson noted it has been a good school year. The football and baseball fields have been lined and are seeing as much use as the track and basketball courts. December events included a "Read Aloud", "Sing-along", 7th and 8th graders had their first dance, and a Christmas program was held where the UAIC donated stocking full of gifts for all students. Upcoming events include a "Math Night" on 1/12 and, on 1/28, a monthly work day from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. with a barbecue to follow. On 1/10 the committee met regarding the busing of junior high students to Lincoln. They will study the issue and make a report to the Board of Supervisors probably in 3/06 and report back to the MAC on their progress.

6. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Patterson Sand & Gravel Expansion Proposal / Public Comment:

Mr. Houck reported the new owners are planning to continue the expansion and have a new project manager. Ms. Pereira noted work on the draft EIR is continuing. Mr. Houck requested citizens check the website for further information at www.placer.ca.gov/planning.

B. Safety of Highway 65 (North of the City of Lincoln)

Richard Moorehead, Placer County Public Works (Education), Robert Peterson, CalTrans (Engineering), and Captain Rick Ward, CHP (Enforcement), requested community input and gave an overview of the "Stay Alive on Highway 65" campaign efforts to increase safety measures on Highway 65 north of the City of Lincoln. Possible measures include lowering of speed limit to 60 mph, making headlights required at all times, and installing 12"-14" rumble strips on the center roadway, with smaller strips on road shoulders. CalTrans noted that a physical barrier down the middle of the highway is not feasible, as widening of the road would be necessary. The Sheridan postmaster suggested lowering the speed limit in the town of Sheridan to 55 mph. Mr. Houck suggested a stoplight at Riosa & Highway 65. Capt. Ward noted CHP would like to make this ten mile stretch a "no passing" zone. He thanked CalTrans for such rapid response to this problem. Mr. Peterson noted that, pending input from both Sheridan and Lincoln MACs and funding approval, the project could start in six-seven months and require approximately ten days of night work to complete. Citizen consensus appears to favor: no lowering of the speed limit except through town of Sheridan; daytime headlight zone; rumble strip installation; and increased enforcement.

C. Placer County Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Mr. Moorehead reported the county is developing a program to serve both rural and suburban neighborhoods for traffic calming devices. An advisory committee has been formed to include one representative from each supervisorial district, the sheriff's office, fire department, etc. Devices will be incorporated into new developments, as well as retrofitting in existing developments.

D. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) Update

Representative Celia McAdam reported the Lincoln Bypass Project is top priority for the PCTPA. It is expected to be four lanes to Ferrari Ranch, with two lanes beyond until further funding received, with an approximate 253 million budget for the four and two lane sections. Funding from the state is expected in 2011, but may be available earlier due to safety and other concerns. Regarding Placer Parkway, connecting Highway 65 at Whitney westbound north of Baseline with connection to Highways 70 & 99 in Sutter County, the first environmental document is expected to be available about 9/06. A toll road is a possibility there. Regarding the bottleneck on Highway 80 between the Placer County line and Highway 65, PCTPA is looking at the possibility of placing a sales tax increase on the ballot later this year to fund part/all of this project for carpool lanes and auxiliary lanes to ease traffic flow. PCTPA expects to eventually widen Highway 65 from Highway 80 to Blue Oaks to six lanes.

E. Far West Wireless

David Hill, owner, gave a demonstration wherein his company could bring high speed internet, using T-1 loop from Wheatland at about \$49.95 per month for subscribers. Low cost phone service using "Voice Over Internet Protocol" could be available for about an additional \$16.40 per month. He touched on the "neighborhood network village" concept, for subscribers in Phase I up to four miles away and Phase II up to ten miles.

7. ACTION ITEM:

None.

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

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

1. Sewer & Water - No report.

2. Parks & Recreation: Mr. Bastien reported remodeling of the Stewart Hall bathrooms is complete.

3. Mosquito Abatement: Mr. Bastien reported rice mosquitoes are now active.

B. Land Use - Ms. Pereira gave the following updates:

Pulte Homes Corporation Property/Former Riosa Gun Club – Approval by Board of Supervisors of additional property added to existing Williamson Act Contract.

Cell Tower off Ranch House Road - Properly permitted by Zoning Administrator.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - Judge made final decision. Teichert working to address environmental issues and has filed appeal to reverse the January decision that halted their plans to start construction. (no change)

Bickford Ranch - Temporary restraining order against project denied. Construction allowed to move forward. A number of lawsuits and appeals filed. Potential settlement that could result in about \$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.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - Working on revising and recirculating draft EIR.

Reggie's Gas Station - Deli no longer part of project; only convenience store and gas station only. Leah Rosasco to attend 2/06 MAC meeting with update.

UAIC Housing Project – Notice-of-Preparation document issued, with 30-day comment period. "Scoping meeting" on 1/26 at 6:30 p.m. at Stewart Hall to give information and receive comments on the land use process. This project is not subject to the county's process or approval, however thru an MOU between the Tribe and Placer County Board of Supervisors, the Tribe has agreed to process their application consistent with county standards.

California Motocross Park - Going through the planning process, with county preparing initial study.

C. Code Enforcement – The house that burned at 11th & Riosa was reported to be a visual nuisance. Ms. Pereira noted to report to Code Enforcement.

D. City of Lincoln - Mr. Houck reported the city of Lincoln will be holding General Plan Update meetings 1/17 at 7:00 p.m. and 1/19 from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

E. County of Placer - Ms. Pereira gave the following updates:

LAFCo - Lincoln 270 ("Finger Project") is an anticipated annexation, with application submitted to LAFCo and tax-sharing agreement between city of Lincoln and the county required.

Sheridan MAC vacancy - County working on filling this vacancy, hopefully by February MAC meeting.

Sheridan Post Office - No parking signage on area across from post office installed 12/06/05.

Clean-up Day - Targeting a Saturday late in March or early April, 2006.

Weight Limits on Various Placer County Bridges - DPW recommends not posting weight limits as previously proposed, and instead: monitor bridges regularly for signs of structural fatigue, with immediate action should any concerns arise; construct as soon as practicable, temporary supports under affected bridges, allowing full use of the bridge; and program replacement of bridges and seek federal funds to assist in replacement.

Funding for Regional Sewer - Placer County expects to receive approximately two million in federal funding for regional treatment plant to replace smaller, less efficient plants.

Legislative Platform - On 12/13/05, Board of Supervisors approved both federal and state legislative platforms.

Placer County Parks Commission Vacancy - County is encouraging interested citizens to apply.

Commemorative Coin Awards - Award of two coins per district per year. This year awarded by Supervisor Weygandt to Rob and Reed Scherer, teenage brothers in Rocklin for attempting to save their father's life following a heart attack. The boys also received a heroism award from the Boy Scouts of America.

UAIC - The tribe donates one quarter of a million per quarter locally. The fourth quarter awardees included County Placer County Heritage and Del Oro High School among others.

8th Street Sign - Lincoln Boy Scout Troop 185 assisted in installing this sign.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Mr. Bastien noted the city of Wheatland will be receiving comments until 2/6/06 regarding their General Plan Draft EIR. The next Sheridan 4H meeting will be held 1/12 at Stewart Hall.

Mr. Houck thanked the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol for their help on the recent successful "Salmon Run".

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting:*

Bastien/Norris/UNANIMOUS.

The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m.