

County of Placer
SHERIDAN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chairman Houck called the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Houck, Lee Bastien, Adam Carpineta, Don Norris Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Ozcan

STAFF PRESENT: Lyndell Grey, Lois Clausen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for July 12, 2006:*

Approve minutes, as corrected on page 3, Item 9, line 2, to change "8%" to "4%:

Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for August 9, 2006:*

Bastien/Carpineta/UNANIMOUS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department: Deanna Lyman reminded citizens the burn ban is in effect. During the recent heat wave, the county requested local fire departments check on at-risk residents, and she suggested citizens also check on their neighbors during such an event. The only cooling center is the Placer County Fairgrounds. Regarding the suggestion that Stewart Hall be used as a cooling center in the future, Mr. Bastien noted the OES would not permit such a use.

B. Placer County Sheriff: Lynn Harrison reported a relatively quiet month. The department is checking warrants at Camp Far West Lake. Code enforcement has abated vehicles on F Street and 11th Street. Reports were received of juveniles throwing fireworks or "bomb bags" around 12th & F Streets, 10th Street, and 8th and Riosa Road. Reports of vandalism at the cemetery at 10th and Ranch House and of a crack on the bridge on Dalby were also received. Curfew for those under 18 is 10:00 p.m. National Night Out on 7/31 at Thermal Lands was well attended.

C. California Highway Patrol: Mark Williams reported mostly minor accidents with no fatalities during the past month. "Beware of the Seven Zero Tolerance" will be held 8/16 on Highway 65. Local officers have received new radar guns. Regarding the Highway 65 safety campaign, CalTrans reports approximately 50% compliance in the daylight headlight zone, and have ordered "Mandatory" signs to be added to the signs in that zone. Responding to Mr. Houck's question, Mr. Williams noted officials are awaiting approval from CalTrans in Sacramento for the balance of improvements, and estimate two weeks for completion of the project following approval. CHP fixed-wing and helicopters have returned to the Auburn base. Upcoming Sleep Train Amphitheater concerts include "Family Values Tour" on 8/20, Def Leperd and Journey on 8/27 and Tools on 9/2.

D. Sheridan School: Kris Knutson reported he has been retained as principal for the coming school year and thanked the MAC for their support. He reported no vandalism at the school during the summer and classes will start again on 8/23. As junior high students will now attend schools in Lincoln, he reminded residents to be aware of the school buses using county roads between Sheridan and Lincoln. Regarding the previously reported problems regarding the eucalyptus tree and tree house which has become a gathering place for children at the school, Ms. Grey questioned whether it would help to remove the structure. Mr. Knutson and Mr. Houck agreed that would help the situation. Mr. Knutson noted he would check with the superintendent to see if the school could be used as a cooling center during future heat waves.

6. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

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

Ms. Grey reported that the project is still moving through the environmental review process.

B. Highway 65 Bypass Update

Richard Moorehead, Placer County Department of Public Works Transportation Division, reported the FEIR was signed off in 2/06 and the alignment is set. Appraisals and purchase of right-of-way property is expected beginning in 2007. The bid is anticipated to be let out in late 2007, with construction projected to begin in early 2008. The current cost estimate is \$319,000,000, with \$215,000,000 funded to date. He reported the PCTPA is putting together the best possible package and should know the scenario in the next few months. Responding to Mr. Bastien's question, Mr. Moorehead reported the bypass will be four lanes to Nelson Road, with an interchange at Ferrari Ranch Road. Mr. Houck requested Mr. Moorehead obtain a contact name for the MAC.

C. Placer County Agriculture

Christine Turner, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner, introduced Nancyjo Riekse, the new Agriculture Marketing Director, replacing the retired Joanne Neft. Ms. Riekse described her background and noted she plans to apply for grants to facilitate school programs in order for students to understand the county's agricultural aspects, and she will work to have county growers collaborate. In response to Mr. Houck's question, Ms. Turner noted farmers' markets are administered by the Foothill Farmers Market Association, and offered to obtain a contact name for the MAC. Responding to Mr. Bastien's question regarding hoof and mouth and mad cow diseases, she noted animals are difficult to track. The USDA has begun working on this task, using various sources such as cattle ranchers, hog growers, and poultry raisers and including 4H and FFA organizations.

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 steady rental of the hall. Mr. Houck noted Mr. Patterson has located a large boulder and Mr. Richie has received the plaque to be placed on the grounds of the hall to commemorate the donation of park land by the Patterson and Stewart families. Hopefully the installation will be completed prior to next month's meeting.

3. Mosquito Abatement: Mr. Bastien reported the new district manager is expected to be named 8/14, following Charlie Dill's retirement, and Mr. Dill is expected to introduce the new manager at the next MAC meeting. Mr. Houck noted the MAC is sending a letter commending Mr. Dill for his years of service. Two West Nile Virus positive birds in Placer County and a positive mosquito pool in Sheridan have been reported. Ms. Turner recommended horses be vaccinated against WNV.

B. Land Use - Lyndell Grey noted MAC members had received copies of the Lakeview Farms Volumetric Mitigation Facility Project Initial Study. The County has submitted formal comments to the City of Lincoln about this proposal, including concern about traffic impacts on rural roads and bridges.

She also offered the following updates:

Placer Vineyards – Recirculated Revised DEIR came out in early 8/1, with a 45-day comment period. It is available on the county website: www.placer.ca.gov/planning.

The new Placer County Community Development and Resources Agency (CDRA) building has opened at 3091 County Center Drive in Auburn. It will house the Planning, Building and Engineering//Surveying Departments among others.

C. Code Enforcement - Ms. Grey noted the following:

Off Highway 65 before Bear River, discarded couch. Lynn Harrison offered to follow up.

Abandoned vehicles across from Costa's;

Pickup and horse trailer at 9th & H Streets.

Reggie's Gas Station - Abandoned white car to be removed through the abatement process - awaiting owner's release form. Mr. Houck requested an update on Reggie's Gas Station situation at the next MAC meeting.

9545 Camp Far West Road - Still significant clean-up needed, expect completion by 3/07.

D. City of Lincoln - No report by a city official. Mr. Houck suggested Ms. Grey contact Lincoln Council Member Tom Cosgrove and extend another invitation for he or another representative to regularly attend the MAC meetings.

E. County of Placer - Ms. Grey displayed an article from the Sacramento Bee, of an invention of new technology known as the Advanced Locomotive Emission Control System (ALECS). The invention captures diesel exhaust from trains that are being repaired and tested at the Roseville yard. This new technology drastically improves air quality near working rail yards. If this technology takes off, it could have air quality implications worldwide.

She reported on an upbeat survey of businesses in Placer County by the Sacramento Regional Research Institute.

A "Melodrama" fundraiser will be held 8/18 and 8/19 at the Fruitvale School. Tickets are available from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce or at the door.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

Mr. Bastien requested Ms. Pereira have a representative get back to the MAC regarding the Beale Joint Land Use Issue. The Gold Country Fair will be held 9/7-9/10 in Auburn. The Board of Supervisors approved the Sheridan Sewer Treatment Plant Project to go to bid. Mr. Houck noted a tri-tip fundraiser dinner will be held 8/19 at Valley View School in Thermal Lands from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting:*

Carpineta/Bastien/UNANIMOUS.

The Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.