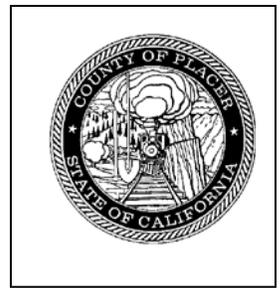


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**APPROVED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2013 MEETING
OF THE
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozano Rd., Newcastle, CA**

Members Present

Joe Irvin
Elliott Rose
Ed Sander
Steve Palmer
Sam Moore
Karen Green
Lowell Jarvis

Members Absent

County Staff Present

Ruth Alves
Supervisor Jim Holmes

County Staff Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Steve Palmer at 7:03 p.m.
Absent members: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Steve Palmer

3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2013 MEETING WERE APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Sander, 2ND by Elliott Rose, carried.

4. THE OCTOBER 17, 2013 AGENDA WAS APPROVED

Motion made by Joe Irvin, 2nd by Karen Green, carried.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

- a. California Highway Patrol:** Dave Martinez, Newcastle Officer, reported two accidents, 33 DUI. Big campaign taking place now for distracted driving. Bike riding event from Auburn into Granite Bay this week-end. There will be a parade in Penryn on Saturday, November 26.
- b. Newcastle Fire Department:** John Carr, Interim Fire Chief, Newcastle Fire Department, reported a fire in Loomis with one death and one person injured. The Fire Department is presently undergoing restructuring. The \$500K new piece of equipment requires somebody with training, specifically a paid engineer to handle the critical position, and not a regular firefighter. All training will be upgraded to bring it to the level of State firefighter requirements. An evaluation of firefighters will be conducted in January-February. A Chevy SUV was donated by the Boland Family to the Department.

Fire Engine 41B with diesel won't sell easily on the West Coast, but will probably sell easier on the East Coast. The Fire Department is still moving ahead with a new fire station.

The issue of water reserves for the school grounds is waiting to be resolved following PCWA's evaluation of water flow and, once determined, the School Board District will go ahead with accepting the drawings from the civil engineer regarding the school water supply. As it is now, the issue is between the Newcastle Fire Department and the Newcastle School Board.

b. Placer County Sheriff's Department: No one in attendance

c. Placer County Fire Department: No one in attendance

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

7. COUNTY UPDATE:

Supervisor Jim Holmes – Welcomed new Board members, Karen Green and Lowell Jarvis. Budget meeting moved from November 18 to November 12 due to two supervisors, Kirk Uhler and Robert Weygandt, taking a Board approved trip to the United Kingdom, and County Executive Officer, David Boesch to meet with representatives of the University of Warwick, in continuing efforts to bring a high profile university to Placer County.

7. Informational Non-Action Items:

a. Budget Update – Andy Heath, Placer County Deputy CEO

In September of this year, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2013-1014 Budget of \$720.8 million which protects core operations, services and programs. This will be an overview, highlighting various aspects of the budget.

- Key Considerations focus on Board policies and actions to promote fiscal sustainability
Sets forth a multiple year plan over a 5-year period with revenue enough to outpace costs
Conservative approach to budgeting – adjusting to economic fluctuations and fund reserves
Use 1-time revenues for 1-time costs – revenue not deferred as original source
- Infrastructure investment planning – capping activity
- Increased communication between residents and county – encourage feedback for better ideas regarding county programs

An overview of FY 2013-14 Operating Budget:

Total General Fund revenue sources increased \$19.8 million

Total General Fund operating increased \$17.2 million

General Fund Reserves – In 5 years expected to increase

Public Safety Fund revenues increased by \$6.2 million

Public Safety Fund operating budget increased by \$5.6 million

Capital – Public Ways/Facilities decreased \$39.7 million; Capital Projects increased \$5.9 million

Proprietary Funds – Internal Service increased \$3.5 million; Enterprise increased \$3.9 million

Board Governed Special Districts total budget \$49.4million

Emphasis will be on Priority Based Budgeting – the distribution of resources based on priorities and linked to results.

Possible next steps:

Integrate concepts unique to Placer County

Identification of strategic priorities

Compile inventory of County-wide programs and services

Score programs and services

Allocated resources based on identified priorities.

Budget information can be found on Placer County Website at:

www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CEO/LatestBudgetinformation.aspx

b. Regional Sewer Update – Bill Zimmerman

The Regional Sewer will create a pipeline from North Auburn to the City of Lincoln’s waste water treatment plant. The County and the City of Lincoln have been working diligently on all aspects of designing, financing and building of this project. This will be an overview of the progress to-date.

David Atkinson, Senior Civil Engineer filled in for Bill Zimmerman and introduced David Lee, Project Manager, City of Lincoln.

The City of Lincoln, the lead on designing, conducting an environmental review, constructing and initially operating the system, has finalized its 1300 pages EIR report. In 2011-12 the County and City of Lincoln reached an agreement regarding the new pipeline to pump wastewater from North Auburn and potentially the City of Auburn for treatment at the Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility. The City of Auburn is considering participation in the regional project, but has not yet made a decision. If it opts to participate, city wastewater will be pumped through a buried pipeline to the main pipeline between North Auburn and Lincoln. A smaller pipeline will be chosen if City of Auburn decides not to participate.

Project design is 30% complete. Construction bid for 3 projects is \$39 million. State is helping fund the project at a favorable rate. The challenge was drawing up a legal document and it took two weeks for the process. Construction bid was received in September and its review will take 45 days. It is anticipated awarding the contract in early December and notice of approval will proceed in early January 2014. Construction will be split up in two phases – treatment plant and pump construction phase, each estimated to take 2 years.

Overall construction cost estimated at \$73 million

November 1 – City of Auburn to provide yes or no as to its participation

Outreach efforts included presentations to the MACs that serve North Auburn, Sheridan, the Newcastle-Ophir area and Rural Lincoln.

The City of Lincoln has created a website where the public will be able to get up-to-date information on the project. The address is: <http://www.ci.lincoln.ca.s/index.cfm?page-146556>.

8. Action Items: Community Centers – George Rosasco, Placer County Supervising Planner

Since May, Placer County has held 4-workshops at the Planning Commission to receive input from the public to help form the definition and standards of Community Centers in rural, agricultural areas of

Placer County. These workshops have concluded and the planning Commission is ready to receive feedback from the municipal advisory councils. This will be a presentation of the findings and a draft ordinance for the community center. The MAC may make recommendation to the Planning Commission.

George Rosasco offered to present Item b as an Informational Item at this meeting due to its controversial nature, and to come back a second time to present same issue as an “Action Item” for the MAC to make a recommendation at such time.

Motion made by Elliott Rose to change “Item b” to Informational Item from Action Item, 2nd by Ed Sander, all aye, motion carried.

On April 2013, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved an interim ordinance establishing a 45-day moratorium on applications for community centers, and staff was directed to explore the possibility of developing revised criteria and standards for the review of community centers and determine if the definition of “Community Centers” needs to be revised.

Since then, three Planning Commission workshops were held for the public to voice their concerns. Requests for specific standards be met by Community Centers and event type centers before a use permit can be approved.

Additionally, the Planning Commission concluded that event centers in an agricultural district should be required to obtain a Use Permit.

As a result of the workshops, the Planning Commission agreed on preparing a Zoning Text Amendment that would include five definitions of “Event Centers”.

- “Community Center” – facility which may be located on public or private property that functions primarily to provide community-oriented activities and public and civil functions, such Grange Halls.
- “Commercial Event” – facility located on private property that primarily functions to provide for any type of social gathering.
- “Small Agricultural Event Center” – facility located on agriculturally zoned land of 10 acres or larger for groups of 100 or less.
- “Intermediate Agricultural Event Center” – facility located on agriculturally zoned land of 20 acres or larger for groups of 200 or less.
- “Large Agricultural Event Center – facility located on agriculturally zoned land of 40 acres or larger for groups of 400 or less.

The Planning Staff has prepared the draft Community Event Center Zoning Text Amendment for review and comments by the Planning Commission and the public. The draft Amendment has proposed standards as directed by the Planning Commission in the following areas:

Minimum parcel size, setback regulations, maximum event size, maximum number of events, hours of operation, noise, access, parking, security, lighting, food guidelines, event center density and noticing requirements.

A tentative schedule for the remaining process of the Community Event Center Zoning Text Amendment:

- Presentation to the Planning Commission October 10, 2013
- Presentation to MACs October and November, 2013
- Present comments from MAC's to Planning Commission November 2013
- Staff preparation of revised draft December 2013
- Planning Commission review December 2013
- Board Consideration of draft December 2013 or January 2014.

Concerns regarding noise, narrow private roads, access issues and enforcement issues were voiced by some. There is a very definite enforcement code process in place already. Regarding enforcement, policing would rest with first responders, sheriff's office staff. In case of violations, the use permit would be revoked. Citations for misdemeanor would be handled in court. Administrative citations would be handled by administrative officers and fines could be \$100-500/day.

Carol Stearns – Newcastle resident asked the MAC take into consideration the limitations of the very narrow roads, such as Baxter Grade Road, on which road, event centers should never be considered.

Buffalo Vineyards owner, stated that the publicity surrounding event centers and wineries have confused the distinction between the two and he rectified the issue by stating that event centers are driven by events, winery by agricultural event.

9. MAC Member reports and Correspondence: None

Elliott Rose announced the Mountain Mandarin Festival will be taking place on November 22-24, 2013 and volunteers are needed for the event.

10. The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2013.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.