

GRANITE BAY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2007
Eureka Union School District Office, 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay

1. **Call to Order 7:03PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Introduction of MAC Members**
 - A. MAC members present were Virg Anderson, Sean Corcoran, Steve Nash, Walt Pekarsky, and Craig Powell.
 - B. Also present were Congressman John Doolittle's District Director, David Plag and Supervisor Kirk Uhler.
4. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the July 11, 2007 agenda. The motion passed (5-0).
5. **Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2007 (5-0)**

A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the June 6, 2007 minutes. The motion passed (5-0).
6. **Public Comment**

A resident of the Greyhawk expressed concern and opposition to any proposed re-zoning of property owned by Dunmore Communities from residential to commercial space. Public concern was express that there is already a significant traffic problem in Greyhawk from vehicles cutting through the development and therefore opposes opening the road to commercial traffic.
7. **MAC Committee Reports**
 - A. Public Safety (David Kaiser) - Deferred to August 1, 2007.
 - B. Parks and Recreation (Steve Nash)

The committee is proceeding on the Franklin School Project. Phase One (1) is out to Bid. Phase Two (2) is in need of Public/Community assistance and participation.
 - C. Douglas Corridor Committee (Jill Ernst) - Deferred to August 1, 2007
8. **Action Items**
 - A. **Quarry Pond East - Conditional Use Permit (PCPM 20070370)**

(Note: This matter was presented out of order.) Lisa Powers presented a proposal for a Temporary Conditional Use Permit (PCPC T20070370), to allow temporary use of a paved parking lot for community events on neighboring parcel. The property (APN 048-142-036) is located at 5630 Douglas Blvd. in the Granite Bay area, and is currently zoned RA-B-100 PD-0.44 (Residential-Agricultural). This item is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on July 12, 2007.

Public concern was expressed concerning the 300 foot set-back and adequacy of landscaping to hide the parking area. A number of concerns were expressed about the parking lots proximity to residential properties and that the proposal was incompatible with the RA zoning.

The county representative and others commented that the 300 foot set-back applied to residential uses only. It was noted by the applicant that Quarry Pond East was paved to prevent erosion and run-off contamination of nearby Quarry Pond.

Comments from the MAC focused on the duration and probability of renewal of the Temporary Conditional Use Permit. It was noted that with renewal the duration would be two (2) years followed by a likely application for a permanent use permit. Final concern was the visibility of the parking lot from Douglas Blvd. and the need for landscaping.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the Temporary Conditional Use Permit as submitted.

The motion was seconded and passed (5-0)

9. Informational Non-Action Items

- A. **Signal at Berg and Douglas** - (Note: This matter was presented out of order.) Lisa Powers from Quarry Ponds presented an offer to pay for the installation of a four-way stoplight at the intersection of Berg Street and Douglas Boulevard. The proposal included synchronizing the timing of the light with the existing traffic light at Barton Road. The presenter said the light is needed to deal with unsafe turning conditions at Douglas and Berg and speed along Douglas as primary concerns. Workers at Quarry Pond commented that a light is especially needed to exit Quarry Pond.

Public concerns against installation of a light included incompatibility with the Granite Bay Plan calling for no traffic lights, concerns that more lights along Douglas Blvd. will actually increase opportunities for accidents, increase noise, and increase congestion.

Discussion closed with questions concerning whether a traffic study has been conducted to confirm or disprove the risks and benefits to installation of a light at Berg and Douglas.

- B. **Save Our Shores** - Community group "Save Our Shores" arranged for this agenda item and coordinated with the State Bureau of Reclamation so that their representatives could comment and answer questions.

The majority of the public in attendance for this meeting appeared in opposition to the Bureau of Reclamation's plans for mining material in and around the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach to be used in upgrading Folsom Dam Dikes 4, 5, and 6.

Citizen representatives made it clear that they support flood control improvements and encourage those improvements be implemented right way. They do not support the acquisition of material from the Granite Bay/Mooney

Ridge Beach.

Many citizens expressed their concern for the possibility of an 8-10 year project requiring blasting, drilling, dredging, and hauling 24 hours per day near the Granite Bay neighborhoods closest to a proposed "borrow zone" at the northwest end of the lake. Serious concern exists for the loss of the beach area and the destruction of granite outcropping.

A large number of concerned citizens offered a multitude of reasons why they oppose the obtaining of material from the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach including but not limited to:

Release into the air of soil contaminants including asbestos;

Destruction of fish and wildlife habitat;

Noise from blasting, digging, construction, and truck traffic;

Disturbance of the granite core allowing lake water to migrate through cracks and fissures into adjacent properties;

Unforeseen Health Consequences;

Impact on property values;

Hazardous material contamination in the mining area in and on the surrounding roads from traveling construction trucks.

The creation of a dangerous attractive nuisance at the mining site;

Impact on surrounding businesses;

The proximity of the mining operation to residential neighborhoods; and

The apparent absence of timely advanced notice to the public and in particular Granite Bay about the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to use the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach as a mining site.

Speaking on behalf of the Bureau was Mike Finigan who explained that the project is part of an over-all flood damage reduction plan. The representative stated that the final footprint of the mine was still subject to sum discretion. The Bureau further stated its awareness that this was a major water resource project to undertake in the middle of a large urban area. In deciding on the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach as a suitable contingency borrowing site the Bureau considered the 200 year flood control objective; Dam safety, the quality of the material available for borrowing, the impact on the water supply, the impact on the wildlife habitat, impact on traffic in the surrounding community, hydro logic factors, lake water seepage and seismic concerns.

The Bureau's representative explained that the project will involve upgrading eleven (11) embankments, eight (8) dikes, the Right Wing Dam, the Left Wing Dam, and the Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam. The long term plan also includes construction of a new auxiliary spillway. Dike 5 construction is set to begin in the Fall of 2008 and last through the Spring of 2009. The initial work will consist of a filter layer covered by a shell layer on the downstream slope to control seepage and prevent interior dike erosion. The Bureau representative predicts that work will be done in the Lake's winter season and will NOT result in any beach loss. The Bureau also stated that the granite material not only makes a good construction material, it also does not contain asbestos.

During the lengthy question and answer phase many citizens raised concerns and asked questions to Bureau staff. The Bureaus staff indicated that they would provide a written response to the following citizens questions including;

What is the cost difference between purchasing the materials necessary for the Bureau's planned flood damage protection plan and borrowing the same materials from the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach?

What is the maximum amount of material that could be removed from the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach? Is it 50,000 cubic yards or 150,000 cubic yards?

Would the Bureau guarantee that no blasting will be conducted at the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach?

Has the Bureau, or any other government entity, conducted any study concerning the impact to surrounding neighborhoods caused by potential disturbance of the granite rock core inside the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach area?

Can the Bureau prevent the use of the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach as a borrowing site from occurring at all?

What is the material and transportation cost for all of the Dike 4, 5, and 6, construction if only off-site material (non-Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach) materials are used?

What is the impact on the Pioneer Express Trail (Dedicated May 5, 1953)?

What will be the hours of operation should the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach borrow site project go forward?

Did the Bureau provide adequate notice to the public concerning the project?

The MAC expressed concerns that citizen questions needed complete responsive answers from the Bureau. The MAC also noted that area residents and users of the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach had presented petitions, with approximately 840 signatures, opposing the contingency use of the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach.

10. **Correspondence** – Found on Table at the rear of the room
11. **Next Meeting:** GB MAC August 1, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
Subcommittee meetings: (Held at the Eureka Union School District Office)
 Douglas Blvd Corridor Committee @ 5:00 P.M.
 Parks and Recreation @ 5:00 P.M.
 Public Safety Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.
12. **Adjournment**