

GRANITE BAY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2007
Eureka Union School District Office, 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay

1. Call to Order - 7:05PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduction of MAC Members

MAC members present were Walt Pekarsky, Jill Ernst, David Kaiser, Steve Nash, Virg Anderson, and Craig Powell.

4. Approval of Agenda

Item 8A, Granite Bay Plaza & Pardee Ct Half-plexes, was postponed to a future date. A motion was made (and seconded) to approve the corrected agenda, and the motion passed (5-0).

5. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2007

The minutes for April 11 were not available for review prior to the meeting; approval of the minutes was tabled to next month's meeting.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. MAC Committee Reports

A. Public Safety (David Kaiser)

Occurrences of mail and vehicle theft persist but are at relatively low levels. Construction of the Olive Ranch Fire Station is under way. Paramedics are now on duty based at the Douglas Blvd station. Illegal parking and lake access complaints from residents along Lakeshore Dr have increased and, with school out soon, are expected to increase; please assist law enforcement efforts by parking responsibly.

B. Douglas Blvd Corridor Committee (Jill Ernst)

Topics of discussion continue to include craftsman-style design elements and the potential for residential/retail mixed use projects.

C. Parks & Recreation (Steve Nash)

This committee will meet again next month on June 6 at 5PM.

8. Action Items

A. Granite Bay Plaza & Pardee Ct Half-plexes – This item was postponed.

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9. Information (Non-Action) Items

- A. Sewer Maintenance District #2 Proposed Fee Increases** – Will Dickinson, Deputy Director for the Placer County Department of Facility Services, presented information regarding proposed increases to sewer user fees charged for Sewer Maintenance District Number 2. The current charge for a single unit of sewer service is \$44.15 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to \$48.12 per month effective July 1, 2007 and maintain the fee at that level for two years. Facility Services believes this increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new permitting requirements for public sewer collection systems, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2.

The subject of sewer rate increases has been presented to the MAC previously and was received both then and now with great interest from all attendees. The nature of the comments has generally been unfavorable with a significant number of requests for clarity and additional information. As a result of the breadth of the questions and requests presented, the comments have been summarized below:

Why are we paying double Roseville's cost?

Because we have so many lines to maintain, and our district produces that much more effluent per dwelling.

Can we negotiate with Roseville?

Not really – we're all 'partners.'

Budget reserve is capable of 2-year freeze on increases – so why not implement a freeze?

Last rate increase was a one-year hike; this increase will cover the next two years, which equates to half of the last increase (9% for both hikes), and will probably raise a flag to other district 'partners' who will probably insist on better terms in the future.

Aren't you worried about being a larger contributor than other partners and then be expected to pay for a larger portion of the whole pie later?

A little. Infiltration is the single biggest excess flow source, with leaky pipes. Presumably more rain water infiltration would dilute our effluent and result in lower treatment/processing requirements, but no data exists to support this.

Does anyone ever check the discharge meters?

Yes (every year) but they are not as precise as clean water devices. Flow per household is probably higher for us than Roseville.

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Every two years someone from Facility Services shows up and asks for an increase. Is this real or not? Which costs have increased and why?

This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new permitting requirements for public sewer collection systems, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2. New (discharge) regulations require fee increase. Operations cost are higher; treatment processes that are more expensive are affecting treatment costs in Roseville. New permitting requirement + more pipes & lift stations. \$800k increase in one-year costs vs \$700k rate increase, so projected hike will not cover expected cost increases. Regulatory compliance will cost \$100k/yr for several years.

Is an infrastructure analysis available?

No.

What does the SMD2 district look like?

Here's a map.

Is the capital budget other than shown on this handout?

Sort of, but not here and in a readily consumable format.

What is the capital increase due to new requirements?

Don't know but South Placer Wastewater Authority & City of Roseville reviews capital budgetary plans regularly.

Are there any industrial (or agricultural) waste generators, because proposed requirements don't look pertinent to household discharge?

Oh yes they are, and expensive too.

What is the break down of the increases vis-à-vis passthrough, installation, and new regulations?

Hard to say but any funding shortfalls can usually be made up by costs of new connections. Cutting costs is a goal, and cuts could come from overtime reductions, efficient crew scheduling;

Does our discharge flow to Dry Creek or Pleasant Grove?

Predominantly Dry Creek, but we pay for both facilities and Pleasant Grove while newer (and more expensive) is more efficient.

How near capacity are we?

Don't know.

For developers, traffic & sewer fees are highest; what portion goes to capital equipment?

Connection fees are devoted to capital and are capacity-related. Current reserve is about \$2.4M with future upsizing costs to approach \$8M.

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Will there be any change to EDU (equivalent Dwelling Units)?

No, district is constrained to use Roseville methodology.

What is detectable from a smoke test?

Smoke test will show gross defects in lateral lines, like (illegal) storm drain connections – expect 50-75% of infiltration may come from private laterals.

Is there any penalty for storm drain connectors?

Nominal, for repeat offenders. Most offenders don't realize it's illegal.

We asked for feasibility of tiered system- why can't we have it?

2-tiered system has intrinsic problems: separate budgets and cost tracking for each tier, which is very challenging to do now just for one district with one rate. We would have to estimate usage and maintenance costs for individual parcels and you would end up with a system less fair than the one that you currently don't like that exists at Treelake with its proximity to Roseville.

Why can't we have an audit?

I would like to have the information relevant to the type of audit you want (operational efficiency, etc) within 2 years.

- B. Granite Bay MAC Secretary Vacancy** – Brian Jagger, Field Representative for Supervisor Kirk Uhler, notified the public of the process for applying for this position.

10. Correspondence – Correspondence was made available on the table at the front of the room.

11. Next Meeting: GB MAC June 6, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.

Subcommittee Meetings: (Held at the Eureka Union School District Office)

Douglas Blvd Corridor Committee @ 5:00 P.M.

Parks & Recreation @ 5:00 P.M.

Public Safety Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.

12. Adjournment 8:05PM