



**PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 5, 2013**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held Thursday September 5, 2013 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room.

1. Call to Order

ROMACK called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Romack, Heneveld, Sheehan, Lange, and Adriani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Georgiu and Strange

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan, and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. There were 32 audience members at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

LANGE/SHEEHAN/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2013

SHEEHAN/HENEVELD/as amended/UNANIMOUS

5. Supervisor /Tahoe Field Representative Reports

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY announced there is still time to sign up for Community Awareness Academy which continues through September in Auburn.

The final public hearing on the Placer County budget is scheduled for September 10. The Board is expected to vote on it later in September. The overall budget is down approximately 14% from the higher budgets of years past. Staffing costs are reduced approximately 14%, although there have been some increases in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collections and property tax revenues.

MONTGOMERY reported a Beilenson Hearing was held relating to the process for County employees to fill prescriptions. An agreement has been reached with RiteAid to service those prescriptions.

MONTGOMERY attended a meeting called by Congressman LaMalfa and California Fish and Wildlife to determine if three species in the Sierra Nevada should be listed as endangered.

KASTAN reported the proposed Alpine Sierra project in Alpine Meadows will be heard by the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council on October 10. Alex Fisch is the Senior Planner on the project.

6. Community Reports

There were no Community Reports.

7. Public Comment

TOM PASCHOS of Sierra Business Council announced he is coordinating an outreach campaign for Empower Placer, a programming offering low-interest financing for commercial and residential property owners to retrofit their property with renewable energy and energy efficient options.

PETER SCHWEITZER thanked those who have signed the petition for Olympic Valley incorporation. The signatures have been certified by the Placer County Registrar of Voters. SCHWEITZER reviewed the process for incorporation saying the fiscal analysis has been done and is online. The organization will have a meeting on October 6 at 3:00 PM (location to be advised).

RON TREABESS of the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) reported on upcoming infrastructure projects. The proposed bus shelter in Squaw Valley, although funded, was put on hold pending investigation of including it with a visitor information center. Plans for the center will now be considered with the proposed Squaw Valley Olympic Museum. While discussions about that project continue, Department of Public Works is asking the Board of Supervisors to get bids to get the bus shelter done this fall. Also, Mike Geary, General Manager of the Squaw Valley Public Service District (SVPSD) has asked NLTRA for funding to clear the bike path in Squaw for pedestrian use in the winter.

KASTAN announced the new model of the proposed Village at Squaw Valley, which includes the entire valley and Alpine, is on display at Base Camp in the Village.

HENEVELD announced Placer County Parks Commission staff is meeting in Tahoe on September 13 and will be touring a variety of sites in the area.

HENEVELD reminded the group of the September 22 Ironman event. For information visit ironmanlaketahoe.com or pick up a handbook designed for participants and residents at the NLTRA Visitor Center in Tahoe City.

8. Information Non-Action Item

A. Status of the Suddenlink's Project to Bring Fiber Optic to Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows for High Speed Internet – Jason Oelkers, Systems Manager, Suddenlink

JASON OELKERS reported upgrading service to Squaw and Alpine is important to Suddenlink in order to improve the performance of existing services, make customers happier, and allow Suddenlink to launch many more services including high speed internet and phone service. He explained the investigation and permitting process they've been going through to get this improved service into the Valley, including the variety of agencies they have been working with. Suddenlink has contracted with KB Foster Engineering to help with many of the issues that need to be addressed. In response to a question about a possible timeframe for improved service, Oelkers was not sure because of the extensive investigation being done. He explained the preferred route for the fiber optic lines.

Kastan expressed frustration with what seems to be a very slow process that has been going on since 2003. Oelkers acknowledged it is a lengthily detailed investigation to find the best way to provide service.

The topic was open to Public Comment.

DAVID STEPNER asked for clarification on bringing the fiber optic link into the Valley. He asked if Squaw would be more of a priority for Suddenlink if there were more customers. Oelkers said this area is already a priority for the company.

STEPHANIE PIERUCCI asked who removes abandoned lines.

Public Comment was closed and the Council members continued to ask clarifying questions, urging Oelkers to expedite the process.

B. Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan Update – Alex Fisch, Senior Planner, Placer County Planning Services

ALEX FISCH reported that since last month's announcement from the applicant of the change of submittal, everything is on hold from the County. The applicant continues to work with SVPSD on the Water Assessment. It is expected the applicant will re-initiate the project in the next 60 days, at which time the County will move forward to clarify the administrative record and re-scope the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for public review.

FISCH answered questions from the Council clarifying the status of the project. In response to a question regarding the Squaw Valley Design Review Committee, MONTGOMERY reported three new members are being sought and the posting and application process will begin soon. It is expected the DRC will meet in November, at which time they will get an overview of their role and responsibilities and then be brought up to speed on the Village project.

The topic was open to Public Comment.

DAVID STEPNER asked for clarification on the DRC and FISCH explained how the Committee will be made familiar with the Village project, as well as the guidelines and standards under which they function.

PETER VAN ZANT of Sierra Watch asked for clarification on the timeframe for releasing the revised NOP. FISCH said that depends on when the applicant re-submits to the County. After that's done, the County will do necessary technical editing, which could take about 30 days, and then the NOP will be re-circulated.

Public Comment was closed.

C. Report on the Pickleball Courts Project at the Squaw Valley Park – Andy Fisher, Senior Planner, Parks and Grounds Division, Placer County Facility Services

JOHN RAMERIZ reported the County has received numerous requests over the years for permanent Pickleball courts in Squaw Valley Park. The main concern has always been funding for maintenance. The County has met with Tahoe City Public Utility District Parks Department, which maintains Squaw Valley Park, and was told that maintaining Pickleball courts would not affect their costs for the work they already do in the park. The County has figured out space for 3 courts, although some parking will be lost, and Park Dedication Fees could be used for construction. There is a Pickleball group in Squaw that has offered to pay for nets, striping, etc., and help with labor. RAMERIZ explained the process for building the courts, saying an engineering consultant needs to investigate drainage on the site and prepare cost estimates. The County will hire that consultant.

RAMERIZ reviewed the Park Maintenance budget for Squaw Valley. He hopes to get the design done this winter and construction in the spring will take approximately 30 days.

The topic was open for Public Comment.

JOHN WILCOX voiced concern that the proposed location of the courts would preclude building the Olympic Heritage Museum in the Park. He said that if this location stands, the Olympic Heritage Committee will go to the Board of Supervisors for remedy and possibly hire an attorney if necessary. If this project (Pickleball courts) moves forward in this location, it won't be fun for anyone. The park is 35 acres and there are other locations that are made suitable. WILCOX suggested HENEVELD was involved in this decision, but RAMERIZ assured WILCOX that HENEVELD was not at the meeting when the site was selected. RAMERIZ thought the Park was off the table as a location for the Museum and said that although he does not know the status of the Museum, that is not an allowable use for the park.

RON TREABESS asked for clarifications on details of the proposed courts, including parking and the height of the fence.

A brief discussion followed regarding the location selected. MONTGOMERY said the County continues to work with Museum proponents on alternate locations.

9. MAC Member Reports / Sub-Committee Reports

There were no additional reports.

10. Future Agenda Items

- KASTAN will see if a new letter should be submitted in support of using TOT to pay for clearing the bike trail this winter.
- HENEVELD asked that the bus shelter and Visitor Information Center be on the next agenda.
- KASTAN reported an information item will be on the next agenda about a proposal for single family residences on the Squaw Valley Stables site.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – October 3, 2013 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary