

County of Placer
MEADOW VISTA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Placer Hills School – Room 2
16801 Placer Hills Road, Meadow Vista, CA

Members Present:

Mike Walker, Chair
Connie Alward-Mayer
Laurie Sweeney
Laura Rosebush
Anders Hauge

County Staff:

Jennifer Montgomery, District 5 Supervisor
Teri Ivaldi, Chief of Staff
Jocelyn Maddux, County Aide
Shari Teal, MAC Contract Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER / Introduction of MAC Members – 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2016

ANDERS/SWEENEY/UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 3, 2016

SWEENEY/ANDERS/UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS: This is the time for members of the public to address the MAC on any matter NOT listed on the agenda including upcoming community events or announcements. Please note that the MAC is not permitted to take action on items addressed during public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Stewart Feldman thanked the County for providing sand bags and sand for the second year.

6. INTRODUCTION OF MAC MEMBERS, COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

7. PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

a. Placer County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Morrell reminded all to lock their cars and homes. Theft incidents have occurred. She was available for any questions.

b. California Highway Patrol – None

c. Placer Hills Fire Department – Chief Gow provided the monthly call report. One of the incidents which occurred was a dog rescue which resulted in an adoption. Reminder to clean chimneys to prevent chimney creosote fires. Fire department funding research is ongoing.

d. Cal Fire – None

e. Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council – None.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Jennifer Montgomery, Board of Supervisor, Placer County

- Placer County Animal Shelter has expanded their hours to full service. Councilmember Sweeney mentioned that the Placer County Animal Services Lost and Found feature has been very active. She noted that there seems to be a fair amount of successful results where owners are reunited their lost pets

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community Center – Fred Eichenhofer - Thanked the Meadow Vista MAC for recommending approval for parking lot improvements funds. Lighting plans were summarized. BOS will make the final approval. A meeting has been held with the contractor who will start the job in April, weather depending. Doors could be open by May 2016.

b. MAC PAC Patrice Taylor - Plants are soaking in the great rain and growing.

c. Meadow Vista Beautification and Safety – Stewart Feldman – A meeting was held with the County to discuss the Meadow Vista beautification and safety plans. A broadening committee has been formed and volunteers are invited to join. Requests have been made to the County to provide for improvement to pedestrian areas alongside the arboretum. Consideration for extension of the design corridor area beyond Combie Road in order to cover all businesses was also requested. Design Review Committee, Merchants' Assn. and Meadow Vista Trails Assn. are important interfaces. Stamped concrete pattern samples are being looked at. Projected timeline will be presented by the County this spring. Construction is estimated to take less than a year. A Facebook page has been created titled, Meadow Vista Safety and Beautification.

d. Meadow Vista Library – Connie Alward-Mayer -The original library committee has been disbanded. Some members and others want to establish another committee to explore more library options. Additional information will be provided next month.

Council Member Laurie Sweeney – Plans are moving ahead for nomination and event planning for the **Annual Community Service award**

10. INFORMATIONAL/NON-ACTION ITEM – NONE

11. ACTION ITEM:

- A. **Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance:** In light of the October 9th, 2015 passage of the California Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) regarding commercial medical marijuana cultivation, Placer County is in the process of drafting an ordinance that seeks to balance the legal rights of patients and caregivers with those of adjoining neighbors and other community members with regards to the cultivation, production, and distribution of this product in the unincorporated areas of the County.

County staff members Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner, Bekki Riggan, Deputy CEO and George Rosasco, Supervising Planner provided overviews of the recently passed state legislation (MMRSA) and the proposed Placer County Medical Marijuana Ordinance. This proposed ordinance will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for action at a future date

Following the presentations some of the comments/questions offered included, but were not limited to:

- How do the regulation requirements for marijuana compare to regulations for winery/distillery?
- Benefits of medical marijuana
- What are the current marijuana regulations?
- When will the regulations once approved go into effect?
- Sources of funds for fire, police, code enforcement and administration to support these regulations
- Need for water management and code enforcement
- Will taxes need to be approved by voters?
- What is the vision of the County?
- Concern about water use issues; fee structure
- How many dispensaries will be allowed; what will be selection method?
- Is there an education component in the drafting of the subject ordinance?
- What are Nevada and El Dorado Counties' marijuana ordinances?
- Cultivation requirements on small lots and acreage

MOTIONS:

1. Recommend approval of Placer County to have zoning and land use regulations to control the location, amount, and distribution of medical marijuana consistent with the State regulatory framework.

SWEENEY/HAUGE/UNANIMOUS

2. Recommend approval that industry bear the cost of regulation through fees and taxes.

HAUGE/SWEENEY/UNANIMOUS

3. Support creating a comprehensive framework for regulation of medical marijuana including:

- a. **Allow and regulate outdoor cultivation**
- b. **Allow and regulate indoor cultivation**

c. Allow and regulate dispensaries

ALWARD-MAYER/ROSEBUSH/UNANIMOUS

12. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Scheduled Meeting is on March 2, 2016. Agenda Items: Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson; Citizen of the Year Award preparation

13. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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