



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 7, 2016**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held on Thursday April 7, 2016 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room.

1. Call to Order

STEPNER called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stepner, Lange, Strange, and Heneveld. Romack arrived at 7:03 PM.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adriani

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan, and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

All Members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

STRANGE/LANGE/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2016

LANGE/STRANGE/UNANIMOUS

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY reported the question of allowing open containers of alcohol in public has been tabled. The Sheriff's Department feels they have the tools with State law to deal with the issue. There is a surplus of cats and dogs available for adoption at the Auburn Animal Shelter. On April 9, fees for adoptions and vaccinations will be reduced. The Medical Marijuana ordinance language is being crafted and will come back to the MACs before the Board votes.

Placer County received a \$2.1 million grant for affordable housing. The funds are available in vouchers and most will be allocated to veterans in the County. Work continues on updating the master plan for the Placer County Government Center in Auburn. An election is scheduled for June 7 and polling place workers are being recruited. Placer County is offering tax help in Rocklin and North Auburn. At last week's Board of Supervisor's meeting, a proposal was presented for a new crime lab and coroner's facility for the County.

The Board of Supervisors is meeting at the Resort at Squaw Creek on April 18 and 19, 2016.

KASTAN reported the final EIR for the Specific Plan was released today. A NOP will be released for the Gondola Project, which will require an EIR and EIS. Regarding the recent presentation from the Resort at Squaw Creek for the new subdivision, the applicant has requested an extension. Michael Johnson has announced his retirement from the Placer County Planning Department. KASTAN will follow up on the "exceptions" questions raised by SVMAC.

MONTGOMERY answered questions clarifying her report. It was noted the response time on the final EIR is incorrect. HENEVELD asked if the \$250 fee for a hard copy of the document could be waived. MONTGOMERY noted a CD is available.

6. Community Reports

There were no Community Reports given.

7. Public Comment

ED HENEVELD reported on grants received by Friends of Squaw Creek. Although restoration work can be done in the meadow area, there are constraints to doing more until it is clear when KSL will do the work they've committed to. FoSC can only work on public property because public funds (the grants) cannot be used for private obligations.

HENEVELD has heard the Squaw Valley Museum group is making a proposal to put the museum at Squaw Valley Park. He asked that anytime anything is proposed for the Park, it come to SVMAC for public vetting.

DAVID STEPNER noted the Highway 89 Realignment project in Tahoe City is scheduled to begin this summer and continue for 2 years. Sign up on-line for updates at tahoetransportation.org.

8. Action Item

- A. **Recommendation of approval for a Variance for the Falkner Garage for an easterly setback from 5' to 0' – a Minor Boundary Line Adjustment was approved by the County to eliminate any Squaw Valley Resort, LLC property covered by the Falkner garage on Granite Peak Road. This Variance gives the property on the easterly side of the garage to the Squaw Valley Resort – Allen Breuch, Supervising Planner – Tahoe, Placer County Planning Services, and Jason Dhuy, Senior Civil Engineer, JKGD Architectural Engineering**

ALLEN BREUCH reminded the Council of this project for 2 structures and an underground garage. Today's request is for a lot line adjustment and side setback variance. He showed the requests on a site map. If approved, this will only be a mapping change. There will be no changes to the already approved project. KSL and Placer County have approved this request. Work is scheduled to begin this summer.

BREUCH and JASON DHUY answered questions clarifying the request, including why it is being made to "clean up" the property lines. The proposed structures are not being changed or moved. Landscaping will be installed to establish a barrier between the ski run and the garage.

The topic was open to public comment. DAVID BREW asked for clarification on the location of the structures. Public comment was closed.

Motion to recommend approval of a variance for the Falkner Garage for an easterly setback from 5' to 0' and a Minor Boundary Line Adjustment. LANGE/STRANGE/Motion carried with abstention from HENEVELD.

9. Information Item

- A. **Squaw Valley Ski Area Traffic Management Program update – Kevin Taber, Public Works Manager – Road Maintenance, Placer County Department of Public Works and Facilities, and Mike Livak, Executive Vice President and Kyle Crezee, Ski Traffic Program Manager, Squaw Valley Resort, LLC**

KEVIN TABER reported Placer County issues an encroachment permit for traffic management on Squaw Valley Road, which is evaluated every year. This year, there were adjustments made during the winter to alleviate traffic including Changeable Message Signs and pedestrian crossings. Next winter, Placer County will install more signage related to parking. TABER introduced KYLE CREZEE, who narrated a Power Point presentation showing traffic management measures taken this winter in cooperation with the County, Caltrans, and the California Highway Patrol. These measures included signage, 3-lane

programming, timing of traffic lights at Squaw Valley Road and Alpine Meadows Road, increased staffing and the use of 3rd party contractors to direct traffic, and parking and traffic flow adjustments. CREZEE said that for next winter, Squaw Valley Resort is committed to installing more CMS signs, radar speed signage, cameras, more “no parking” signs, radio communication, and traffic counters. He discussed a proposed carpool pilot program and how Squaw is working with the Resort Triangle Transit Vision Coalition (RTTVC).

HENEVELD asked for clarification on the RTTVC. MONTGOMERY explained it is comprised of representatives from Placer County, Tahoe Transportation District, the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association, and other agencies and businesses that meet regularly to consider solutions to traffic issues in the North Tahoe/Truckee area. HENEVELD noted the day Squaw closed because of traffic and parking issues, which all agreed was an anomaly and the first day that has ever happened. HENEVELD asked about measures being taken to slow down traffic. Other Council members asked similar questions, given challenges to pedestrians or people trying to turn left onto Squaw Valley Road from side streets. A brief discussion followed regarding measures being considered.

The topic was open to public comment. MIKE CARABETTA read a statement regarding traffic flow and parking requirements, how the rules and regulations are, or are not, being enforced, and potential safety issues.

PATTI GUILFORD noted previous plans to extend the bike path. Discussion followed on why the previous plan stalled and how to request that be done. GUILFORD stated that with the 3-lane program and more cars on the road, air quality is being impacted. Also, there is a lot of garbage at the bridge.

FRED ILFELD asked about Highway 89. It was noted that tonight’s topic is limited to Squaw Valley Road.

CHASE SCHWEITZER asked for clarification on the proposed car pool program.

EVAN BENJAMINSON asked for clarification on the County’s Encroachment Permit. TABER said it covers the 3-laning program on Squaw Valley road. BENJAMINSON suggested the County needs to be more involved in managing traffic and parking. Placer County Sheriff’s deputies should be on site as people with authority to issue tickets and tow.

KEITH FOUNTAIN suggested better enforcement is needed to protect pedestrians. He agreed with comments about extending the bike path and suggested it be done this summer with other paving plans. Discussion followed regarding options for getting the bike path extended sooner rather than later and why it wasn’t put in with the rest of the path.

SAL MONTFORD spoke on behalf of Squaw Valley Fire and said the parking and traffic issues at the ski area did not impede emergency vehicles. He thanked Squaw Valley and the CHP for the work they did managing traffic, even on very busy days. The day the road was closed was the first time in his 38 years at Squaw that MONTFORD has even seen anything like that. He suggested the local Valley shuttle be re-instituted. Widening Squaw Valley Road would provide shoulders for emergency vehicles and possibly help traffic flows.

Public comment was closed. Discussion continued regarding the PR campaign for the car pool program and ways to keep traffic flowing, given other impacts such as Highway 89 and the Mousehole. STEPNER suggested a walkway be investigated using a-rail in front of the Meadows condominiums down Squaw Valley Road. STEPNER further suggested keeping track of available parking spaces and alert people at both ends of Highway 89.

10. MAC Member Reports / Sub-Committee Reports

A. Squaw Valley Design Review – Kevin Strange

The Committee did not meet today.

B. Parks and Recreation – Lindsay Romack and Ed Heneveld

HENEVELD reported the approvals for the pickleball courts are still in progress. The project may begin in July.

C. Shirley Canyon Trails – Alisa Adriani

KASTAN announced Volunteer Day is July 9, 2016.

11. Future Agenda Items

KASTAN announced a Special SVMAC meeting will be convened at 3pm on Saturday May 14 at PlumpJack to consider the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan. The Council will be asked to make a recommendation on the Specific Plan only, not the final EIR. KASTAN will confirm the meeting when he hears from 1 more SVMAC member. Three members need to recuse themselves and until KASTAN hears from the last member, there is no assurance of a quorum.

LANGE asked if traffic on Highway 89 can be considered. MONTGOMERY noted that is a State, not County Highway and the Traffic Management Plan is only for Squaw Valley Road.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting for May 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM has been cancelled. The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on May 14, 2016 at 3:00 PM at PlumpJack.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary