



County of Placer  
**Newcastle Ophir Municipal Advisory Council**  
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**January 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – Approved 3/20/2023**  
**Newcastle Elementary School**  
**645 Kentucky Greens Way, Newcastle Ca 95658**

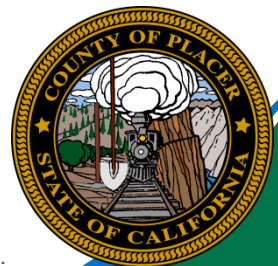
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- 1. Called to Order at 7:01pm & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:**
  - **Present:** April Pay Chair; Elliott Rose, Vice-Chair; Sam Moore, Karen Green, Steve Palmer, Dennis Jacinto
- 3. Statement of Meeting Procedures - read by April Pay, Chair**
- 4. Approval of January 19, 2023, Agenda**
  - **Approved:** Elliott Rose / Karen Green / Unanimous
- 5. Approval of September 15, 2022, Minutes**
  - **Approved:** Karen Green / Elliott Rose / Unanimous
- 6. Public Comment:**
  - Claire Dunlap – voiced her concerns about Indian Hill Road and the increased traffic, accidents and homes being built.
  - A Pioneer representative (Alexia Retallack also on Fish & Game Commission) spoke about Pioneer Community Energy and the cost savings of approximately \$40 million for customers. Pioneer's rates are approximately 20% less than PG&E.
  - Mike Lutzker – spoke about two properties being rezoned from business to residential without proper notification to the property owners.
  - Patty Neifer has concerns over the Project 8 Winery's EIR that has been released and the discrepancies she's come across. She encouraged everyone to read it. She also left a copy of a correspondence that she asked be e-mailed to all MAC members.
- 7. Reports:**
  - A. Local Government:**

Placer County District 3 Supervisor Jim Holmes (Beverly Roberts, District Director)

    - District 2 Supervisor Robert Weygandt retired at the end of 2022 after 28 years of service. Shanti Landon was elected in November to replace him.
    - Jane Christensen is the new County Executive Officer. She replaced Todd Leopold, who resigned in June 2022.
    - Treasurer-Tax Collector Jenine Windeshausen retired.

The Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More information at: [placer\\_county\\_ca.gov/bos/MAC's](http://placer_county_ca.gov/bos/MAC's). Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office at 530-889-4010.



- Supervisor Holmes was elected as the 2023 Chair of the Board of Supervisors
- A “safe camp” for homeless will open by the end of February. It will provide short-term shelter and a place for homeless to shower and eat.

Placer County District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson (Sophie Fox, District Director)

- Planning Commission - District 5 is currently vacant. Interested parties are encouraged to apply.
- The Department of Parks and Open Space Director resigned. The duties of the position have been placed under the Placer County Agriculture Commissioner Josh Huntsinger.

Placer County District 4 Supervisor Suzanne Jones (Michael Spelis, District Director) – Not present

#### **B. Public Safety:**

- Newcastle Fire Protection District – Chief Ian Gow
  - The new fire station in Newcastle opened on December 15th. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an Open House for the public from 2pm to 5pm.
  - Placer Hills and Newcastle are in the process of merging. LAFCO is in the process of doing a municipal service survey which is expected to be completed in July. If the merger is approved, Station 41 will become a paramedic fire station.
    - April Pay asked when the public will be able to provide input regarding the merger. Chief Gow was not sure but said he will be getting more information and will keep the MAC updated.
  - Battalion Chief John Williamson mentioned Newcastle’s old fire station is for sale. The following stats were provided:

- 63 in December	- 7 vehicle accidents
- 3 vehicle fires	- 1 hazardous wire down
- 3 structure fires	- 6 fire alarms
- 32 medical aid	- 633 total calls for 2022
- 11 public assists	
- CHP - Officer Chris Kelly provided the following stats for 2022:

+ 1,700 calls for service	+ 388 DUI arrests
+ 21 fatalities ( <i>fatality rate was higher due to auto pedestrian fatalities and a quadruple fatal in Granite Bay</i> )	+ 64 Felony arrests
	+ 2,000+ disabled/stranded motorists
+ 7,000 citations issued	+ 52 recovered stolen vehicles

There’s been an uptick in transient activity and loitering in the Park & Rides. There was an aggressive transient in an RV at the Ophir Park and Ride. It took a few weeks to get resolution to that because of the towing fees. Officer Kelly encourages people to call if they notice suspicious vehicles.

- Placer County Sheriff’s Office – Not present

**C. MAC Member Reports and Correspondence**

- Elliott Rose reported on the Mandarin Festival. Major vendors have already signed up for the 2023 festival.
- Karen Green announced the Newcastle Area Business Association will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. They must live in the Newcastle, Ophir or Penryn area. Applications are due March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Action Items:**

**A. Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair**

- **April Pay, Chair - Approved:** Elliott Rose / Karen Green / Unanimous
- **Steve Palmer, Vice Chair - Approved:** Karen Green / Elliott Rose / Unanimous

**B. Newcastle-Ophir MAC Draft 2023 Meeting Schedule**

- **Option 1** – (Current schedule / Third Thursday odd months at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- **Option 2 – Approved:** Elliott Rose / Sam Moore / Unanimous  
Meetings will now be the third Monday of odd months starting at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., starting on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Information Items:**

- A. Placer County Mobility & Infill Acceleration Study (all Districts)** - a presentation on the MIAS Project was given by Angel Green, Senior Planner of the Planning Services Division. The County was recently awarded with a grant from the Sustainable Communities Grant Program to complete a Mobility and Infill Acceleration Study. The MIAS project will identify land use and transportation strategies to improve air quality and enhance community health. The MIAS project is focused on five “Infill Opportunity Areas” to evaluate how potential strategies and enabling actions could produce benefits in different settings.

Comments from MAC members and residents concerned that property owners and the community were not made aware this study was being conducted.

- 10. Adjourned at 8:53 pm** until the next regular meeting “pending” Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm or Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm.