



County of Placer
Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council
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2/2/2022 MEETING MINUTES: APPROVED 3/2/2022

6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022

Meeting Location: Granite Bay Library 6475 Douglas Blvd. Granite Bay

Online via Zoom (link below) | **Meeting ID: 946 6958 3416**

This was an in-person meeting for the MAC members and county staff, and the public was also welcome to participate in person.

Options for the public to participate virtually were also offered as follows:

Members of the public observed and participated in this meeting by accessing the following web link: <https://placer-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94669583416>

Members of the public accessed meeting audio by calling 1-877-853-5247 (Toll Free) or 1-888-788-0099 (Toll Free) **Conference ID: 946 6958 3416**

1. **Call to Order** – 6:00p by Chair Amber Beckler
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
 - **Present:** Virgil Anderson, Amber Beckler, Gary Flannigan, Sandra Harris, Chris Hill, Kris Johnson, and Nick Johnson
 - **Absent:** None
4. **Approval of January 5th, 2022 Minutes**
 - Approved: Gary Flanagan / Nick Johnson / Unanimous approval
5. **Approval of February 2nd, 2022 Agenda**
 - Item 9.a stricken from the Agenda – will be moved to a future agenda
 - Approved: Sandy Harris / Virgil Anderson / Unanimous approval
6. **Public Safety & MAC Member Reports**
 - A. Placer County Sheriff's Office – Not Present
 - B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Dave Martinez
 - January 2022 Statistics: 145 collisions (71 injury, 74 non-injury), 45 DUI arrests, 87 tows, 450 citations (355 moving), 1 fatal

The 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 info at www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac. 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.



accident, 174 motor assists, 130 verbal warnings. There were 13 collisions in Granite Bay.

- The Newcastle office is still experiencing some staffing shortages. They now have 20 officers, with 2 more coming in this month and 4 more coming in April. They typically have 4-5 officers out on day shift and swing shift. After 11p, officers must be doubled-up, so for graveyard shift they have two cars with two officers.
- In response to a resident, Officer Martinez confirmed that CHP is actively responding to homeless encampments in the area in partnership with CalTrans and Placer County Health Department. He asks that residents please contact them about encampments as they are not always aware of all of them.

C. South Placer Fire – Chief Duerr

- January Statistics: 352 calls for service (250 medical, 8 fires, remainder were service or good intent). 47 of the medical calls were from care facilities
- At the January meeting of the board, it was voted to move forward with the benefit assessment. More information will be presented at the March meeting.
- In response to a question from MAC Member Sandy Harris (referencing Rocklin FD) Chief Duerr shared that SPFD is looking into charging care facilities for medical calls.

D. CalFire – Not Present

E. MAC Member reports

- Sandy Harris – San Juan Water District voted at their recent meeting to raise rates 8% per year for the next 3 years, for a total of a 24% increase.
- In response to resident concerns, MAC Member Amber Beckler suggested that it be arranged for SJWD representatives to attend a future MAC meeting.

7. Public Comment

- John Marshall – expressed concerns about a property owner with a long history of filling in the flood plain and who is going before the Board of Supervisors again seeking approval for a plan that was rejected 3 years ago. If his plans are approved, there is concern that

it will impact the surrounding neighbors who would then take on flood liability.

- Steve Dole – shared concerns regarding the removal of trees and damages to protected wetlands at the Whitehawk II development. He has observed that the developers have not protected the stormwater runoff. The neighboring McBride property owners may be receptive to creating a wildland preserve.
- Cheryl Berkema – echoed concerns regarding Whitehawk II and Rancho Del Oro. It does not seem that violations are being investigated and penalties enforced. The county needs to send a strong message that violations will not be tolerated.

8. Information Non-Action Items

A. Folsom Dam Raise Project

US Army Corps of Engineers gave an overview of the Folsom Dam Raise Project which will enhance the utilization of the existing Folsom Dam surcharge flood storage space, as well as increase the surcharge (temporary water storage space utilized during rare flood events) flood storage capacity of the reservoir.

Presenter: Chelsea Stewart, US Army Corps of Engineers, Project Manager (via zoom)

- The project will raise 8 dykes and 4 dams by 3.5 feet by 2025. There is a website (<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Folsom-Dam-Raise/>) where residents may find more information or contact USACE with questions/concerns.
- During construction, existing trails will be replaced with nearby temporary trails, and upon completion all trails will be restored to their current states.
- In response to questions regarding the impact this project may have on the FEMA flood plain maps for the area and other details of the project, the USACE asked residents to refer to the Environmental Impact Report.

B. Flocksafety License Plate Reader Camera

MAC member Gary Flanagan invited Hans Geyer to discuss Flocksafety License Plate Reader Cameras that have been installed by his HOA in Sierra de Montserrat. Those cameras have enabled the HOA to help police solve several crimes, create local traffic surveys and provide exact speed surveys of through traffic through their neighborhood.

Presenter: Hans Geyer

- Flocksafety has been a cost-effective and simple way for their HOA to improve safety in their neighborhood. The database is easily searchable by date, time, license plate number, and frequency. In response to MAC Member questions, Hans clarified that the cameras can take photos at night.

9. Action Items:

A. Granite Bay Medical Office Complex

Stricken from the Agenda and will be rescheduled at a later MAC meeting.

B. Committees – Discussion and adoption of Committee format and composition for 2022

- MAC Members discussed the importance of the work the existing committees are doing but noted that there is a need to address traffic issues. They also noted that committees would benefit from resident participation and residents are encouraged to reach out if interested.
- Motion by Gary Flannigan to keep the existing Granite Bay Community Plan Committee and Natural Resources, Open Space, and Trails Committee and to add a Traffic Committee. The motion was seconded by Nick Johnson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Council.
- Committees were organized as follows:
 - Granite Bay Community Plan: Sandy Harris, Kris Johnson, and Chris Hill with residents Cheryl Berkema, Diana Newsom, and Jane Negri
 - Natural Resources, Open Spaces, and Trails: Virgil Anderson, Gary Flannigan, and Amber Beckler with residents Cheryl Berkema and Karen Flannigan
 - Traffic: Chris Hill, Kris Johnson, and Nick Johnson
- County staff will advertise the committees to residents in the newsletter and email blast.

C. Letter to PCA In Support of Prop 1 Grant Application for Miner's Ravine Restoration Project (Cottonwood Dam) – consider whether to draft and provide to the Placer Conservation Authority a letter in support of their

application for Proposition 1 funds to be used for the removal of Cottonwood Dam on Miner's Ravine and restoration of essential riverine and riparian habitat.

- Motion by Kris Johnson to draft a letter in support of PCA's application for Proposition 1 funds to be used for the removal of Cottonwood Dam. The motion was seconded by Gary Flannigan and passed unanimously.

10. Supervisor Report

A. Led by Supervisor Jones

- Rancho Del Oro and Sehr winery are currently under investigation. Supervisor Jones is actively following the progress and will report back when there is additional information.
- Placer County has a new Compliance Team which Supervisor Jones and Director Spellis are working closely with to not allow further violations.
- Supervisor Jones encouraged all interested residents to please attend San Juan Water District Board Meetings so that they can make their voices heard. Residents are also able to request free water usage audits.
- Residents are asked to please report any homeless encampments to Supervisor Jones's office. Placer County is working with the Gathering Inn on a potential Campus of Hope, which would house all social services under one roof for persons experiencing homelessness. A property across from the Santucci Justice Center in unincorporated Placer County is being considered. There is also a discussion of converting the Hampton Inn at Douglas and I-80 into a housing complex using grant funds. These services would require clients to meet a one-year residency requirement.

11. Subcommittee Reports

A. Granite Bay Community Plan Workshop update – No report

B. Natural Resources, Open Space & Trails Committee update – No report

12. Adjournment: At 8:38p until the next regular meeting on March 2nd, 2022.