



County of Placer
Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council
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3/2/2022 MEETING MINUTES: APPROVED 4/6/2022

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

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

Online via Zoom (link below) | **Meeting ID: 988 9194 9866**

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 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/98891949866>

Members of the public accessed meeting audio by calling 1-877-853-5247 (Toll Free) or 1-888-788-0099 (Toll Free) **Conference ID: 988 9194 9866**

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 February 2, 2022 Minutes

- **Approved:** Gary Flanagan / Nick Johnson / Unanimous approval

5. Approval of March 2, 2022 Agenda

- **Motion made by Sandy Harris to remove item 9A (Bayside Fields action item) from the agenda due to EIR not being ready in time for review.**

Members of the MAC expressed concern about the lack of notice and review time for the project's new EIR and considered moving the action item to a future date. They confirmed with Bennett Smithhart that the Bayside Fields project was coming before the Planning Commission on March 24, 2022, and therefore decided to move forward with the item so that MAC and resident views could be represented to the Planning Commission. Motion died for lack of a second.

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.



- **Motion to approve March 2, 2022 Agenda with the amendment that the Natural Resources, Open Spaces and Trails Committee Update (item 11A) be moved to MAC Member Reports (item 6E).**
 - **MOTION:** Virgil Anderson/Nick Johnson
 - **Yes** – Virgil Anderson, Amber Beckler, Gary Flannigan, Chris Hill, Kris Johnson, and Nick Johnson
 - **No** – Sandy Harris
 - **Abstain** – None
 - **Absent** – None
 - **MOTION PASSED: 6/1**

6. Public Safety & MAC Member Reports

- A.** Placer County Sheriff's Office – None
- B.** California Highway Patrol – Officer Dave Martinez
 - February 2022 report: 82 non-injury collisions, 77 injury collisions, 393 citations, 225 motor assist, 39 DUI arrests, 2 fatalities. Of these, 14 of the crashes were in Granite Bay.
 - CHP was present at the Lakeside Little League Opening Day on March 6, 2022.
 - CHP offers Smart Start presentations to groups of new drivers. Please call the Auburn office if interested in scheduling one.
 - CHP now has Officer Chris Kelly working on issues related to homeless people and encampments. He can be reached at the Newcastle office 916.663.3344.
- C.** South Placer Fire – Chief Mark Duerr
 - February 2022 report: 275 responses, 178 for EMS, 60 general aid, 13 fires, 24 calls from care facilities (9% of calls)
 - SPFD Board will be meeting March 9, 2022 to discuss tax assessment with SCI consultant.
- D.** CalFire – Ryan Woessner, Fire Marshall – Placer County
 - January 2022 report compared to January 2021: 12 acres burned (5 acres in 2021), 33 wildland fires (14 in 2021), 63 structure fires (55 in 2021). Vegetation fires have double last year.
 - Placer Crews 1 and 2 have been working out at Granite Bay and Beal's Point creating 2 miles of 100ft-wide defensible space and

piling/burning debris. Each crew costs on \$228/day, which is a great price for the amount they are able to do.

- In response to a resident question, he explained that helicopters at Folsom Lake are doing their Winter safety checkoffs. They come out of McClellan and it is safest for them to do the checks over water.

E. MAC Member reports

- Kristine Johnson – Natural Resources, Open Space & Trails Committee update
 - The committee has been reviewing the master plan of current and planned trails. They are looking for ways to connect trails to the Granite Bay business districts.
 - Trail Boost is a non-profit created by Granite Bay resident Scott Piefer which supports the development of trails with tax-deductible donations. They are focused on connecting the dots between the existing trails.
 - The MAC may want to consider splitting the committee into a Natural Resources Committee and a Trails Committee.

7. Public Comment:

- Jim Gardner—lives in Folsom Lake Estates and is having issues with the drainage canal that borders his property but is located on a County easement. It is currently 95% blocked and likely to soon cause flooding. Supervisor Jones indicated that she and Director Spellis will assist him with getting it taken care of at the county.
- Brady Nation – expressed concern regarding SB 9 & 10 (new high-density housing laws). He is hoping the County will consider mitigation measures and a moratorium on new permits.
- John Marshea –expressed concern regarding the floodplane his neighbor is filling. He expressed gratitude to Supervisor Jones and Director Spellis for assisting him with the matter.

8. Information Non-Action Items

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Planning Services Division staff is preparing text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that will include minor technical clarifications and corrections to fix grammatical issues and resolve language conflicts, targeted revisions to specific sections of existing code, and re-writing code sections to be consistent with recently adopted housing and habitat conservation programs, and to address feedback received from the public and the Board of Supervisors. Staff

elicited feedback on these proposed amendments and final changes will be presented to the MAC as an action item at a later date.

Presenter: Kally Kedinger-Cecil, Senior Planner (via zoom)

- MAC members expressed concern about the new language giving too much authority to the Planning Director and removing MACs from the process. MAC members spend time reading, studying, and advocating for their community, whereas townhalls are more reactionary and often are the first time that information is being shared and are therefore not the appropriate forum for decisions/recommendations.
- Kally clarified that if the Granite Bay Community Plan has stronger language than the Zoning Ordinance, then the GBCP wins.
- MAC members would like to see the actual language from the state law(s) that County staff cite in their interpretation of the care facilities zoning.
- Kally will provide this feedback to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

9. Action Items

A. Proposed Bayside Fields Project on Bayside Church campus in Granite Bay

Bayside Church (Applicant) proposes to develop recreation uses on a 17.3-acre portion of the 34.6-acre Bayside Church campus in Granite Bay. Proposed uses include a field area for three to five soccer fields, children's play area, picnic area, concession/restrooms building, storage building, and parking. Approximately 5.7 acres of the 17.3-acre site would be used for passive recreation. Planning Staff sought feedback from the public and a recommendation from the MAC on this proposed project. Public feedback and the MAC recommendation will be provided to the Planning Commission.

Presenter: Bennett Smithhart

- Comments in support of the fields identified the fields as a community asset, a value to local Granite Bay sports leagues with the ability to use the fields, the lighted fields allow for extended use especially those from soccer, private funding versus taxpayer funded fields, satisfies demand identified by soccer use of our existing fields in Granite Bay, and higher tech lights that limit glare.
- Representatives from local soccer and lacrosse leagues expressed the great difficulty they have in finding adequate fields for practices and games, which often leads to loss of play or needing to go to other

locations (such as Roseville or Rocklin). They felt that a community as prestigious as Granite Bay should be able to provide these types of amenities.

- Concerns were raised regarding the lighting in general and the extended use of the fields during the week and weekends, potential noise, traffic concerns, nocturnal wildlife and open space impacts, viewshed impacts of adjacent neighbors and conflicts with the Granite Bay Community plan goals, particularly around lighting and preserving the rural aesthetic.
 - Notification to neighbors was unclear and it was suggested that it needed to be more inclusive for the Planning Commission hearing.
 - Neighbors directly adjacent to the fields shared their concerns, some opposed, some with support and others with suggested compromises.
 - Some neighbors living in the vicinity of the project are experiencing noise issues with current events. They have reported issues to PCSO, but those reports are not passed along to the County. Residents were advised to contact Placer County Code Enforcement to register complaints.
 - Residents and MAC members voiced concern about the process and not receiving the EIR addendum prior to the MAC meeting and in particular to allow enough time to review the wetland mitigation and traffic mitigation sections to ensure they are properly analyzed. It was identified that the EIR should properly evaluate any new or significant impacts based on the revised CUP scope.
 - It was questioned why additional parking spaces were needed in excess of what was required by the soccer field use.
 - It was also noted as a point of concern whether the local soccer clubs would actually get access given the second priority outlined in the revised project proposal. If access was not available, this would fundamentally change the assumption of the public value outside of those that are members of Bayside Church.
- **Motion to conditionally approve the project with the following recommendations:**
1. There be reasonable accommodations made for lighting (e.g. no lights after 8:30PM on Monday through Thursday).
 2. Notice be provided to the neighborhoods adjacent to the project.
 3. Review wetland mitigation and consider opting in to the PCCP.

4. Review options for preserving the Blue Oak tree in the southeast corner of the new build area.
5. Planning commission review of the traffic impact (including the cumulative impact of this project combined with Ranch Del Oro).
 - **MOTION:** Amber Beckler/Virgil Anderson
 - **Yes** – Virgil Anderson, Nick Johnson, Amber Beckler, and Chris Hill
 - **No** – Sandy Harris and Gary Flannigan
 - **Abstain** – Kris Johnson
 - **Absent** – None
 - **MOTION PASSED: 4/2/1**

10. Supervisor Report

A. Led by Supervisor Jones

- The Parks Department has completed the fuel reduction project in Miner's Ravine. It covered 18.8 acres and cost \$50,000.
- The County has micro-grants available for small businesses. The business must be five or fewer employees and be the primary source of income for the proprietor.
- The Gathering Inn is continuing to promote their Campus of Hope. They are available to provide presentations to interested groups.

11. Subcommittee Reports

A. Granite Bay Community Plan Workshop update – none

B. Natural Resources, Open Space & Trails Committee update – moved to item 6E

12. Adjournment: At 9:58pm until the next regular meeting April 6, 2022.