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NA MAC REGULAR MEETING – July 9, 2019
Approved September 10, 2019
Community Development Resource Center, Planning Commission Hearing Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:  6:05 p.m.

2. Welcome & Introduction of Members Chair Larry Farinha, Vice Chair Mark Watts, Dave Hungerford, Steven Nichols, Mike Lutzker, Anthony Haddad

   Absent: Greg Wilbur

   Staff Present:  Jim Holmes, District 3 Supervisor, Cindy Gustafson, District 5 Supervisor, Beverly Roberts, District 3 Director, Kelly McCaughna, District 5 Aide, Shari Teal, North Auburn MAC Secretary

3. Statement of Meeting Procedures – Chair Farinha read the Statement of Meeting Procedures.

4. Approval of March 12, 2019 Agenda
   Hungerford/Lutzker/Unanimous/6/0

5. Approval of January 8, 2019 Minutes
   Watts/Hungerford/Unanimous/3/0
   Abstain: Lutzker, Haddad (New members; first meeting July 9, 2019.)

6. Public Comment:

   A request was made to include Clipper Gap into the North Auburn MAC district boundaries.

   Mary Jo was concerned about the lack of notification to surrounding homeowners and remediation of dust issues at the Auburn Trap Shooting Club
Several citizen concerns regarding fire insurance rates and availability thereof.

Opposition to the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project.
Comments were received from 14 citizens citing issues, including but not limited to: fire insurance/hazards, homelessness, vegetation management, possible reopening of the Lone Star Fire Station, request for Parks Commission to make a presentation to the MACs and preservation of agriculture.

7. Placer County Updates:

Jim Holmes, District 3 Supervisor:

Board of Supervisors has authorized PCSO to hire an additional incident management Placer County Sheriff’s officer through assistance in funding by CAL FIRE.

Cindy Gustafson, District 5 Supervisor:

Introduced new NA MAC members Lutzker and Haddad

Board of Supervisors received information update from the County Executive Office and authorized staff to engage with the California Department of Insurance via a letter to Richardo Lara, Insurance Commissioner. Staff will provide Board meeting updates to keep the Supervisors and citizens informed on the County’s actions to date.

Met with Senator Dawley. A survey providing data will be provided to him to forward to Commissioner Lara.

PGE power shut off plan presentation on July 24, 2019: Auburn (Holiday Inn Auburn, Sierra Ballroom, 120 Grass Valley Highway). County covered: Placer.

8. Public Safety Reports

A. CAL Fire: None
B. California Highway Patrol: None
C. Placer County Sheriff’s Office / POP Officers

Deputy Spencer- Recommended all to sign up for Placer Alerts; training in process of the new additional Lieutenant; 1239 total North Auburn calls for June 2019 = 6.3% increase and the Homeless Shelter had 35 calls for service.
• The Gathering Inn (Keith Diederich, CEO) – None

9. North Auburn MAC Committee Reports:

A. Chair Report/Correspondence, Larry Farinha - None
B. Transportation Committee, Mark Watts –None

10. Information Items:

A. Industrial Hemp Update

Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures provided an overview of recent changes in state and federal law regarding industrial hemp that will likely result in its legalization and regulation as an agricultural crop. As part of the process to begin developing county policy and regulation, county staff are conducting outreach and seeking input from the public regarding what hemp is, its legal status, potential concerns, how it is differentiated from cannabis, and how industrial hemp might one day fit into Placer County’s landscape. Mr. Huntsinger addressed comments and answered questions from the audience.

B. Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment

Nikki Streegan, Planning Services Division provided an overview of the proposed Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment, including key components of the CEQA analysis and policy considerations. Staff will also provide an overview of the county’s approval process and information on opportunities for public input on this item, including future public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Carol Rubin and Marilyn Jasper provided written comments for requested changes. They are attached.

Jocelyn Maddux, Lone Buffalo Winery inquired as to fees for processing of events and for code enforcement for boutique wineries.

Tina Wilkins, Vina Costellano, spoke about rights as a commercial winery farm owner.

A gentleman objected to winery events next to his property. He referenced the Grand Jury’s recommendation regarding the Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment.
Chair Farinha recused himself from agenda C as he is the applicant for the Gateway Commons Project. Vice Chair Watts assumed the chairperson’s role for this agenda item.

C. Proposed Gateway Commons Project

Chris Schmidt, Senior Planner - Gateway Commons is a proposal to develop up to 24 residential units on a 2.6 acre-project site located on the south side of Gateway Court, east of Plaza Way in North Auburn. The project proposes a Tentative Subdivision Map, Conditional Use Permit, and Administrative Approval. The project site is zoned CPD-Dc-AO (Commercial Planned Development, combining Design Scenic Corridor, combining Aircraft Overflight zone). Multi-family residential projects are allowed within the CPD zone district with approval of a Conditional Use Permit. An Administrative Approval would allow a 50-foot setback from the Wise Canal at the southeast corner of the site where 100-feet would normally be required.

D. Placer County Sustainability Plan (Climate Action Plan)

Chair Farinha resumed duties as chair of the meeting at this time.

Angel Green, Planning Services Division and Jessica McHale provided an overview of the proposed Placer County Sustainability Plan, including proposed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission reduction measures, adaptation strategies, and implementation plan. Staff will also provide an overview of the county’s approval process and information on opportunities for public input on the plan, including future community workshops and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

11. Action Item: None

12. Adjournment at 9:20 PM to the next regular meeting on September 10, 2019.

Attachments – Jasper and Rubin

Recorded and Transcribed by Shari Teal, North Auburn MAC Secretary.