



County of Placer
North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Final approved August 10, 2023

6:00 PM, Thursday, July 13, 2023

**Tahoe City Public Utility District
221 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City**

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Russ Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT:, McFadden, Herrick, Hanson, Chillemi, Roeder, Fulda, and Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steakley and Hill

STAFF PRESENT: Gustafson, Fox, Olson and Friedman

There were approximately 5 additional participants including County staff

2. Welcome & MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda for July 13, 2023

CHILLEMI/HERRICK/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2023

ROEDER/MCFADDEN/Carried with abstention from MILLER

5. Public Comment

Regina Straver distributed artwork for a poster regarding the Tahoe Basin Area Plan Amendments. She is concerned about vertical sprawl in Tahoe. No one is against development but people want to see responsible development.

Straver asked that "sidewalk vendors" be on a future agenda. They are tying up traffic and there must be better places for them.

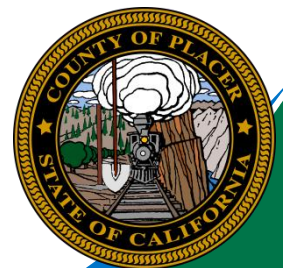
Ann Nichols from the Tahoe Preservation Alliance described the many meetings she has been attending. Last night's NTCA meeting about TOT and TBID dollars was very chaotic. It seems the same people are on so many local committees making decisions. It's very concerning. It is hard to know who the lead agency is and where to go for redress. The democratic process is being circumvented by all these committees.

Chillemi asked that people take the Take Care Tahoe – Slow Down signs.

6. Reports

A. Community Reports

The RAC 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.



Justin Broglio from the NTPUD announced the scenic overlook at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area is complete. The grand opening will be in August. The project was fully grant funded. Pickleball and tennis court improvements at the Regional Park are being funded by Park Dedication Fees.

In the grid, crews are completing installation of the new water lines as part of a larger fire suppression project.

North Tahoe Fire Protection District Fire Marshall Brent Armstrong said call volumes are breaking previous records. There has been a significant increase in auto versus pedestrian accidents.

The District is actively recruiting. Chipping has begun. Forest Fuels Manager April Shackelford is working on some larger defensible space programs with the community.

B. NTRAC Member Reports

Miller announced two Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) webinars coming up related to the Forest Fuels Program.

Miller asked about installing traffic calming measures on Polaris. Gustafson said there is a community program to request them. She will give Miller the contact.

In response to a comment from McFadden, Gustafson offered to follow up on getting the crosswalk in front of the Kings Beach Safeway painted.

Hanson asked about widening the bike trails. Friedman said a comprehensive report on bike trails is being presented at the July 21 TCPUD Board meeting.

Fulda asked the reason for the boulders and tape blocking the Five Lakes Trail parking right of way in Alpine. Gustafson will follow up.

C. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Gustafson has just returned from a vacation in Europe. She commented on how safe she and her party felt both as pedestrians and bike riders on narrow, cobblestone streets. Residents stop at cross walks and are very mindful of others.

Gustafson announced Bridget Powers and Alena Pineschi Prescott will be working in her Auburn office.

The Sheriff's Office is installing cameras in North Lake Tahoe that include license plate

readers and can provide real time information on traffic counts and speeds. Truckee is also installing the cameras.

Gustafson met with some of her North Lake Tahoe constituents today who told her that many people are angry about a variety of topics. Gustafson is very well aware of social media comments, although she does not respond online. Gustafson does respond to emails. She appreciates that some people are frustrated and how passionate residents are about this area.

Gustafson reviewed presentations and actions taken at recent Board of Supervisor meetings, particularly those that impact the North Shore. There was a recent virtual town hall regarding traffic and road work. A North Lake Tahoe specific website is being launched: placer.ca.gov/North-Lake-Tahoe.

There is up to \$5000 per property available for low income, disabled, or elderly people who need help with defensible space.

The Short-Term Rental permit caps of 3900 has not been reached. Of the 3200 permits issued, 54 first time citations have been issued and four 2nd citations.

At its August 10 meeting, the Planning Commission will hear presentations on the SNOW Museum and Tahoe Basin Area Plan Amendments. Based on public input, the most controversial issues regarding massing and height are being removed from the TBAP version being considered by the Planning Commission. There was a brief conversation about this topic coming back to NTRAC. There may not be a need since there are other opportunities for public input and Gustafson's office can always be contacted for more information.

The Board is meeting at Granlibakken on July 25.

Gustafson said the Homewood applicant is still working to find a solution that considers community feedback. It will be going to the Planning Commission, which provides an opportunity for public comment.

7. Action Items: None

8. Information Items

A. Housing Needs Rezone Program (Countywide)

May 2021 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021-2029 Housing Element, a comprehensive plan aimed at addressing and accommodating Placer County's housing needs while ensuring equitable access to housing options. Within the

Housing Element, the Housing Needs Rezone Program (Rezone Program) was established, requiring the County to identify and make available properties for higher-density, multifamily residential development through land use and zoning regulations. The program once completed will satisfy the County's requirement to meet its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. Staff will provide an informational presentation on the Rezone Program, including background, housing units required, specific properties identified to potentially be rezoned, plans for property owners and public outreach, environmental review, schedule and consequences of non-compliance.

Presenter: Jennifer Byous, Placer County Planning Services Division

Byous described the rezoning program designed to address housing needs as part of the 2021-2029 Housing Element. The benefits include broader starter home options and flexibility for property owners on housing types they can build.

Byous described the various areas where the rezoning will benefit the community. In this area, there are sites in Alpine Meadows, Martis Valley, and at Highway 89 and West River Street. Candidate sites in District 5 are those not included in Specific Plans.

There was a brief discussion clarifying the presentation, including state mandates, how the numbers and categories were determined, and benefits to the property owner.

B. Placer County General Plan Update

In November, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to initiate an update to the Placer County General Plan. The updated General Plan would look ahead to the year 2050 and is expected to propose adjustments based on current issues and emerging trends, positioning Placer County to create balanced physical and economic growth for approximately the next 25 years. Staff will provide an overview of the scope of the update, plans for public outreach, opportunities for citizen involvement, ways the Regional Advisory Council will be involved, and next steps.

Presenter: Patrick Dobbs, Placer County Planning Services Division

Byous reported the Board of Supervisors directed staff to update the General Plan. A Request for Proposals to identify a consultant has been released and proposals are due by July 21. The last Plan was done in 1994. A minor update was done in 2013 to address new codes and best management practices. There were no changes to land designation or mention of capital improvements for water, sewer, or roads. Since then, there has been a lot of growth in the County, and changes in demographics, state law, and the climate that need to be considered.

Byous anticipates a 3-5 year work program for the 2050 Comprehensive General Plan Update. She outlined the 13 steps to update the General Plan, which includes community outreach.

There are 15 community plans in the County, many of which are very out of date. Several of those will also be updated, although there is an average of two updates every 10 years.

For more information, go to Placer.ca.gov/8446/2050-General-Plan-Update

C. Correspondence

i. Correspondence received for RAC between April 20, 2023 and July 7, 2023

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Steakley asked for a report on the Secline project.
- Miller asked for an update on the biomass facility (in August or September)

10. Next Meeting Date: August 10th, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman
Recording Secretary