



County of Placer  
**Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council**  
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## **9/1/2021 MEETING MINUTES: APPROVED 10/6/2021**

6:00 PM, Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Online via Zoom (link below) | Meeting ID: 978 9952 7162

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**1. Call to Order – 6:02PM by Chair Virgil Anderson**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

- **Present:** Virgil Anderson, Amber Beckler, Craig Estes, Gary Flannigan, Sandra Harris, and Kristine Johnson
- **Absent:** Nick Johnson

**4. Approval of August 4, 2021 Minutes**

- Approved: Sandy Harris / Amber Beckler / Unanimous approval

**5. Approval of September 1, 2021 Agenda**

- Approved: Amber Beckler / Sandy Harris / Unanimous approval

**6. Public Safety & MAC Member Reports**

**A. Placer County Sheriff's Office – Officer Bliss**

- PCSO has been providing coverage in fire areas to secure homes and properties in evacuated areas. National Guard troops will be arriving to help relieve CHP and other law enforcement.
- PCSO is still seeing primarily property crimes in our area. He advised residents to please lock vehicles, do not leave valuables in cars, and do not be a “good victim”.



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](http://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.

- B. California Highway Patrol – Officer David Martinez, Auburn CHP**
- August had 172 accidents (no fatalities), 422 citations, 40 DUI arrests, and removed 46 vehicles from the roads (mainly unlicensed).
  - Auburn office had 7 officers transfer in and will be losing 5 to retirement in December 2021. Officers are currently working 12 hour shifts with no days off.
  - Senior volunteers are now back, which allowed CHP to place a radar trailer in Granite Bay. MAC Member Amber Beckler expressed appreciation for this and requested that the trailer be rotated in Granite Bay.
- C. South Placer Fire – Captain Kelly Moretti**
- SPF has crew OES on Dixie Fire. All stations are manned to full capacity but have experienced occasional “brown outs” due to staffing at Captain rank.
  - This year SPF has seen a record number of fires start from mowing, some as early as 11:30AM. Residents are asked to mow before 10AM.
  - There has been an area-wide uptick in cases of Covid-19, residents are encouraged to maintain social distancing.
- D. CalFire – Brian Mackwood, CalFire – Placer County**
- Local CalFire resources are currently involved in the Dixie and Caldor Fires. Local staffing remains good and firefighters are now at 40 days on. Two of the six management teams are deployed and the others are available to respond to new incidents.
  - Stations have average crews, good bulldozers, and have hired a helicopter for local use for the next 3 years.
  - Caldor Fire has local crews engaged, but has not yet crossed into Placer County. No homes have been impacted in South Lake Tahoe yet, but microclimates bring their own dynamics.
- E. MAC Member reports**
- Amber Beckler reported on the most recent Fish and Game Commission meeting. The Commission has grants available for non-profits and students of up to \$500 for projects related to natural resources.

## 7. Public Comment

- Resident Cheryl Berkema expressed concern regarding discussions about the Housing Zoning Text Amendments which were recently rescheduled, tiny houses on wheels, group homes of 7+ residents, and the expansion of Single-Family Residence lot coverage to 70%.

## 8. Information Non-Action Items

### **A. Staff Briefing – Update to the 2019 Douglas Blvd Community Discussion and Granite Bay Circulation Element**

Continued discussions about Douglas Blvd. and updated the MAC on Olive Ranch Rd. closure. Also, answers for questions that community members had raised to Supervisor Jones.

#### **Presenter: Ken Grehm, Director, Dept. of Public Works**

- After reviewing traffic circulation in 2018 and community workshops in 2019, the focus of discussion became safety and speed on Douglas Boulevard. Some proposals included buffered bike lanes, two new possible signals (at Berg and Woodbury) so that traffic could be timed and encourage a reasonable speed, and minimizing conflicts from left and right turns onto/off of Douglas.
- The department decided to focus on putting forward applications for Highway Safety Improvement grants, but were not successful in securing funding. They are watching for future grants and possibility of raising funds through other means (e.g. traffic impact fees and developer fees).
- In response to residents' questions, Director Grehm explained that roundabouts have been considered for use in Granite Bay. They can improve through-put and reduce the severity of accidents, but they do require more land than traditional intersections and create greater accessibility impacts for properties on their corners. For these reasons, they would not be a good fit for Douglas (size required to service the cars per day would be enormous) but are being considered for other intersections such as Barton and Eureka.
- Douglas Boulevard currently sees 40,000 cars per day and is expected to rise to 50,000 cars per day when looking at the impacts from all currently approved projects. This includes 60% local traffic and 40% through-traffic from surrounding areas. Supervisor Jones shared that there is one development (second phase of Whitehawk I) that would

trigger the widening of Douglas Boulevard to six lanes between Sierra College and Cavitt-Stallman. This is the only place where Douglas may be widened in Granite Bay.

- The setting of speed limits in California is governed by law that states that the limit will be set at the speed at which 85% of people are naturally driving. This is accomplished through speed surveys. Speed limits are then controlled through a combination of education, engineering, and enforcement.
- Regarding bike trails—on-street trails are overseen by Public Works (off-street, but the Parks Department). There is a Bikeway Master Plan available through PCTPA. There is no financing mechanism for these trails, so they are seeking grants for continued development.
  - MAC Member Amber Beckler suggests Public Works and Parks Departments should work together to create an integrated map so that efforts are coordinated and not duplicated.
  - Resident Scott Piefer has created a 501c called TrailBooster.org to allow local residents to fundraise for trail donations.

### **B. Builder Briefing – Premier Soleil update**

Premier Homes representative gave a courtesy informational update on the progress underway at Premier Soleil at Douglas & Auburn Folsom.

#### **Presenter: Kevin Whitetrip, VP Development & Special Projects, Premier Homes**

- Premier Soleil is a local company that is interested in designing homes that fit the needs of local residents and preserve the local topography and features of the lots. MAC Members expressed their appreciation for the project and the responsiveness to community input and needs.
- Buyers have expressed an interest in gating the community. MAC Members and residents expressed concerns that this would not fit with the community feeling of Granite Bay.

### **C. Staff Briefing – Granite Bay Development Update**

An overview of approved, underway and proposed projects in Granite Bay. Engineering and Surveying Division staff discussed the County's Improvement Plan approval process and construction inspection role.

#### **Presenter: Chris Schmidt, Planning**

**Adrian Compton, Engineering-Improvement Plan Review**

**Matt Bartholomew, Engineering- Construction Inspection**

- MAC Member Amber Beckler expressed concern about inspection and oversight at development sites, especially concerning unapproved tree/vegetation removal. Chris Schmidt acknowledged that staff is stretched thin and that neighbors/citizens are very helpful in alerting staff to when there is a problem. There will be penalties decided by the board for any unauthorized removals and their ultimate tools against these types of violations are stop-work notices and withholding final approval.
- MAC Member Kristine Johnson asked about the impact of CA SB9 (currently awaiting signature by the governor), which would allow most residential lots to be split into two and for two homes to be built on each of those lots. County staff shared that they are assessing what the impacts of that would be as Granite Bay would be included in its wording.

**9. Supervisor Report**

**A. District 4 projects report**

**Led by Supervisor Jones**

- Supervisor Jones attended the first redistricting meeting which had good turnout and was a great introduction to the process. There will be four future meetings and the census numbers will officially come in late September. They will be posted on the county website and resident participation is encouraged.

**10. Subcommittee Reports**

- A.** Granite Bay Community Plan Workshop update – tabled until next meeting
- B.** Natural Resources, Open Space & Trails Committee update – tabled until next meeting

**11. Adjournment:** At 9:33 PM until the next regular meeting on October 6, 2021.