10/2/2019 MEETING MINUTES: APPROVED 12/4/2019

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:00 PM
Eureka School District Office, LARGE GYM
5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome, Introduction of MAC Members & Statement of Meeting Procedures
   - Present: Tom Kruse, Eric Bose, Virgil Anderson, Walt Pekarsky
   - Absent: James Radler
   - Statement of Meeting Procedures read by Chair Virgil Anderson

3. Approval of October 2, 2019 Agenda
   - Approved: Walt Pekarsky/ Tom Kruse / Unanimous

4. Approval of August 7, 2019 Minutes
   - Approved: Eric Bose / Walt Pekarsky / Unanimous

5. Board Member & Public Safety Reports
   A. MAC Board
      Virgil Anderson – Placer County Parks Commission met a week ago. There’s a new phase of trails - 16 miles in Immigrant Pass and should be completed by October. State Parks and Placer County will both be working a portion of the project. Reviewed progress of resort triangle. Biking, hiking, walking trail.

   B. Placer County Sheriff’s Office – Deputy J. Powell
      Placer County Sheriff’s Office is hiring.
      Encouraged citizens to visit their social media. It’s a great source for information.
      - A citizen mentioned a lot of chatter on social media sites about a particular homeless person they feel is targeting senior citizens. The person is going in and out of yards. They wanted to know if there has been any outcome from that or if the Sheriff’s Office was aware of this person.
        - Deputy Powell wasn’t aware of the person but encouraged citizens to contact the Sheriff’s Office if they witness the person trespassing or involved in other illegal activities.
      - Another citizen mentioned that there is an increase in homeless people. He was wondering if the Sheriff’s Office noticed.
○ Deputy Powell said that there seems to be a lot in Auburn as well as statewide but has not noticed an increase in calls related to this issue.

C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Rob Luthy.

Highway patrol has been busy in the area but no stats to report out on other than the following for the month of September:
  ▪ 160 collisions - some property damage/injury
  ▪ 20 arrests – mostly DUI

Member Bose inquired on a chase that occurred last night (10/1).

CHP Officer Luthy explained that a chase started at Racetrack and Auburn Folsom Road in Auburn. Motorcycle was speeding didn’t stop. The CHP helicopter followed the chase which eventually ended on Highway 80 east bound at Sunrise / Douglas. Chase ended peacefully with the motorcyclist eventually pulling over and surrendering.

Officer Luthy commented on the homeless problem throughout the State of California. Mental health, drug addiction, various issues. A big political issue.

CHP is hiring.

Facebook / social media is a great resource for information.

Primary Collision Factor Grant that ended recently. Colfax to Roseville. Numerous tickets were handed out but no stats to provide at the meeting. Douglas and Auburn Folsom Road were targeted due to the major corridor.

An auto caper struck on Purdy Lane close to Auburn Folsom Road. A couple of suspects broke through a gate and stole a vehicle after they rummaged around in some outbuildings. A handgun and vehicle were stolen. They left a stolen vehicle at the residence.

CHP is assisting crossing guards at Greenhills Elementary. Numerous schools have traffic related issues. Best thing for people to do is to avoid the area around the times for drop-off and pick-up.

Highschool is a problem every year but complaints have decreased this year. The Sheriff’s Office has a School Resource Officer (SRO) to assist.

Sheriff and CHP work hand in hand. Traffic related issues – call the Auburn CHP Office and Officer Luthy will be the one to respond.

A citizen mentioned that traffic on Eureka has increased lately. Another citizen mentioned that motorists block the right-hand turn lane and park when picking up high schoolers. Noticing it mostly in the afternoon for pickup.
Officer Luthy mentioned they have done Public Service Announcements (PSA) to address the problems.

Another citizen asked if they have measures to check if someone is high on cannabis.

Officer Luthy explained that law enforcement is trained on the physical (eyes, demeanor, characteristics) of someone on drugs, alcohol, and cannabis but there isn’t a specific test to confirm the level of cannabis in someone’s system.

Officer Luthy provided the CHP contact: 916-663-3344

D. South Placer Fire District – Not present

6. Public Comment:

1. Richard Gordon on Arabian Circle. Opposes medical facility on their street.

2. Debbie Gordon on Arabian Circle. Longtime residents. Entrance off Douglas Blvd., because of the location and narrow street, has made their commute a bottleneck because of the traffic going to Folsom. A residential boarding care facility has been proposed by one of the neighbors. More traffic on the street will cause wear and tear which they assume the homeowners are responsible for. Opposition is not against the nature of the business but rather the size of the proposed facility. There are inaccuracies in the questionnaire that was sent out to residents regarding water usage, trenching through Arabian Circle for the sewer, etc. There are no sidewalks so the increased traffic presents a safety concern.
   - Supervisor Uhler mentioned a new application was just submitted. The first app was submitted approximately four (4) or five (5) months ago.

3. Mr. Masha express his gratification for Supervisor Uhler and proposed to create a committee to encourage him to run for governor.

7. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Uhler provided an update on the adopted final budget for the County which is over $1 billion. Take out general fund $, (charge-backs or inter-dept transfers) closer to $800 million.

- 2600 positions in 2019-20
- 2740 positions in 2007-08.
- Positions have decreased but population has grown so it speaks very well to the direction the County is going regarding spending.
- Four (4) deputies were hired to deal with homeless. Board has prioritized homeless issue and will work closely with the Sheriff’s Office.
and Health and Human Services. Secured a grant for homeless care moving them to permanent housing.

Member Anderson asked if there is any cost of living increase for County staff.

Supervisor Uhler advised that there will be a 7% increase over 5 years for County staff.

Pioneer Power is recommending implementing a 24% residential rate increase. The Pioneer rates have not adjusted since 2018 but PG&E has adjusted rates at least 5-6 times. Rates will reflect debt repayment plan. A rate increase will happen, it won’t be as steep at 24% but expected to be around 11% increase on the energy side. The distribution is still PG&E.

A citizen mentioned that PG&E is the highest utility in the country.

Supervisor Uhler said once the debt is paid off, they will start to drive down the costs.

A citizen mentioned about tying into solar.

Supervisor Uhler said priorities are to pay off debt and drive down power rates and make the area competitive.

The first phase of the I-80 / SR 65 Interchange Improvement Project was completed.

8. **Information Items**

A. **Strategic Planning Update** was presented by Todd Leopold, Placer County CEO. He updated and discussed the nine Critical Success Factors that serve as Placer County’s priority-guiding principles, developed for decision-making purposes.

- Placer County website was enhanced to incorporate online services such as permits. Citizens can now do a lot of business via the website rather than visiting the county offices in person.

- 211 system was enabled. Citizens can obtain important information via this 211 system in a timely manner. Especially in the time of emergencies. The County had to submit their application to the PUC – about a 6-month timeframe.

- **Housing** – making significant investments. Building a $37 million 79-unit housing development project that will be in the north Auburn area. The County and grant opportunities will help fund it.
  - Identified 11 acres parcel in Tahoe basin area for affordable housing.

- Collaborative effort with Roseville case workers who ride along with law enforcement. Case workers ride along with officers and can provide appropriate services.
- **Economic Development** – April 2018 – business resource center. Free services around business planning, financial planning. If someone has a business or looking to grow their business – services are available. 90% of businesses in the County are considered small businesses (50 employees or less).

- **Planning** – focused on long-term financial planning of capital infrastructure. Long term financial arrangements for pensions.

- **Land use planning** – allows for development to move more rapidly under one umbrella rather than several. Balance growth and development.

Citizens asked the following questions:

Q: What is the County’s plan is on open space.
   
   A: Mr. Leopold advised that there is an master open space plan that will be going to the Board in 2020. Looks at open space and parks.

Q: What % of pension is funded?
   
   A: Mr. Leopold - 63% funded but the number is misleading. Rate of return is 7 – 7.5%/ CalPers is around 5%.

Q: Where can they find more detailed information or overall plan.
   
   A: Mr. Leopold advised that the handout is just an overview. On a quarterly basis the work plan will be updated. The website has the detailed information.

Q: Where does the County see the need for housing being met?
   
   A: Mr. Leopold mentioned the County has zoning and works with development partners. State requirements for affordable housing - numbers are going up significantly - at least increasing 40% affordable. How to encourage a balance of housing stock (multi-family, single family, etc.)

Q: The term “affordable housing” - how is it determined?
   
   A: Mr. Leopold advised that typically 30% of income goes towards housing - general basis calculation.

Q: What are the next steps regarding the conservation program.
   
   A: Mr. Leopold - July/August was put in the federal register and closed August 20th. Currently going through comments. Estimates that December 2019 will go to the Board.

**B. Housing Strategy and Development Code Amendments** was presented by Patrick Dobbs, Placer County Planning Services Division. He provided an informational overview of proposed housing-related Code amendments aimed at increasing housing availability and affordability while streamlining the permit approval process for a mix of housing types for all income levels. The proposed changes will allow for increased residential capacity on
commercial and multi-family zoned parcels and will align with recent changes to State housing laws, with higher density, mixed use, transit-oriented, and infill housing development primarily located where existing infrastructure and public services are currently available.

Member Anderson mentioned that he has a letter from the Granite Bay community that he will provide to Mr. Dobbs.

Citizens asked the following questions or voiced their concerns. Mr. Dobbs responded to each of them.

Q: If the plan included incorporated (Rocklin, Roseville, Lincoln, etc.).
   A: Each incorporated city has their own capacity or number.

Q: Has there been any thought in increasing density and thought to the infrastructure.
   A: Mr. Dobbs mentioned that these are not applicable in local cities or incorporated cities and that they are not increasing density but rather providing different types of housing.

Q: When they put community together, will the County take into consideration the traffic, and quality of living. Citizen feels that they may be trying to change it without any input from the community. There was no notice to the community about this subject.
   A: This is the public process and they are going to all the MACs and proper procedures.

A citizen feels the County is throwing zoning out the window. The text doesn't match the tables. They are changing building heights, setbacks, and they can just go to the planning commission and get approved. The diagrams and tables really need to match. If this is truly affordable housing - the text needs to be really specific. The zoning intensity is quadrupling. She doesn't feel this plan is ready for “prime time”.

Mr. Dobbs advised her that she presented a lot of great ideas and that he hopes that this will be ready by fall of 2020.

A citizen commented that once this all gets voted on - he would like to see that there are no exceptions like what is being done now. Once this is all finalized - these policies need to stay in place and not have developers come in seeking changes.

Another citizen said basically this is about building more housing. This conflicts with what CHP has stated which is more gridlock and traffic. Everyone in the room has been before the Planning Commission regarding more development and feels that there is no one on their side.

Mr. Dobbs said that all these issues will be reviewed in the EIR.

9. **Action Items:** NONE
10. Adjourned at 9:06 p.m. until the next regular meeting on November 6, 2019.