



**Minutes – January 27, 2015**  
**Horseshoe Bar/Penryn Municipal Advisory Council**

**Members Present:**

Wayne Russell  
Mike Bishop  
Patricia Neifer  
Anita Yoder  
Susan Mahoney  
Diane Nicholas

**County Staff Present:**

Leah Rosasco

**Board of Supervisors:**

Supervisor Jim Holmes

**Members Absent:**

Kurt Turner

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introduction of MAC Members**

**3. The Agenda was approved**

The January 27, 2015 Agenda was approved as written. Motion made by Diane Nicholas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bishop, motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of September 23, 2014 were approved as written. Motion made by Susan Mahoney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Nicholas, motion carried.

The Minutes of November 18, 2014 were approved as written. Motion made by Wayne Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bishop, motion carried.

**5. Public Comment: None for these Agenda items.**

Ray Butler – US Census lists Penryn’s population as 828-831 which is incorrect. The MAC should look into this matter to ensure the numbers are corrected to reflect the current population.

Curt Miller – Penryn property by Quarry/Griffith Park, across the school, is a historical park. This area is not well maintained. Parking lot is pretty bad. There are many weeds. He has seen people sitting on benches with picnic tables, so the park is frequented by families. He believes the community would help with the clearing of the weeds and with the maintenance.

**6. Public Safety Reports:**

a. Placer County Sheriff’s Department, Labin Wilson, reported that quite a few hires with good quality service background have been hired. Calls reportedly down 12% from 2013. Crime

trends – 10 to 12 mailboxes thefts on English Colony at the outskirts of Penryn have been reported, five in the last two months. People should take preventive measures i.e., when out of town place mail on hold. Trend in Auburn is breaking into vehicles. Cars should be locked with no valuables in sight. Now in tax season, it is important not to leave tax papers with sensitive information on front seats in plain view.

Timothy Lewandowski – Good positive things have been happening in the department. Eight new deputies have been hired by the Sheriff's Office, some are from Southern California and some locally from Citrus Heights. All the new hires are of good caliber and educated, some are veterans, and some come with narcotic investigation background. Ten – fifteen new deputies are to be hired in the next few months.

- b. California Highway Patrol: No one in attendance
- c. Penryn Fire: No one in attendance
- d. **South Placer Fire Staff** - Safety announcement regarding public disposal of firewood ashes which should be placed in non-combustible containers away from house.

**Raise I-80** – Affects Emergency Responder Plan that is in place now re timeline and staffing changes - Caltrans is funding some of these changes on Horseshoe Bar and King Roads.

Question: What should people do in the event of trespassing on railroad property?

Answer: Call Sheriff's office with vehicle's information and description, license number, first three numbers are helpful.

Question: What happens to trespassers?

Answer: They are given a citation for misdemeanor.

- e. **Cal Fire** – Supervisor Holmes reported the hiring of George Morris III, a 37 years old out of the Sacramento office where he was a training officer in the Academy.

**New Hire** - County has hired DeDe Cordell as a new Director of Communications and Public Affairs. She will serve, among other things, as the spokesperson for the county. Mary Dietrich, Facilities Director, is retiring at the end of March.

## 7. **County Updates** – Supervisor Holmes:

**Homeless Shelter** - The temporary homeless shelter project is under consideration to open in North Auburn in a county-owned building, formerly a 1940 army barrack. Right Hand of Auburn, a nonprofit, and Father Mike approached Holmes to ask for his support for the project which would house approximately 80 homeless people in the Auburn area. Holmes is not in favor of the project because of its proximity to several area schools. The shelter would house the homeless during the night, but they would be let out in the early morning when children would be going to school.

A public hearing will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> on whether to grant a temporary conditional use permit on the county building because it is not zoned for a shelter.

**Unemployment** - December unemployment which had risen to 11% is now down to 5.2 percent, the lowest it has been since 2007.

**Library Hours** - Temporary reduction of library hours:

Auburn: Closed Monday

Rocklin: Closed Monday

Loomis: Open 24 hours instead of 32 hours

Meadow Vista: Closed due to landlord raising the rent

**Budget for 2015-16** – Process has just started and it will have a sustainable plan for libraries.

Muriel Davis - Question: Meadow Vista Library closure – who decided? The community should have been involved in the discussion. There was no mention about the closure, or notice of hearing.

Answer: Advisory Board. Decision came from the CEO office and library staff worked with the administration. They hired consultant to work on the strategic plan.

**County Updates** – Administrative Aide, Leah Rosasco:

**Raise 80 Project** – The best information on the Raise 80 project is at the website Caltrans has set up for the project. Please continue to check the [Raise80.com](http://Raise80.com) website for construction schedule. I have verified with Caltrans that the information is all up to date and current.

**Placer County Seeking Applicants for Assessment Appeal Board** – Placer County is seeking applicants for the Assessment Appeals Board, an entity dealing with real property valuation in the County. Board members must have five years of professional experience in California working as: a certified public accountant or public accountant; a licensed real estate broker; an attorney; a property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization; or a property appraiser certified by the Office of Real Estate Appraisers. Board members receive compensation for their services, \$100 per meeting. Those interested in serving on this active and important board are encouraged to complete a county Committees and Commissions application, available on line. If interested, I can get you additional information.

**MAC Vacancy** – The MAC is composed of seven members. Board member Turner submitted his resignation. Vacancy was posted for 10 days. One applicant filed for the position.

**Agenda notification** - Every Friday afternoon before meeting.

## 8. Information/Non-Action Items:

### a. Bickford Ranch Specific Plan

The project proposes amendments to the previously-approved Bickford Ranch Specific Plan (2004) in the area of residential housing types and conceptual lotting to reflect current market

demands. The project also proposes to eliminate the Village Commercial site and golf course, and increase open space areas while maintaining the same 1,890 residential units originally approved. The project site is located on the east side of Sierra College Boulevard, south of State Route 193, north of English Colony Way, between Lincoln and Penryn, approximately four miles north of Interstate 80.

George Phillips, Engineer, presented the project's background, current status, proposal's update, and work schedule.

Project, originally approved in 2001, was challenged by four entities and held in litigation for three years pending appeal. There were cash payments to City of Loomis and environmental entities. In 2004, 1900 homes were approved for construction. Many oak trees were removed and new ones planted. Construction of sewer line which had started was stopped in 2008. The trees failed for lack of water and died. SunCal filed for bankruptcy, Lehman Bros. also filed for bankruptcy. The project came to a halt with the recession. It is now being brought back to the county with the same original number of homes to be built, but with the following modifications:

The three basic modifications proposed are:

- a. Access to property
- b. Elimination of golf course and more open space
- c. Changes to land use – No retail, no multifamily. Working with county to build some lower income housing to fulfill low housing obligations.

Developer is now working with the county to define, protect and give environmental consideration to staff to evaluate the modifications and what kind of mitigations measure are needed. Final decree has not been made. The modified proposal is to be presented in six to eight weeks. Project should be back to MAC in the spring.

Oak Trees – 10,000 were to be removed, now only 7,000 removed. Payment is to be made to the county for trees' preservation.

Visual impact of project – The goal is not to have a sea of homes, as Serrano in El Dorado Hills. The high vantage point was selected with county balloons raised to establish maximum height. There are requirements re the kind of glass to use to avoid glare. Analysis is being revisited to ensure principles are upheld.

Car Tunnel Road – BOS: Close car tunnel on the 193 and Penryn side with gate, to allow only emergency vehicles access.

Public Trails – There will be 30 miles of trail, more equestrian/hiking/biking and paved trails.

Power Lines – Lines won't be overhead. The existing ones are to be put underground.

Water Quality – Working on issue with staff. This changed with elimination of golf course.

Question, Nicholas: With 30 miles of trails, are there any staging areas for horses?

Answer: Yes. There will also be a school site, K-8, fire station and staging area.

Question, Nicholas: There will be green open space and wildlife. Will there be fences?

Answer: There will be fenced yards, rural fencing around perimeter, no fencing along perimeter; some neighborhoods will have gates, but there will be access to the public.

Question, Nicholas: Who oversees elimination of wildlife?

Answer: There are obligations, survey requirements to look for presence of wildlife, but there are no protection requirements – there are risks of injury to wildlife.

Question, Mahoney: K-8 school in Loomis still considered for construction along with a fire station which would be managed on site and operated by Cal Fire.

Answer: LAFCO approved detach from Loomis Fire Station, outside of Penryn.

Question, Nicholas: What about the funding for this fire station?

Answer: Costs to be recovered from neighboring areas' property tax to support this fire station. County will look into sustainability to support this fire station.

Question, Niefer: This project located on a hillside will have street lamps – what mandates have homeowners to put appropriate lighting?

Answer: Specific mitigation measures to be in place to control certain requirements are to be spelled out.

Question, Niefer: Any high tech streetlights as in Hawaii?

Answer: The public is encouraged to find out when mitigation measures are presented, to voice concerns and to find out if any improvements are needed. The appropriate time is when the project will come back for recommendation.

Question, Niefer: Any mitigation measures to control noise?

Answer: Obligations to mitigate noise level are added.

Developers – Once proposal is re-positioned, there will be many options. The decision has not yet been made. Project is waiting for the county's process to take place.

Question, Nicholas: Architectural commission is part of repackaging the project.

Answer: There are design guidelines – The HOA is master of the whole project. There is also an HOA for seniors and an HOA for conventional projects. There will be two clubhouses. Encourages public to look at the design outlines.

Explanation were given in answer to several questions regarding the different colors on the display map, what they stood for and their significance. Regarding questions about assessments, there will be fees for parks, roads, fire, sewer, the county's five areas. HOA dues will be in addition to these assessments.

Several questions from the audience regarding agreement with county re English Colony, capital improvement funding, phasing of trails, potential of water runoffs, water well monitoring system, nitrates in well water due to runoffs from lawn on the hill – all these concerns to be addressed by developer according to the issues specific to each MAC.

Niefer: Original project proposal included improvement to size of ditch to hold excess water. Next presentation to the MAC should address the issue.

Answer: There are a number of connections to be maintained and to be added.

Nicholas: Are there any proposed measures to restrict amount of turf?

Answer: There are devices for water conservation.

Question: When is construction supposed to start?

Answer: Not till 2017.

Question: Were there any wildlife survey prior to removal of trees?

Answer: There were inspection requirements, but not sure if they were done.

Nicholas: Will developers provide information regarding these issues prior to their coming back to the MAC?

Answer: Yes.

## **9. Action Items:**

### **a. Selection of 2015 MAC Chair and Vice Chair**

At the beginning of each year, the MAC members move to select members to serve as MAC chair and vice chair to lead the monthly MAC discussion. The MAC will select these people at this meeting.

**Motion made by Diane Nicholas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bishop, to postpone the selection of the 2015 MAC Chair and Vice Chair to next meeting of March 24, 2015.**

### **b. County Mitigation Funds Project Request from the Placer Union High School District-Aquatic Center at Del Oro High School.**

The Placer Union High School District is requesting the MAC's support for County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #7 funding, Loomis Basin, in the amount of \$20,000 to help fund Phase I of the new Del Oro Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center will include a completion pool (25 yards x 35 meters) with 12 lanes at 7' depth and two lanes at 4' depth for swim lessons, community use and other shallow water activities. The current pool is in poor condition. The pool is leaking and the pool surface is crumbling. Because of its small size the pool cannot meet modern competitive swim and water polo standards or meet the growing demands for community use. The uncommitted fund balance in Recreation Area #7 is \$206,437.

**Presenter: Douglas Marquand, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, Placer Union High School District**

Marquand introduced Grace Kamphefner, Casey Feickert, and Lindi Callahan, the school staff and community members presenting the request.

The new facility will be built on  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre. The existing pool was built in 1969. Pool doesn't have warm up lanes for a swim meet, and it lacks gutters as in competitive pools. There are two stalls bathrooms for men and women and two showerheads. The pool is used year-round for spring swimming practice and water polo.

The new pool would foster faster swimmers who would have a pretty good chance to represent Loomis in the Olympics. The old pool was not built for the current standards and usage and it is dangerous to be treading in 3.5' of water.

Some of the benefits of the new aquatic center:

- Increased flow of people to frequent local businesses
- Large competitions
- Water safety for children and health/fitness for all ages
- Demand for increased pool space for programs in the community.
- Various water sport activities

The project is supported by the Town Council of Loomis, which voted to contribute \$250K towards the project. Many other organizations have raised funds, and to date, there is no opposition to the project.

The County Park Dedication Fees would be a significant step forward in reducing the last \$100K needed to break ground on the new aquatic center.

A senior swimmer, who spoke on the benefits of having a new aquatic center, raised 10K all for the new pool.

Question: How does the money get put into this Park Recreation Fund?

Answer: From fees generated for development.

Niefer: Where would the \$20K come from?

Rosasco: There are multiple funds for different areas. Decision as from which fund would be at the discretion of the organization and what is available.

Marquand: Loomis' contribution is very high, but town and community would know that this aquatic center would be a huge benefit to both. The project is not definite till all the funds are in. This request is for the money.

Cheryl Tiburzi: To contribute to the project by taking money from the Park Dedication Fees Fund is to dip into fees that are set aside for parks and not for public schools.

Marquand: The public engage in different activities as tennis, track, and others, on Del Oro School grounds, grounds which are used by the community as a park.

**Motion made by Anita Yoder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bishop, to approve appropriation of \$20,000 for County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #7 funding, Loomis Basin, to help fund Phase I of the new Del Oro Aquatic Center, all ayes, motion carried.**

**10. MAC Committees Reports:**

Chair report/correspondence – Patty Neifer –None  
School Report – Patty Neifer – None  
Parks, Recreation and Service – Diane Nicholas  
Traffic, Safety and Fire – Mike Bishop – None  
Land Use and Planning – Anita Yoder – None

Next meeting MAC will discuss any vacancy.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** None for now.

**12. Next Meeting:** March 24, 2015

**13. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.