



APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2014 MEETING
OF THE
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozano Rd., Newcastle, CA

Members Present

Karen Green
Elliott Rose
Ed Sander
Steve Palmer
Lowell Jarvis

Members Absent

Joe Irvin
Sam Moore

County Staff Present

Leah Rosasco
Supervisor Jim Holmes

County Staff Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Elliott Rose at 7:00 p.m.
Absent members: Joe Irvin and Sam Moore

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Lowell Jarvis

3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2013 MEETING WERE APPROVED

Motion made by Karen Green, 2ND by Elliott Rose, motion carried.

4. THE JANUARY 16, 2014 AGENDA WAS APPROVED

Motion made by Elliott Rose, 2nd by Ed Sander, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

- a. California Highway Patrol:** No one in attendance
- b. Newcastle Fire Department:** No one in attendance
- c. Placer County Sheriff's Department:** No one in attendance
- d. Placer County Fire Department:** No one in attendance

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None regarding agenda items.

Sue Stack, Newcastle resident, was pleased to report the Public Works crew came and cleared the ivy in Newcastle sidewalks, after she expressed concerns at the last MAC meeting.

Ed Sander, MAC board member – Christmas event in Newcastle left tinsel litter that needs to be cleaned up. Couple in the audience said they would take care of it the following day.

7. COUNTY UPDATE:

Supervisor Jim Holmes – Health and Human Services Director, Dr. Richard Burton, retiring as of today. Dr. Robert Oldman was appointed as the new director by the Board of Supervisors at their December 10th meeting.

Three bids were received from contractors for the construction of the new animal shelter. It is expected to cost lower than \$26 mil. In response to concerns regarding construction costs, Holmes said the shelter is completely funded and will serve the unincorporated areas as well. These costs were anticipated and budgeted and sufficient funding appropriated in the Auburn Animal Shelter Project Account for these construction management services. The United Auburn Indian Community will also help with payment. Shelter will house approx. 160 dogs and cats and will be built for future expansion.

Leah Rosasco, introduced herself as the new aide to Jim Holmes. She replaces Ruth Alves, who retired last month. Leah started in her position on January 2nd, and was previously with the Planning Department for 10 years.

Rosasco on the new fire station site – Planning is waiting for the environmental work to be done. At this time, findings are not known till all brush is cleared and a county vegetation biological assessment completed. The Mitigation Negative Declaration will be available for public review for 30 days.

8. Informational Non-Action Items:

Overview of the Affordable Care Act, Cheryl Davis, Health and Human Services

Administrative Aide Rosasco, announced presentation will be rescheduled for next month due to Cheryl being ill.

Action Items: Selection of 2014 MAC Chairperson

At the beginning of each year, the MAC members move to select a new chairperson to lead the monthly MAC discussion. The MAC will select this person at this meeting.

Motion made by Karen Green, 2nd by Elliott Rose to nominate Steve Palmer as Chair, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Lowell Jarvis, 2nd by Ed Sander to nominate Elliott Rose as Vice Chair, all ayes, motion carried.

9. MAC Member reports and Correspondence: None

Lowell Jarvis – On January 8, 2014, the Ophir Area Property Owners Association met for their first meeting. There was discussion on how to help the Placer County Historical Society raise \$3600 in funds to replace the original plaque on the Ophir monument. The old plaque was stolen and significantly defaced.

As a mitigation measure for pipeline construction on Ophir Road, (the old Lincoln Highway, US 40), PCWA is constructing a monument dedicated to the historical significance of this first national highway. The early stages of this monument are visible on the north Ophir Road, just east of Werner Road.

Ed Sander – The Newcastle Sanitary District has dissolved as of December 5th, 2013.

Elliott Rose – Signs “Old Town Newcastle” and “Highway 80” taken out. Rose will contact Caltrans to find out if they are the ones responsible for their disappearance.

Karen Green – Glad that the new health facility on Locksley Lane is also able to serve young people. Their services will help identify mental issues in young people, particularly in the middle grades, before tragedy strikes. There is a need to be very aware. Private agencies run these facilities, but there are 18 beds for 1000 people, and Juvenile Hall is not a place for them.

10. The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2014.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.