



MINUTES

Wednesday, January 7, 2015.
Placer Hills School, Meadow Vista
Room 2

Members Present:

Mike Walker, Chair
Anders Hauge, Vice Chair
Laurie Sweeney
Patrick Shea-Burgess
Connie Alward-Mayer

County Staff:

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5
Jocelyn Maddux, District 5 Field Representative
Shari Teal, Meadow Vista MAC Contract Secretary

Members Absent:

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER** / Introduction of MAC Members – 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2014**

SHEA-BURGESS/ALWARD-MAYER/UNANIMOUS/5/0

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – January 7, 2015 – Move Public Safety**

SHEA-BURGESS/SWEENEY/UNANIMOUS/5/0

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This is the time for members of the public to address the MAC on any matter NOT listed on the agenda including upcoming community events or announcements. Please note that the MAC is not permitted to take action on items addressed during public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Public Works did a great job providing sand bags (Feldman). PG & E ditch area is full of trash and possible homeless site. Supervisor Montgomery asked to be provided exact address/location in order to contact the property owner.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF MAC MEMBERS, COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Speed limit signs coming into town are confusing. Supervisor Montgomery will request that the Placer County Road Department evaluate the situation.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

a. **Placer County Sheriff's Department** – None

- b. **California Highway Patrol** – None
- c. **Placer Hills Fire Department** – Chief Gow presented the monthly call report. One high wind day caused many calls; downed line on Combie. Permits are still needed to burn. Foresthill Fire Department has been busy.
- d. **Cal Fire** – New Chief Morris has been appointed.
- e. **Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council** – Michelle Hamil, councilmember, said that she had recently completed defensible space training. The Council will be holding the Scotch Broom Challenge in the near future. Feldman asked if there are any services for seniors or others who might need assistance in creating defensible space. Chief Gow indicated that the Fire Department helps out those needing this help.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Jocelyn Maddux, District 5 Field Representative

- Emergency Phone Alerts: Supervisor Montgomery explained the Placer Alert System and the process to sign up for this service. She encouraged all to utilize this important service.
- Information on Restoration after the King Fire is available from the US Forest Service. Call Supervisor Montgomery for more information.
- Placer County is working with Nevada County on an Emergency Plan and Rail Transport.
- Parker Dam Project – No update

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Community Center
- b. MAC PAC - Publicity for the community in the newspaper is very much appreciated.
- c. Meadow Vista Beautification and Safety – Stewart Feldman provided an update. Committee members have been provided a PDF file which includes ideas and concepts with diagrams. A meeting is planned for this month. A public meeting will follow in the spring.

10. ACTION ITEM:

A. County Mitigation Funds Project Request from the Auburn Recreation District – Bocce Ball Courts at recreation Park:

The Auburn Recreation District is requesting the MAC's support for County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #5 funding, Meadow Vista-Auburn Recreation Area, in the amount of \$40,000 to construct four new bocce ball courts at Recreation Park in Auburn. ARD has recognized and is planning for the growing population of residents over the age of 65. This includes sharply increasing the amount of programming aimed at senior/active adult and building new senior/active adult friendly facilities. ARD proposes to construct four bocce ball courts with a synthetic turf surface at Recreation Park. Other features of the courts will include shade structures, benches, a storage shed and small retaining wall. The uncommitted fund balance in Recreation Area #5 is \$106,787. **Presenter: Kahl Muscott, Parks Administrator, Auburn Recreation District**

Following discussion with questions and answers provided by Mr. Muscott, the Meadow Vista MAC Recommended support for County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #5 Funding, Meadow Vista Auburn Recreation Area in the amount of \$40,000 in line with the 10 year plan.

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11. INFORMATIONAL/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Meadow Vista Library Update: The Director of Library Services discussed the Library's Strategic Plan and the future of the Meadow Vista Library. **Presenter: Mary George, Director, Placer County Library Services**

Library facts discussed by Director George included the following:

- Due to ongoing facilities issues, the assets housed within the Meadow Vista Library cannot be confidently secured.
- The landlord desires a long term lease agreement with possible increases. The library is currently on a month to month lease agreement.
- Meadow Vista Library opened in 2001 as a temporary site until a permanent location was built. Community growth has not supported the construction of a permanent site.
- Relocating the Meadow Vista Library was investigated. There were not any commercial sites that were adequate or sustainable in Meadow Vista.
- A redundancy in use has been identified in the Meadow Vista statistics. The strategic plan identifies that library borrowers prefer to use a library near where they work, shop and go to school, rather than where they sleep. Meadow Vista community members are already using other library locations, including Colfax and Auburn branches.
- Facility square footage = 2820; Monthly Rent = \$2883.99.

In support of the Placer County Library Strategic Plan approved December 2013 by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, Director George presented information and sought discussion on the decommissioning and closure of the Meadow Vista Library. She answered questions and addressed comments from the Council and public.

Some topics of discussion raised by the Council and public in attendance were: Methods used to identify Meadow Vista Library usage, demographics, Bookmobile services, Applegate Library status, overall health of the library system, rent discussions with current building owner, prohibitive tenant improvement costs of other possible facilities, potential use of the Community Center facility, a virtual library center and steps planned to implement the actual decommission and closure of the Meadow Vista Library.

B. Overview of the Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission: The Chair of the Older Adult Advisory Committee provided an overview on the activities of the commission including a discussion of older adult population projections and implications thereof, as well as how the general public and the committee can get involved with issues affecting older adults.

Presenter: Eldon Luce, Chair, Older Adult Advisory Commission

Mr. Luce answered questions and addressed comments from the Council and public in attendance.

12. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Scheduled Meeting February 4, 2015.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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