

County of Placer
MEADOW VISTA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2015.
Placer Hills School, Meadow Vista, CA
Multi-Purpose Room

Members Present:

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

County Staff:

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

Members Absent:

Anders Hauge, Vice Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER** / Introduction of MAC Members – 6:02 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 1, 2015

SWEENEY/ALWARD-MAYER/UNANIMOUS/4/0

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – May 6, 2015

SHEA-BURGESS/SWEENEY/UNANIMOUS/4/0

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. **None**

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

Chair Walker said that this is MAC Member Shea-Burgess' last meeting. He is moving out of the area. MAC Member Alward-Mayer volunteered to be responsible for putting out the meeting sign for each meeting moving forward.

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

- a. **Placer County Sheriff's Department** – Deputy Smith reported that the Sheriff's Office participated in the Peace Officer's Memorial last week in Sacramento. Crime activity is relatively quiet in the Meadow Vista area.
- b. **California Highway Patrol** – New Commander of the Auburn CHP District Office, Paul Schroeder introduced himself and shared some of his work background. He said he was pleased to be in his new position. AMGEN support is planned for with logistics in place. He shared the bicycle race route and other details.
- c. **Placer Hills Fire Department** – Chief Gow reported that call volume is about the same as last month. Fire season is going to be bad. Fire resources are being shared. A recent example involved Penryn FD assisting in putting out a fire in Foresthill. Extra fire staffing will be available during the AMGEN bike races. CDF has been flying over for training and the CALFIRE sign near I-80 is in the process of being refurbished. Stewart Feldman indicated he was made aware of an inquiry regarding the fence by the Village Center being broken and unsafe. Chief Gow indicated that he has not received any communication from Mr. Burrillo (owner) but would work with him on this issue.
- d. **Cal Fire** – None.
- e. **Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council** – None

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5

- **Board of Supervisors Meeting Item**

Cultivation of marijuana plants. Staff asked for BOS direction on this matter. More research is in place including waiting to see what the State does next year regarding this matter prior to making a recommendation.

- **Big Day of Giving** was very successful. Placer Land Trust garnered the most donations.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Action Item: Community Service Award Recommendation**

MAC Member Laurie Sweeney announced that the recipient of this year's award is David Clinton Johnson. She provided background information on the many contributions he has provided to the community.

MOTION: Recipient of the Community Service Award shall be David Clinton Johnson.

ALWARD-MAYER/SHEA-BURGESS/UNANIMOUS/4/0

Ceremonies will be held at the next MV MAC Meeting at the Winchester Country Club, Meadow Vista, CA, June 3, 6:00 p.m.

- b. **Community Center** – Fred Eichenhofer said that the parking lot plans are nearing completion. Approximate approval could be around June 1, 2015. A motion was made by the Board of Trustees to enter into discussions with the County, Friends of the Library and other necessary organizations involved in the process of possible housing

of the Meadow Vista Library in the South-end section of the building. Approximately \$500,000 is necessary to complete the entire Community Center project.

- c. **MAC PAC** – None
- d. **Meadow Vista Beautification and Safety** – None
- e. **Meadow Vista Library Committee** – Connie Alward-Mayer reported that the committee has been working on designing a survey. They also discussed various methods of funding and marketing of such survey.

10. INFORMATIONAL/NON-ACTION ITEM:

Placer County Visitor's Bureau – Destination Placer:

Mora Rowe, Executive Director, Placer County Visitors Bureau & California Welcome Center-Auburn delivered a Power point presentation which provided an overview of how tourism is being promoted in Placer County. She included an update on the Visitor's Bureau and California Welcome Center, Auburn. Ms. Rowe was available for questions and comments.

Ms. Maddux left the meeting at this time.

Chair Walker recused himself from the discussion, as he is a winery owner.

MAC Member Sweeney continued as Chair for this meeting.

11. ACTION ITEM

George Rosasco, Placer County Planning Staff, provided an update on the Placer County Winery Ordinance

At its February 24th hearing, the Placer County Planning Commissioners directed Planning Staff to present proposed winery ordinance updates to the Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs) for feedback. Planning Staff will present the proposed updates to the current winery ordinance and requested changes by the Placer County Vintners' Association. The MAC is being requested to make a recommendation on each of the proposed updates. Following Mr. Rosasco's presentation, the meeting was opened up for MAC and public comment.

MAC Comments: Sweeney requested clarification on the Noise Ordinance and Administrative Process. She felt these areas were too restrictive. Alward-Mayer said that she was impressed with the presentations.

Public Comment:

Ms. Mora Rowe said she was in favor of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions

Lisa Bloom said she was in favor of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions.

Kevin Hanley, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, supported the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions

Marilyn Jasper, Sierra Club, discussed the importance of protecting agricultural lands. She was in favor of the County Ordinance Revisions with tighter restrictions.

Teena Wilkins, Vina Castellano, was in favor of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions.

Jeff Evans, Bear River Winery, was in favor of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions. He presented copies of the Nevada County Wine Ordinance and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce's support of the Vintner's Association Proposed Revisions. He also provided a copy of a petition with signatures in support encouraging an appropriate balance between the County's regulatory responsibility and its commitment to encourage growth in agriculture and related tourism, including vineyards and wineries.

Mike Walker, Bear River Winery, was in favor of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions. He read the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's recommendation on the proposed revision of the Winery Ordinance.

Kevin Stevenson, Casque Winery, Loomis, President of the Vintners' Association was in support of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revision.

MOTION: Recommend approval of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions with the following changes: unlimiting the number of Routine and Special Activities/Events and eliminating requirements for an Administrative Review Permit (ARP). Noise levels shall comply with the Placer County Noise Ordinance (Article 9.36).

SWEENEY/ALWARD-MAYER/3/0/UNANIMOUS

ABSENT: HAUGE RECUSED: WALKER

12. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Scheduled Meeting June 3, 2015 – Winchester Country Club – Presentation of the Community Service Award.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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